



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## WHS exchange student

To the Editor:  
Willits High School has welcomed a German exchange student this term. Julie Kanel, a local elementary school teacher, is hosting a young lady from Germany this semester. Ms. Kanel was inspired to host a student because her own daughter is currently living in Germany.

Student Carla is enjoying the opportunity to get to explore NorCal and Willits, and hopes to get to know our town and state more while studying at Willits High. Principal Colvig feels this will be fun for our community and high school.

If you would be interested in hosting an exchange student arriving for the fall, I am working as the local coordinator. Please contact me with any questions at 707-841-6403 or visit [www.ciee.org/hostapply](http://www.ciee.org/hostapply) to create a host family account to start an application.

Dahvi Hooper, Willits

## Sober Grad fundraisers

To the Editor:  
Sober Grad has a couple of fundraisers coming up: our Annual Pancake Breakfast and our Valentine Raffle Basket.

The breakfast will be held at the Little Lake Grange on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, from 8 to 11 am. Menu includes the Grange cooks' delicious pancakes made from scratch, scrambled eggs, bacon, OJ, and coffee, hot chocolate or tea. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$4 for kids 10 and under.

Tickets are available from many senior class students, at the WHS office, at the door, or by calling Angi Edgar at 459-2260. To-go breakfasts are also available.

The Valentine Raffle Basket is full of wonderful goodies including two "Park Hopper" tickets to Disneyland and California Adventure good through December 31, 2019. It also includes a dozen red roses from Flowers by Annette, as well as goodies from Cat's Meow, Tango, Grocery Outlet, J.D. Redhouse, Main Street Video, Noyo Theater, Willits Power, Old Mission Pizza, and senior class parents.

The basket will be on display (with raffle tickets available for sale) at Grocery Outlet this weekend, and J.D. Redhouse during the week. After that it will be at Mariposa and Safeway. It will also be at our Pancake Breakfast on February 3. The value of the prizes in the basket is over \$1,000! The drawing will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14. Tickets are \$1 each, and six tickets for \$5.

Joyce Waters, Willits Sober Grad

## Four Chaplains

To the Editor:  
On Saturday, February 2, 2019, St. John's Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive in Willits will be hosting a Four Chaplains memorial service at 2 pm. The American Legion Post 174 will be assisting as the honor and color guard.

The Four Chaplains service is to remember the chaplains aboard the USAT (U.S. Army Transport) Dorchester who willingly gave their lives on February 3, 1943 after their ship was torpedoed by the U-223, a German submarine.

First Lieutenants Fox, Goode, Washington and Poling, all newly minted chaplains who had met at the Army Chaplains School, were aboard the ship with approximately 900 military and crew heading to Europe for their first assignment.

After the torpedoing of their ship, the chaplains stayed on deck to offer comfort and to help those they were shipping over with. They gave their places on the lifeboats, gloves and life vests. They were seen on deck praying together as the ship's bow lifted into the air and then slid under the water.

All of our community is invited to attend this memorial service. Light refreshments will be served after.

Roger Ham, adjutant, American Legion Post 174

## Biochar from burn piles

To the Editor:  
With the first rains each fall, come the fragrant scent of the first burn piles. But due to our geology, and as the winter weather patterns set in, the heavy smoke of burn piles and wood stoves becomes a daily fact of life.

With the ever-increasing threat of wildfires, burn piles are a necessity; but do they have to create such a presence? In fact there is a way of creating and firing burn piles that not only can reduce the oppressive smoke (and its commensurate health effects) while also helping to reduce carbon in our atmosphere!

Because trees and plants pull carbon from the air to create their physical structures, if we can burn the material we harvest from them, without consuming that carbon, then spreading that carbon into our soils, we are sequestering or storing that carbon. In doing so, we are effectively removing carbon from the atmosphere and helping to slow climate change.

This approach, one that results in biochar, is one of the leading candidates being studied by scientists for climate change remediation.

Biochar is a form of charcoal that is almost entirely carbon and is a valuable product, highly beneficial to our soils. Biochar is produced when plant material is burned in the absence of oxygen. While commercially this is done in specialized furnaces, there is a way of creating burn piles that perform nearly as well, while substantially reducing harmful smoke throughout our valley.

Does this take more work? Only slightly, and the resultant black chunks (biochar) are amazingly beneficial in your garden, fields or forest.

Basically, when gathering your material for your burn piles, you are going to create alternating 4 to 5-foot-square "rafts." Laying material down in one orientation until you have a 4 to 5 foot width, then start the next layer with the material perpendicular. Continue creating layers until you have a 4 to 5 foot high pile. Lastly, place a mass of dry kindling-like material on the very top. When you light the pile, you will be lighting it on the very top, and as it burns you will be using a hose to spray out any fire that starts lower down.

What you are doing is a form of "gasification," which is a process of heating material to the point it releases its volatile organics, or VOCs, thus fueling the fire. In other words, the mass of kindling at the top heats up the next layer below, driving out volatiles that fuel the fire. Since these volatiles are directly fueling the fire, their smoky emissions are directly consumed.

A properly built burn pile will actually roar with tall orange flames but little smoke. And if you listen closely you will hear this wonderful sound like a cross between rain drops and tinkling bells – the sound of bean-sized pieces of biochar falling to the bottom of the burn pile. The fire burns fast, typically 15 to 20 minutes; but be careful, you do not want coals at the bottom (spray them out) as that is when the carbon starts being consumed.

When the fire is complete (remember, you are spraying down any coals), you will have a pile of roughly bean-sized jet black biochar with very little of the gray ash normally found after a burn pile. Spray this down completely until no more steam rises, then let it sit for a day or so. You can then shovel the biochar directly into buckets to broadcast on the soils in your garden, etc.

The weight of that biochar in those buckets is carbon you have effectively removed from the atmosphere. And the reduction or elimination of burn pile smoke has benefited everyone's lung health!

(Note, the technique described above was developed by Dr. Tom Reed, which he refers to as the "Pyrolysis Pyramid" method. For more information, look on the internet for "Biochar from Brush Piles" by Kelpie Wilson.)

Brian Corzilius, Willits

# 'Clue – The Musical'

Willits Community Theatre opens 2018/20 season with a fun-filled musical mystery

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

"Clue – The Musical," an audience-interactive stage production based on the longstanding popular board game, will run at Willits Community Theatre from February 8 to 24. This fun-filled mystery and music extravaganza brings to life the world's most beloved suspects and invites the audience to help solve the dilemma: who killed Mr. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon?

At each performance, audience members may participate in deducing the unique solution from clues given throughout the course of the action. Others may simply take in the action for the sheer fun of following the unfolding mystery.

The script is based on the book by Peter DePietro and includes song and lyrics by Tom Chiodo, and music by Galen Blum, Wayne Barker and Vinnie Martucci. Director Jason Edington summons a prodigious energy in bringing this larger-than-life-size production to the stage, with its all-star cast, live piano, moveable set pieces, and the over-sized weapons. Starring in the show are Christopher Martin, Ari Sunbeam, Beth Salomone, Kevin Moore, David Stroock, Tara Logan, Joni McLeod and Eddie Haehl.

At the start of each performance, audience members may – voluntarily – accept a card for solving the potential murderer, weapon and room. There are 216 possible solutions. Comic antics, witty lyrics, and a beguiling score carry the investigation from room to room as the surprises unfold over whodunit: Will it be Colonel Mustard in the library with the rope?

Director Edington says the action reveals tantalizing histories and real relationships

between the characters and real motives for the murder. At the conclusion of each show, one audience member among those with the correct answer for unraveling the merry mayhem will be eligible to win a Clue board game. At the conclusion of the show's run, all audience members with winning cards from the 10 shows will then be eligible in a final raffle for the award of two WCT season passes.

Edington, who played Clue zealously as a child, is thoroughly enthusiastic about ushering the show – the theater's first musical since "The Fantastiks" in 2009 – into the WCT 2019 season line-up. He can't wait for the audiences to engage in the campy action with its stylized twists and turns.

"The audience is essentially coming to play the game," he says. "The stage is the game board. And every performance will have a different solution. We fully expect it to be a comical and playful experience for everyone."

Show dates are February 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 pm for \$25, Thursdays at 7:30 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$20. Tickets for all regular shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24 / 7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

A special benefit performance sponsored by Soroptimist International of Willits will be held on the first Thursday, February 14. Benefit tickets are \$20 and available through Marilyn Harden at 459-5649. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



Photos by Ron Greystar



Above: Among the famous suspects in "Clue – The Musical," playing at Willits Community Theatre in February, are, from left, David Stroock as Professor Plum, Joni McLeod as the Detective, Christopher Martin as Mrs. White, Eddie Haehl as Mr. Green, Tara Logan as Miss Scarlet (on couch), Kevin Moore as Colonel Mustard, Beth Salomone as Mrs. Peacock, and Mr. Boddy played by Ari Sunbeam. At left: A key moment in "Clue – The Musical" is when Joni McLeod as the Detective arrives too late, to find Ari Sunbeam as the unfortunate murder victim, Mr. Boddy, who has already checked into the Hotel Kharma.



At left: The unfortunate unsuspecting victim, Mr. Boddy, played by Ari Sunbeam, attempts to improve his mind while Tara Logan as Miss Scarlet and Eddie Haehl as Mr. Green prepare to inflict the coup de grace in this scene from "Clue – The Musical."



Above, left: The Willits Community playhouse at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Above, right: A small apartment is set up on the theater stage.



## Romance and comedy on the lineup for 2019 season at Willits Community Theatre

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

For its upcoming 2019 season, Willits Community Theatre will offer a rich mix of live stage productions – from three very unique comedies to a popular board game spinoff, and a romantic Shakespeare classic. Right away in February, patrons will be treated to "Clue – The Musical" (opening night, February 8) by Peter DePietro, an audience interactive extravaganza based on the popular board game. Directed by Jason Edington, this fun-filled musical brings the familiar suspects to life and invites the audience to help solve the mystery: whodunit, in what room, and with what weapon?

Director Edington says the comic antics, witty lyrics, and a beguiling score carry the live action with cue-card help from the audience.

In April James Kirkwood Jr.'s "Legends!" takes center stage under veteran director Bill Barksdale. This sure-fire comedy centers on two one-time legendary movie actresses who are courted by a desperate, young, hot-shot producer for his Broadway show. The fact that the two aging legends have hated each other ever since the Hollywood publicity

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Lake Mendocino is now holding an extra 2 billion gallons of water after the recent rains, enough to supply almost 50,000 people for one year, the Santa Rosa Press Democrat reported in their January 18, 2019 story, "Lake Mendocino now can hold 22 billion gallons of water, most since its creation in 1958."

Until recently, the story says, "officials would have been obliged" to release the extra water from the North Bay region's second-largest reservoir into the Russian River in order to "maintain capacity for flood control, the dam's primary mission."

But now, "thanks to a \$10 million program that blends high-tech weather forecasting with novel computer programming, the Army Corps has the latitude to retain an additional 11,650 acre-feet of water, and Lake Mendocino has now impounded a little more than half that much."

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station	26.16"
as of 1/23/2019 at 12:00 pm	
Mendocino College North County Center	23.27"
as of 1/23/2019 at 12:00 pm	
Willits sewer plant	25.67"
as of 1/23/2019 at 10:00 am	
High Horse Ranch	19.95"
as of 1/23/2019 at 12:00 pm	
Highway 20, Willits	27.46"
as of 1/23/2019 at 12:00 pm	
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits	23.26"
as of 1/22/2019 at 11 pm	

operations and readiness at the Army Corps office in San Francisco, told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. "We're excited."

Visit [www.pressdemocrat.com/news/9186632-181/lake-mendocino-now-can-hold-to-read-the-whole-story](http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/9186632-181/lake-mendocino-now-can-hold-to-read-the-whole-story).

"We're in new territory," Nick Malasavage, chief of operations – Dan McKee

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Thursday, January 24

**"The Cannabis Hour":** "Prohibitionist judge becomes cannabis advocate": As a judge in Colorado, Cannabis Hour radio show guest, attorney Doug Bench, sent 311 people to jail for cannabis offenses. Bench will explain how cannabis oil cured him of a life-threatening illness, converting him from pot-hating prohibitionist to national cannabis advocate. The show, on Thursday, January 24 at 11 am, will be Jane Futcher's last as host of the Cannabis Hour. Cultivator, artist and community activist Jenn Proccacci will take over on February 21. KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at <http://jlukebox.kzyx.org/>.

**Willits Farmers Market:** The market is indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, January 24, 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. Back today: Maci from Yakayo Roots Farm will be bringing lots of salad greens, spinach, and other winter veggies.

**Power of Produce Club at Farmers Market:** "The popular POP Club for kids is back at Willits Farmers Market in January. POP stands for the 'Power of Produce,' and the program offers kids a bit of education on good things to eat that are also good for you, along with chip tokens to use for purchase of produce at market." Look for the Power of Produce table at the Willits market, Thursday, January 24, 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**Lady Wolverines High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Lower Lake at home, Thursday, January 24: JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Fred Austin).

Friday, January 25

**Crab Sale:** On Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26, the Willits Rotary Club will be holding its annual crab sale. "Rotarians will be selling freshly boiled crab from about 9 am to 6 pm on Friday and 9 am until we're sold out on Saturday," 1,600 pounds of live crab is being purchased. At the old "Sweetwater Station," corner of Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue.



the audience with three- and four-part harmonies." [www.facebook.com/rising-signsband/](http://www.facebook.com/rising-signsband/). 50B South Main Street.

# What's Happening Around Town

**Willits High School Wrestling:** Wolverine Invitational at home: Friday, January 25: weigh-in 12 pm, match 2 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Brian Bowles).

**Willits Charter Dreamin':** The Willits Charter School of Arts and Sciences presents "Dreamin'" – featuring The Tardy Slips rock band, WCS Dance Club, Theatre Arts performances, The Song Birds, Alive and Singing, Djembe Jammin' Drummers, Beginning and Intermediate bands, The Redwood Rebels rock band, a Fine Arts Showcase and The Staff Infection. Free admission, donations welcome. Pizza and bake sale. Friday, January 25, 6 to 8 pm. Willits Charter School, 1421 South Main Street.

**'Beyond Trade: Cultural Exchange Along the Silk Road':** Art talk by Ruby Ming from the Asian Art Museum. "For over 1,000 years the ancient trade routes today known as the Silk Road connected East and West. Art was inspired by trade and the constant mixing of peoples and the exchange of technology, cultures, beliefs, and ideas profoundly impacted the development of civilizations along the Silk Road." Friday, January 25, 6:30 pm. Reservations encouraged: 459-1726. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

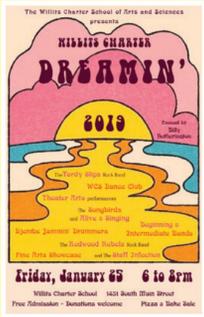
**Argentine Tango Workshop:** Always want to learn tango? Introductory tango lessons with Gigi and Warren Jensen. Friday, January 25, Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Lesson: 7 to 8 pm, Social Dancing: 8 to 9 pm. Beginners welcome. No partners needed. Over 18. Info: Megan 530-647-6512, [megster1989@yahoo.com](mailto:megster1989@yahoo.com).

**Shanachie Pub: Rising Signs:** Friday, January 25, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Rising Signs is a group that was born from Northern California Roots Rock Reggae, and grace am to 6 pm on Friday and 9 am until we're sold out on Saturday," 1,600 pounds of live crab is being purchased. At the old "Sweetwater Station," corner of Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue.

Saturday, January 26

**Crab Sale:** Willits Rotary Annual Crab Sale. See January 25 listing for details.

**Shanachie Pub: Self Fulfilling Prophecies:** Saturday, January 26, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "The music has elements of punk, folk, and rock, all original compositions. A favorite at the Pub!" [www.myspace.com/selffulfillingprophecies](http://www.myspace.com/selffulfillingprophecies). 50B South Main Street.



Sunday, January 27

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** The first Grange breakfast of 2019 – free breakfast for firefighters (one breakfast per official ID). Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, January 27 (and every fourth Sunday through October).

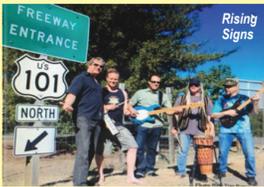
"\$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around"; Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Butter Milk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. 2 Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street).

**Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop:** Sunday, January 27, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Richard Jeske will discuss and demonstrate how to properly prune fruit trees and grape vines for the home gardener. Topics include heading vs. thinning cuts, summer vs. winter pruning, tree parts, care and health and vigor, sun requirements, tools, and information about what grows and produces best in our region. The first part of the workshop will be indoors at the



Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast

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Rising Signs

Grange. After a short lunch break the group will resume at Richard's home orchard on East Hill Road. \$20. RSVPs required. To register call Richard at 459-5926. Space is limited.

**Last Day for WCA January Show:** Loren Madsen's "Worry Beads" and Linda MacDonald's "Deep Within," Painting the Big Trees" will close Sunday, January 27. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Open 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesdays to Sundays.

**Monday, January 28**  
**Baba's Bhajan Band:** Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, 12 to 1 pm. Baba's Bhajan Band is an ensemble focused on sharing the vibrations of bhajans (healing music) with as many people as possible. Monday, January 28.

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. St. Helena at home, Monday, January 28: JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Mark Westerburg).

**Tuesday, January 29**  
**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: "Glass," "The Favorite," and "Green Book." Visit [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com) or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

**Wednesday, January 30**  
**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Clear Lake at home, Wednesday, January 30: JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Mark Westerburg).

**Thursday, January 31**  
**Willits Farmers Market:** Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street,

for the winter, Thursday, January 17, 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, February 1

**Lady Wolverines High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Cloverdale at home, Friday, February 1: JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Fred Austin).

**Behind the Mic Youth Poetry Night:** Friday, February 1, 7 pm, at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. "Come share your words, the words of those who inspire you, poetry, sing a song acapella, beatbox, rap, spoken word, chose your verbal medium. We want to hear what you have to say."

**Shanachie Pub: One Grass**  
Two Grass: Friday, February 1, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Delivers high energy, hard driving, fun-loving, old-timey, new-timey, good-timey, rockin' California string band music." 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, February 2

**Four Chaplains Memorial Service:** On Saturday, February 2, the St. John's Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive will be hosting a Four Chaplains memorial service at 2 pm. The American Legion Post 174 will be assisting as the honor and color guard.

**'Pure Imagination':** Lynn Zachreson, Oils and Watercolors, and David Weitzman, Jewelry. Show opens at the Willits Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 2, 6 pm for members, 7 pm to the public. The show runs through February 24. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

**Shanachie Pub: Jon Gonzales:** Friday, February 2, 8:30 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Weaves ukulele folk-hoosk with lyrical psychedelic satire and "pushing-the-envelope" paradoxical, universal subjects." [www.jongonzales.com/indexed.html](http://www.jongonzales.com/indexed.html) 50B South Main Street.



Jon Gonzales

Sunday, February 3

**Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast:** Sober Grad's Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Grange is set for Super Bowl Sunday, February 3. "Our breakfast is a fantastic way to start your Super Bowl Sunday!" Menu includes the Grange cooks' delicious pancakes made from scratch, scrambled eggs, bacon, OJ, and coffee, hot chocolate or tea. 8 to 11 am, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. \$7 adults; \$6 seniors; \$4 kids 10 and under. Tickets are available from many seniors, the WHS office, at the door or by calling Angi Edgar at 459-2260. To go breakfasts will be available.

**Ecstatic Dance:** Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sunday, February 3, 10 am Movement Workshop, 11 am Ecstatic Dance. Every first Sunday. Facebook.com/EcstaticDanceMendo.

AT THE MOVIES



## 'Glass'

**The Story:** Thriller sequel to M. Night Shyamalan's "Unbreakable" and "Split" with Bruce Willis, James McAvoy and Samuel L. Jackson reprising their roles. Three extremely curious characters with super powers, two of them mass murderers, are sneaking around Philly. They are at odds with the law and each other. They

are rounded up by the police and tossed into an insane asylum where they are treated by the lead psychiatrist (Sarah Paulson). She specializes in patients with delusions of having super powers. Clearly, it is dangerous to have delusions about people whom we wrongly believe have delusions. No one in the audience will be surprised when the situation at the mental institution turns ugly. People get throttled. People get killed. People get slashed and tossed against walls. But there is a lot more happening than we know. "Glass" is a twisty story with extra added twistiness.



**My Thoughts:** This is a much-anticipated sequel, and it is an ambitious story. I suspect the writer/director Shyamalan is a comic book fan, and that he wrote this piece as an homage to other comic book fans. These fans will be comfortable with the flick's unusual plot ... and that's all I'm going to say ... no plot spoilers from me. James McAvoy is brilliant.

**Parents:** This is a picture for teens and adults. Not for kids. Too violent and too deviant. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*

## Four Chaplains Memorial Service

February 2

St. John's Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive, will be hosting a Four Chaplains memorial service on Saturday, February 2, at 2 pm. The American Legion Post 174 will be assisting as the honor and color guard. "The service is to remember the chaplains aboard the USAT (U.S. Army Transport) Dorchester who willingly gave their lives on February 3, 1943 after their ship was torpedoed by the U-223, a German submarine. After the torpedoing of their ship, the chaplains stayed on deck to offer comfort and to help those they were shipping over with. They gave their places on the lifeboats, gloves and life vests. They were seen on deck praying together as the ship's bow lifted into the air and then slid under the water. All of our community is invited to attend this memorial service. Light refreshments will be served after."

## Sober Grad Valentine Raffle Basket

Through February 14

"The Valentine Raffle Basket is full of wonderful goodies including 2 Park Hopper tickets to Disneyland and California Adventure good through 12/31/19. It also includes a dozen red roses from Flowers by Annette, as well as goodies from Cat's Meow, Tango, Grocery Outlet, JD Redhouse, Main Street Video, Noyo Theater, Willits Power, Old Mission Pizza and senior parents. It will be at Grocery Outlet this weekend, JD Redhouse during the week. After that it will be at Mariposa and Safeway. It will also be at our Pancake Breakfast on the 3rd. The value of the basket is over \$1000! Drawing to be held on February 14th. Tickets are \$1/each; 6 tickets for \$5."

## 'Cannabis is Medicine': A Free Workshop

January 26

"Cannabis is Medicine": A free introduction to cannabis medicine. Everything you want to know. How does cannabis heal? What conditions can it treat? What is CBD and how does it work with THC? Can I use cannabis medicines without getting high? Is there a danger in using cannabis along with my prescriptions? Must be 21+ or 18+ with valid state medical card. 1 to 3 pm, Friday, January 26, Dragonfly Wellness Center, 17975 North Highway 1, Fort Bragg.



## Cultivating Positivity in Our Relationships

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 5:30-6:30 PM

Dois Weir, Relationship Coach from Embrace Conflicts (ORSCC)

- Learn about different phases of relationships
- Understand why we remember negative interactions far more than positive ones
- Become aware of any warning of the "good" is not always easy
- Create positive interactions

WILLITS Center for the Arts 71 E Commercial St. FREE to the public. Donations appreciated. Would love to connect.



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## Just Enough

Where: Willits Center for the Arts (71 E. Commercial St.)  
When: Sunday, February 10th at 5:00 pm

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## Zodiac House Party: Aquarius

February 9

Aquarius energy continues to flow into the new year. Live local DJs, Tarot readings, live art, local craft vendors, massage table. Enjoy a hot soak in the "Yot" Tub; bring a towel. Elixir Bar, Kombucha on tap, late night munchies by The Zocalo Collective. 8:30 to 10 pm DJ Victorious (SpiralVine), 10 to 11:30 pm DJ Lunar Sound System; 11:30 pm to 1 am DJ Nite Owl (SpiralVine); 1 to 2:30 am DJ Mountain Man. Hosted by One Tribe Collective at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

## The Green come to Mateel Center

February 4

The Mateel and California Roots present Hawaii's "The Green" with Eli Mac and Fia performing as support acts. Monday, February 4, doors open at 8 pm, show at 9 pm, at the Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane in Redway. Age 16 and over. Tickets are on sale now, \$25 in advance, \$39 day of show at [mateel.org](http://mateel.org) or at regional outlets.

## Avenue to Wellness: Cultivating Positivity in Our Relationships

February 5

The Avenues to Wellness speaker series presents, "Cultivating Positivity in Our Relationships," by Doris Weir, certified organization and relationship system coach (ORSCC). Tuesday, February 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Avenues to Wellness is sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Foundation and is free to the public, donations appreciated. "So often we only see what we don't like in our partner, child or significant other. We are well aware of what frustrates us and are often stuck in that position. This hurts our relationships. We need to understand this phenomenon and cultivate positive interactions in order to create healthy and fulfilling relationships." Doris Weir has been coaching couples and individuals for over 10 years. She was a columnist on relationship issues for Willits Weekly for three years. She specializes in conflicts and bereavement. She also offers Explore-Shops for couples on conflicts and increasing positivity in a partnership.

Avenues to Wellness is a program of the Howard Foundation, with a speaker series event the first Tuesday of the month. Call 456-9676 or more info. Visit [avenuestowellness.org](http://avenuestowellness.org) for more speaker topics and a video archive of past events.

## Willits Classic 10 Mile, 5 K Race Event

February 10

The North Coast Striders presents the annual Willits Classic Foot Races at the Willits Recreation Grove, Lenore and Commercial streets, Sunday, February 10. Registration at 9 am; 10 mile and 5K races start at 10 am; free kids race starts at 9:30 am. Entry fee: \$20 adults, \$18 Striders members, \$10 ages 10 to 18, \$40 for the whole family. Kid's Mile is free. Awards for the top three overall male/female for the two main events, medals and free entry to next year's event. 1st place in all age divisions receive medals. Ribbons go to 2nd and 3rd place finishes. Age divisions: 9 & under, 10-13, 14-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+ To register visit: [striders.org](http://striders.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

## Willits Science Fair

February 4 to 7

The annual Willits Science Fair is set for February 4 through 7 at the Willits Community Center. Projects completed by students at Willits Charter School, Willits High School, Sanhedrin High School, and Willits Elementary Charter School should be delivered to the Willits Community Center between 1 and 3 pm, Monday, February 4. 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 Tuesday, February 5. February 5 is judging day, and not open to the public on Wednesday, February 6, 8:30 am to 7 pm and on Thursday, February 7, 8:30 am to 3 pm. Projects must be removed between 3 to 5:30 pm, Thursday, February 7. Questions or interested in volunteering or sponsoring an award, contact Erin Vaccaro, Science Fair coordinator, at 707-513-8742 or [sciencefair@willitsunified.com](http://sciencefair@willitsunified.com).

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## Lucky in Love: Valentine February Specials

Show some love this Valentine's Day by supporting your local Willits shops. Shop at any of the participating merchants and get entered to win gift certificates to local restaurants. Through February 14. Think local, buy local. Participating merchants: J.D. Redhouse, Cat's Meow, Mazahar, Off the Cuff, Moon Lady, Mirror Mirror, Tango, Monkeywrench, Main St. Music, Buttercups, Re-Evolution, The Book Juggler, Willits Power, George's Geodes, Head Change, Diamonds & Gold, and Unique Boutique.

## Edie Ceccarelli's 111th Birthday

Happy Birthday to Willits' supercentenarian, Edie Ceccarelli. How many 111-year-olds do you meet in your lifetime? Help celebrate Edie's 111th birthday, on Tuesday, February 5 at the Harrah Senior Center. Open to the public. No-host lunch. More details to come.

## Ongoing Events

**Roots Engine House Tours:** Docent-led tour of the Engine House on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more – up close.

**Weekly Meditation Class:** Tuesdays 12 to 1 pm. The Muse, 34 East San Francisco Avenue. By donation. Sarah Garney leads The Gayatri Mantra with a short talk.

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

**"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 paintings. More info: [www.facebook.com/DoDesigns17](http://www.facebook.com/DoDesigns17), [instagram.com/do.designs.17](http://instagram.com/do.designs.17).

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

**"Promise of Paradise":** "In celebration and acknowledgment 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/promise-paradise](http://www.kzyx.org/programs/promise-paradise) to listen previous episodes.

**Vintage Toys Exhibit:** The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys. Runs through 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 11 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 Choral:** The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

**Friday Potluck Bingo:** Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum budget 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 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 Weir, 456-9246.

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

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

**Willits Library Activities:** 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 and start building); Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

**Drop-In Knitting Circle:** Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 459-9037, or [lotus3@earthlink.net](mailto:lotus3@earthlink.net).

**Scorpimist 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 time.

**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 AHM'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; Twens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All S&L programs free to

## Romantic 'ruins' on scenic Gualala property open to the public

Submitted by the Garden Conservancy, NY

On Saturday, January 26, visit the Mullins' Mendocino Stonezone, at 44600 Fish Rock Road, Gualala. The Stonezone will be open for self-guided tours to benefit the Garden Conservancy Open Days program, welcoming the public from 10 am to 4 pm, including craftsman Q&As.

The Open Day is occurring rain or shine, and no reservations are required. Admission is \$7, payable in cash or check; children 12 and under are free. Call 888-842-2442, or visit [www.opendaysprogram.org](http://www.opendaysprogram.org) for more information. An additional Mendocino County Open Day will take place on June 15.

Situated among the magnificent redwoods of Northern California, this scenic coastal property imparts that wonderful sense of place that can only be created with time and patience. It boasts one of the most extraordinary collections of stone structures, follies and sculptures anywhere in the world, all melding seamlessly with the forest setting.

This beauty is hard-working. By carefully removing brush on the 45-acre woodland site, lifting the tree canopy, and adding extensive hardscaping, the garden (and house) are less susceptible to damage from fire and erosion.

Romantic "ruins" along a historic stagecoach road through the trees suggest a lost station. A full-scale traditional Irish tower rises to provide visitors with a spectacular view of the ocean.

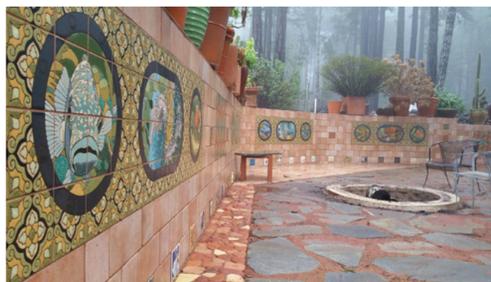
The pyramid structure merges Gothic arches with angular geometries that, like the floating boulder wall, feels both ancient and modern. Undulating patterned-granite terraces provide a setting for serene contemplation and deep musings.

In addition, explore new stonework in progress and talk to traditional masons from around the world, members of The Stone Foundation, who will be in the midst of a three-week session to bring stone to life in owner Peter Mullins' garden. This is the 10th year Mullins has hosted this group, so many participants will be able to discuss specific techniques used in other inventive stone creations on site.

The Garden Conservancy is a national nonprofit dedicated to saving and sharing outstanding American gardens. Since 1995, the Garden Conservancy's award-winning Open Days has welcomed more than one million visitors into thousands of inspired private landscapes – from urban rooftops to organic farms, historic estates to innovative suburban lots – in 41 states. Hundreds of volunteers help this robust annual program showcase regional horticultural and stylistic expressions in a national context, celebrating the rich diversity of American gardens.



Above: Mullins' Mendocino Stonezone in Gualala includes a pyramid structure that merges Gothic arches with angular geometries that feels both ancient and modern. At left: Sean Adcock of Wales, John Shaw-Rimington, and Mark Ricard of Canada work on the floating boulder wall on Peter Mullins' Gualala property. Below: An intricate mosaic surrounds a fire pit on Peter Mullins' property in Gualala – Mullins' grounds and gardens will be open to the public on January 26.



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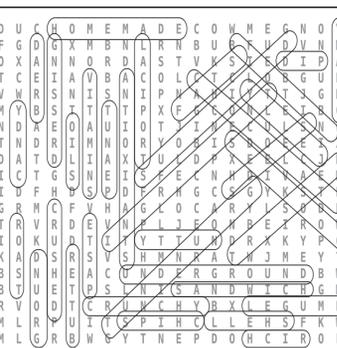
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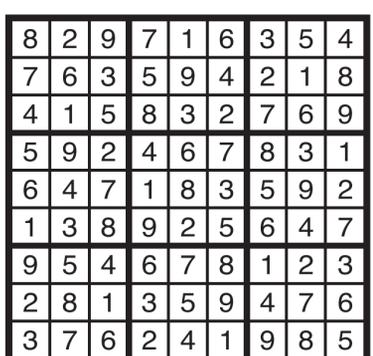
WW195  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2018-F0708  
The following person is doing business as Diamonds & Gold, 75 South Main Street #A, Willits, CA 95490; Stephanie D. Casella, 25859 Madrone Drive #B, Willits, CA 95490.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2019.  
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on November 18, 2018.  
/s/ Stephanie D. Casella  
Pub dates: 1/10, 1/17, 1/24 and 1/31/2019

WW196  
**NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.  
The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 2nd day of February, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK SOUTH, 1788 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:  
Shawn Brown D05  
Rodger Cornelius B30  
Gil Eric F21  
Josh Hill F36  
Dave Linhart E65C  
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Jim & Gloria Siddons E84  
Jacque Slagle C95C  
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The goods are described as: Artwork, Furniture, Bicycle, Electronics, Tools, Restaurant Items.  
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.  
Glen Green  
Bond #70784656  
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Publication Dates: January 24 & 31, 2019

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Michael Britton 233  
Scott Maingi 215  
Richard Pool 701  
The goods are described as: Tools, Furniture, Misc Totes, Misc Electronics.  
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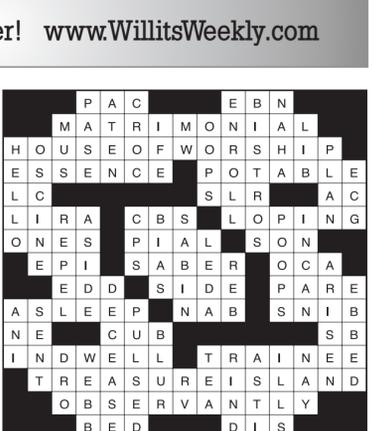
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execution of the 17 years being lifted, and off to state prison Kirk will go," said Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster.

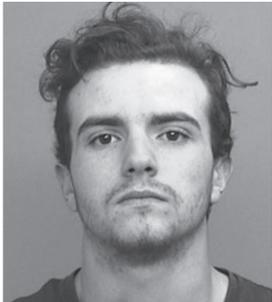
In addition to having to spend one year in the county jail, Kirk must also complete an out-of-county fire starters' rehabilitation and counseling program, Eyster said.

Kirk also is banned from using radio scanning devices, because the investigation revealed he listened to scanner traffic during the fires he admitted starting. He is also prohibited from handling ignition devices and must register as a convicted arsonist.

Kirk was arrested October 3, 2018, following a month-long investigation by CalFire officers, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office that ended with law enforcement officers serving a search warrant and seizing evidence from Kirk's Piercy property on September 26.

He was suspected of starting fires in Willits, Laytonville, Leggett and Piercy last summer, including the September 4 Shimmins Ridge Fire, which burned 10 acres.

An area resident found a burning gas can near the fire



Charles Levi Kirk of Piercy.

to CalFire.

Eyster blamed Kirk's lenient sentence on "voters bypassing the Legislature [and] passing laws via the ballot to expedite the release of state prison inmates."

"Kirk's arson convictions are considered nonviolent [crimes] under Proposition 57," he noted. "The sentence imposed was the best outcome possible and an outcome most protective of public safety for the longer term," Eyster said.



## Rose Smith joins Savings Bank board of directors

The Board of Directors of Savings Bank of Mendocino County has appointed Rose Smith to serve on its board.

Smith was raised in Lakeport and has lived near Willits since 1997. In 1987, she became a certified public accountant practicing in both public accounting and insurance in the Bay Area and Sonoma County. In 2001 she joined Retech Systems in Ukiah and retired in 2017 as chief financial officer.

"Her extensive experience in finance and her close connection to the community makes Rose's perspective a valuable addition to the board," says Charles Mannon, chairman of the Savings Bank of Mendocino County board.

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Mike Foget, PE, has been named CEO of SHN, a consulting firm with offices in Eureka, Redding, Arcata and Willits, as well as Coos Bay and Klamath Falls in Oregon.

## SHN appoints Mike Foget as new CEO

Submitted by SHN

Mike Foget, professional engineer, has been named CEO of SHN, a consulting firm with offices in Eureka, Redding, Arcata and Willits, as well as Coos Bay and Klamath Falls in Oregon. SHN offers engineering, environmental, geology, planning, and surveying services. Working at SHN since 1995, Foget takes over from K. Jeff Nelson, PE, who retired on January 1, 2019, providing a "seamless leadership transition" for the company.

"I am both humbled and excited to be taking on this new role at SHN," Foget said. "We have a very talented group of people to work with." Foget is an environmental and civil engineer, noted for many projects including environmental cleanups at state correctional facilities in Vacaville and San Quentin, and for timber and forest products companies in Fort Bragg, Cloverdale, Ukiah and Boonville.

SHN is a small business that has been supporting rural communities in Northern California and Southern Oregon for 40 years. The SHN Willits office opened in 2003 when it merged with Tom Herman and Associates, a local surveying firm.

"I've worked with Mike for over 20 years, and he will continue SHN's tradition of assisting and supporting rural communities," says Herman.

SHN has provided engineering, geologic, and planning services to important projects such as the Willits wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation, the Noyo Harbor tsunami damage assessment, building upgrades for the Willits Unified School District, and the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital surveying and geotechnical engineering.

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to explore options associated with such a facility, including design/bid/build and potential property or facility location."

With this vote, the committee shuffled off making a recommendation about the location of the project and what kind of project is to be built with Measure B tax revenues, to the board of supervisors, instead of making any specific recommendation.

As Angelo explained the motion to the committee members, if the supervisors direct Angelo to implement the motion, she would break the proposal down into three components, and send out three separate requests for proposals. Potential bidders could bid on one or more of the components, or could combine components as they saw fit.

Angelo's motion was an effort on the part of the committee to deal with a long-standing proposal by Redwood Community Services to build and operate a combined crisis access center, crisis stabilization unit, and crisis residential treatment facility on property located at 631 Orchard Avenue in Ukiah.

The proposal has been on the books for years. In July 2015, the board of supervisors directed the county's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director Stacey Cryer to accept \$500,000 from the state; that move was repeated in March of 2016 and more finely tuned in May of 2017, when the board of supervisors approved an agreement between the county Health and Human Services Agency to give \$380,000 to Redwood Community Services so it could purchase land to build a crisis residential treatment center. The \$380,000 came from the original \$500,000 grant from the state.

The Measure B Committee has had a difficult time endorsing the RCS proposal. For several months, the committee was unable to get it on to the agenda. Then last December an agenda item seeming to address the RCS proposal did make it on to the agenda; however, the motion that was ultimately made did not match the agenda item.

The troublesome motion was withdrawn and Sheriff Tom Allman, who then was serving as committee chair, told the maker of the motion that it would be on the January agenda.

For the January meeting, the agenda item did appear to reflect the RCS proposal. It stated: "Discussion and possible action including approval of recommendation to the board of supervisors regarding a request for proposal for a biddable design of a combined residential, crisis stabilization and crisis access facility in the Ukiah Valley."

Various committee members were hesitant to support the motion. Sheriff Allman said that he thought the first item of business ought to be the creation of a psychiatric health facility, or PHF. Fifth District Representative Ross Liberty said that he felt constrained because RCS owned the design for a building that co-located both a crisis stabilization unit and a crisis residential treatment facility.

County Auditor Lloyd Weer said he felt the proposal, as it was worded, limited the county to building only a CSU and a CRT. Weer recommended putting in language that would recommend that the supervisors also put out a request for proposals for a psychiatric health facility as well.

His suggestion appeared to fall on deaf ears until Health and Human Services Agency Director Tammy Moss Chandler said she thought putting in the PHF language was a good idea. She said she had worked in the past in various cities that combined a PHF with a CSU, a CSU with a CRT, and a CSU with a CRT and a PHF. She thought they were all workable. Angelo amended her motion to include the PHF, and it was approved unanimously.

In other committee business, the committee failed to consider an agenda item submitted by Behavioral Health Recovery Services Advisory Board Chair Jan McGourty and by Third District Representative Jed Diamond, to the effect that the committee ought to review the Kemper Report and adopt the recommendations contained in it.

The McGourty-Diamond proposal immediately led the committee into the quicksand. Diamond agreed with McGourty that the committee should review the Kemper Report; however he wished to add the proviso that the committee should create a subcommittee that would select one agenda item per month, and that the committee would focus on that one item until it came to resolution.

Diamond argued that proceeding in that way would help the committee to be more efficient. "We do need organization and we need some direction," he said.

Allman said he felt the committee had already reviewed the Kemper Report. McGourty said the committee had not reviewed it in depth and had not adopted the work plan included in the report. "We've read it, yes, individually, but we haven't discussed it in depth, as a committee," she said.

"We meet two hours a month," Allman said. "If we were to take the time to review this, it would take 40 hours a month, and I don't think that everyone on this committee has that kind of time available."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who was briefly present at the meeting, suggested that the committee members should go around the table and say what mental health project was the most important to them. The members did that.

Diamond said he favored building a PHF and a crisis residential treatment facility. Allman said he favored the PHF. Riley said the crisis residential treatment center, followed by a PHF and by a crisis stabilization unit. Mark Mertle said he liked the crisis residential treatment facility, followed by a crisis stabilization unit, followed by the PHF. Donna Moscetti said she favored prevention services, a PHF and after-care. She mentioned that the county needed all three types of services.

Dr. Barash said he liked the Orchard Avenue project. Weer liked the PHF, a crisis residential treatment facility, and a crisis stabilization unit. Ross Liberty's answer was unintelligible. Angelo said a crisis stabilization unit was the No. 1 item for her, but she cautioned, "If we do not have the support services or staff to run that CSU, that 24-hour facility will fail."

McGourty said the most important element for her was information. "We might like to find out information about various options so we could make an informed decision," she said. Jenine Miller said that the crisis stabilization unit was the most important project for her.

After taking stock of each member's most important mental health item, the committee decided to simply abandon McGourty's proposal. Without bringing the matter to a vote, the committee moved on to consider the crisis center proposal mentioned above.

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second access ad hoc committee includes Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde and Third District Supervisor John Haschak.

According to Haschak, interest in obtaining a viable alternate emergency access route for Brooktrails has focused on the old FirCo road, a timber hauling road that runs from Ells Field Airport road to the old FirCo or Louisiana Pacific lumber mill, located north of Willits on what used to be Highway 101.

According to Haschak, "We're very close in Brooktrails to getting something that will work as an emergency access route. We just need a little push from the county to solidify this, and we need to get the memorandums of understanding signed between the property owners and Brooktrails."

The MOUs "have to do with liability, to allow these private roads to be used for emergency access. I do hope we can get it done, so we can go into the fire season with at least one other option available to people," Haschak said.

During public comment on the issue, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman strongly supported taking quick action on the emergency access issue.

"If I had my druthers, I believe this topic should be on every agenda, every week, until we get it taken care of," Allman said. "The second access for Brooktrails and some of the other high-profile areas could be our Oakland Hills disaster, and I certainly appreciate Supervisor McCowen talking about liability. And we talked about it so much, that I imagine the liability is even greater now, because we haven't done anything, and when I say we haven't done anything, we've certainly talked about it."

"I'm not blaming you. It's like the weather. We certainly have some right-of-way issues. And we have some genuine dirt-moving that must be done."

"I lived in Brooktrails for 12 years, and Brooktrails could be an Oakland Hills fire," Allman continued. "I appreciate Supervisor Haschak bringing up [the fact Brooktrails] has the fourth-largest population in the county. It's a very important part of our county."

"When you look at what happened in Paradise, Brooktrails is laid out the exact same way. You have Otter Drive and Otter Place and Otter Circle and Otter Court, and if you're not familiar with Brooktrails, you're going to die in a forest fire. It's that simple...."

"I certainly would encourage us to get this done before July 1," he said. "If you remember, in 2008 we had 134 fires in one weekend from lightning strikes. And if fires come in threes, then this is a bad year to say fires come in threes. Because the last two years have been devastating. We've lost many lives."

"The Sheriff's Office obligates itself to work on any project that deals with second access, third access and fourth access, because that's where the liability is going to be," Allman said. "And Brooktrails has been very patient with us. So, it's time that we work with them."

Dashiell's report to the board focused on how little the county knows about the legalities associated with using existing private roads as emergency access routes. He noted there are no policies or codes on the books that define the legal authority of a public jurisdiction, such as Mendocino County, to secure the use of a private road for emergency access. And there is nothing on the books that define to what standard of repair the road would have to be maintained.

Dashiell told supervisors that two political mechanisms exist to fund, build and maintain emergency access routes: a county service area, and a community services district.

After describing these two mechanisms, Dashiell summed up by asking a host of questions.

"How to spread the assessment?" he asked. "That would be something we would need to consider."

"Legal authority or standards.... At the meeting we had last September, there were some fire professionals who said they really thought these roads would be for bringing in equipment and we should take folks out on the existing public roads."

"Would we condemn private property, or do we seek willing owners? Do we lease or do we buy, and for how long? Who pays?"

"In some of the examples I found," he said, "the county would. If there is a 10 percent petition in an area, the county would help a community try to hold an election to see if a district could be formed, and if it's successful, the county would be reimbursed from district funds. But the county kind of eats it if it's not...."

"And then of course there would be a lot of engineering and public meetings and outreach as we would decide how to spread assessments for the service of an emergency access."

"Initial set-up is going to require some staff time, to meet with private road owners and negotiate easements," Dashiell continued. "I would envision there would be a need to meet with the public. We would need to know if there's a big enough interest in an area to where people would be willing to contribute to this kind of endeavor and whether an election had a chance of being successful or not."

"We would somehow have to gauge whether there was a chance of going forward," Dashiell said. "My thinking is, we either hire a consultant to investigate these proposals, or if the board wanted to do things with a county staff person, my feeling is - with the workload that the department has on existing disasters and our existing projects - I would see at least needing to start with [adding] another position to do that sort of work."

Asked to comment the following day on Dashiell's presentation, Haschak said: "I think he was presenting a template for looking at really big projects. But between what the Brooktrails board has done and what the Sherwood Firewise group has done, they've done a lot of work already."

"I hope with this ad hoc we can just get it done. Because that's what we need," Haschak said.

Gjerde gave a brief synopsis of what he thinks his ad hoc can do in the short term. "Perhaps the direction for the ad hoc might be to work with the Department of Transportation and the Sheriff's Office and maybe identify - pick a number - the 10, the five - largest population centers served by a single road in and out, and then come back with an estimated budget for bringing them up to snuff for an emergency access route."

"We're not talking a year-round road," he added. "And we could bring back those figures. For all we know, we might be able to address the four, five or six largest population centers for less than \$100,000."

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In addition, the supervisors created two cannabis ad hoc committees to continue work on cannabis issues. Supervisors John McCowen and John Haschak were seated on a cannabis cultivation committee, and supervisors Dan Gjerde and Ted Williams were seated on a cannabis economic development committee.

Newly hired Cannabis Unit Manager Sean Connell told the board that as of January 4 the ag department has received 1,274 applications, has issued 211, and has currently approved 25, for an "issued and approved" total of 236. That is two fewer than the December 19, 2018, total, a phenomenon left unexplained. The total of 236 issued and approved permits is 18.5 percent of the total number of applications received.

Cannabis Unit Program Administrator Chevon Holmes explained that, apart from the 236 permits that have been issued or approved, and subtracting the 75 that have been withdrawn, the 22 that have been denied and the 35 that were deemed too volatile to categorize, the department now has 912 current active applications. For those applications, the department has received 483 documents from the Water Resources Board, or documents for about 52 percent of the active applications the cannabis unit is currently processing.

Holmes said her department has received only 300 documents from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, characterizing that number as being about 30 percent of the required state documentation her department needs to move those 912 applications further along toward issuance or approval.

After the report from county staff, 15 people expressed their frustration with the county's efforts to regulate the local cannabis industry. That morning, Laytonville attorney Hannah Nelson had sent the board a five-page letter listing areas of the regulations that needed improvement. The letter was co-signed by 45 entities, including five cannabis advocacy groups and at least 18 farmers.

The letter requested the supervisors' cannabis ad hoc committee be reinstated; that the board approve a process to allow cultivation permit transfer to new landowners; that it adjust setbacks from sensitive sites to mirror-state setbacks; that permit renewal fees be reduced; that the county's minimum tax on gross cannabis sales receipts be eliminated; that the requirement the applicant pass a LiveScan fingerprint test when seeking a county permit be eliminated, and that the county instead accept the results of the LiveScan test required by the state; that the cultivation area allowed for a personal medical marijuana cultivation be increased beyond 100 square feet; and that zoning options for cannabis activities that do not fall under the "Microbusiness" category be expanded.

In addition to those eight items, the Hannah Nelson letter contained an additional 20 items.

After the public commented, supervisors took up the issue. It was here that the presence of newly seated supervisors in the Fifth District, Williams, and the Third District, Haschak, appeared to make a difference, with the board addressing the complex and stubborn cannabis issue with fresh energy.

At one point, Williams asked Unit Manager Connell: "When do you think cannabis will become a break-even enterprise for the county? Five years? Ten years? Never?" Connell replied that, as manager of the cannabis unit, he intended to make sure cannabis would break even "well before never."

Williams told his colleagues he was intrigued by several of the proposals in Nelson's letter and proposed immediately eliminating the county's minimum tax on gross cannabis sales receipts.

County CEO Carmel Angelo said she had recently spoken with Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schapmire on the matter, and Schapmire had told her the county had brought in nearly \$3 million from the minimum tax.

"If the figure is that high, I can't imagine we could afford to lose \$3 million," Angelo said. There were groans from the audience. Angelo softened her statement, slightly. "If the treasurer's figures are that high, I can't imagine we could easily afford to lose the income from the tax," she said.

Williams said he was interested in exploring some of the ideas mentioned by the public, both on that day and previously. For example, that the county needed to create "cannabis enterprise zones" and to incorporate cannabis more boldly in the county's tourism and promotional brand.

Angelo said the county's two economic development companies, the West Company and the Economic Development and Finance Corporation, were working on that, adding new Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz could be directed to work with those two organizations to make their work product even better.

Supervisor McCowen then suggested the board's ad hoc committee on cannabis matters be reinstated. Here Fourth District Supervisor Gjerde quipped: "I'd volunteer, but I'm afraid I would disappear afterwards." The line was probably a reference to former supervisors Dan Hamburg and Tom Woodhouse, who both stopped going to board meetings after serving on previous cannabis ad hoc committees.

After further discussion, the board agreed to create two cannabis-related ad hoc committees. Supervisors McCowen and Haschak will serve on the ad hoc dealing with cannabis cultivation issues, and supervisors Gjerde and Williams will serve on the ad hoc dealing with economic development with respect to cannabis.



Above: Marlene and Gary Friedman show the live crabs to Skylar Hirsch.

At right: A customer picks out just the right crab at the 2018 Rotary Crab Sale.

At right, below: A close-up of the freshly boiled crabs from Caito Fisheries. Jeannie King prepares for sales.

At right, bottom: A finished crab is netted out of the vat. Tim King holds two of the 700+ crabs Rotary sold at their sale.

Photos by Mathew Caine

# Crab Sale

## Willits Rotarians offer freshly boiled 'drive-up' crab from Fort Bragg this Friday and Saturday

Members of the Willits Rotary Club will be out on Main Street on Friday, January 25 and Saturday, January 26, boiling up and selling fresh Dungeness crab from Caito Fisheries in Fort Bragg. The crabs should be ready to sell around 9 am both days.

Rotary Club had to put their popular Crab Feed on ice this year, due to an unpredictable crab supply, but the Crab Sale is on.

Funds from the Crab Sale go to the Rotary Club's general fund, "which allows us to support organizations like the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, Willits Senior Center, scholarships to local high school seniors, the Willits Educational Foundation, and the many other organizations that come to us for donations throughout the year," said Rotarian Tim King. King says the Crab Sale is "easily the longest-running Rotary fundraiser."

Look for the big boiling pots, clouds of steam, and the crab table, at 425 South Main Street, just south of East San Francisco Avenue.

— Jennifer Poole



## Mendocino College to host 2019 'Teachers on Teaching' Conference February 23

Submitted by Mendocino College

"Teachers on Teaching: ENGAGE!" a one-day conference for local and regional educators, will be presented at the Mendocino College campus in Ukiah on Saturday, February 23. Beginning Saturday morning with check-in and light breakfast at 8:30 am and ending at 3:30 pm, this low-cost, high-interaction conference is designed to explore a variety of topics of interest to teachers across disciplines from kindergarten to community college.

The Foundation Skills Teaching and Learning Committee hosts this important local event to bring educators together to share ideas, build collaboration, and learn about current practices and projects in our community.

According to Conference Coordinator Ginny Buccelli: "This is always an exciting day for us. While the focus is on local educational communities, educators from all over Northern California attend and present. Really, it's all about engaging students and instructors. There

is something powerful about a middle school teacher sitting with a college professor and their shared narrative of ideas and engagement."

This year's conference session topics will include: addressing climate change, helping students develop their English language skills, improving literacy, teaching with compassion, volunteer- and project-based learning, and addressing challenging student populations. Presenters represent elementary, middle school, high school, and college level professionals.

Pre-registration and ticket purchase is strongly encouraged. From now until February 22, pre-admission tickets are \$27. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$30. Admission includes a light breakfast, lunch, and a raffle. Continuing education credits through Dominican University can be earned. For more information, please contact Ginny Buccelli at gbuccelli@mendocino.edu.

The Mendocino College Ukiah campus is located at 1000 Hensley Creek Road.

## Survey seeks input to help improve the health of Mendocino County residents

Are you healthy? How often do you have to go outside of the county for care? What are the most important issues we need to address to make our community a great place to live? Residents of Mendocino County will have an opportunity to share their feedback and concerns in the Community Health Survey.

The short survey, which is both voluntary and anonymous, asks participants to answer questions about general health, availability of services, environment, physical and mental health, among others. These answers will create a snapshot of the health of Mendocino County and the results will guide many community organizations, including government entities and the hospitals, in their program planning over the next several years by identifying key health problems.

The results of the survey will be used as part of the final community health assessment report which will be published and shared publicly in the fall of 2019, at which time the results will be used to prioritize needs and create a community health-improvement plan.

Barbara Howe, California Department of Public Health director, emphasizes the importance of getting the community's perspective. "We want to know how to best serve our citizens and improve the health of our communities. It helps us identify areas of concern, which we can work on ways to address, as well as identifies areas of success, and ways we can build on those successes to improve community health."

Jason Wells, president for Adventist Health Ukiah Valley and Howard Memorial, agrees. "As a healthcare organization, we realize it takes a village to build a healthy community. We know health care is more than just medical care, but also about having access to recreation, great schools and economic opportunities. By hearing

from those we serve, we can find ways to work with our partners to better serve our county and identify ways that together we can improve the overall health of the population in Mendocino County."

The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVQ5KCZ for English and at www.surveymonkey.com/r/B8S7589 for Spanish.



English QR Code



Spanish QR Code

All community members are encouraged to share their opinions. Hardcopies of the survey are available at local libraries, hospitals and clinics. For more information, contact Healthy Mendocino at healthymendocino@ncinc.org or call 467-3228.

The Community Health Survey and the Community Health Needs Assessment process is a project of Healthy Mendocino, in collaboration with the Mendocino County Health and Human Services, Adventist Health Hospitals, FIRST 5 Mendocino, North Coast Opportunities, Redwood Coast Medical Services, Redwood Quality Management Company, and the community health clinics. To learn more about Healthy Mendocino, and how we're working together to improve the health of our communities, visit www.healthymendocino.org.

— Submitted by Healthy Mendocino

## 2020 primary election date changes

Submitted by the Mendocino County Elections Office

Registrar of Voters Katrina Bartolome would like to call attention to the new date for the 2020 primary election in California: March 3, 2020. In 2017 Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill to move California's primary election from June to March. It's a move designed to increase the influence of the country's most populous state in deciding presidential candidates. The legislation also consolidated and moved up the congressional primary elections to the same day in March.

This new primary election date changes our candidate filing dates. Local seats up for election in March are: First District supervisor, Second District supervisor, Fourth District supervisor and three Mendocino County Superior Court seats. With this change come changes to candidate filing dates. Important dates to remember:

• Signatures in lieu of filing fees: September 12 through November 6, 2019

• Judicial notice of intent: October 28 through November 6, 2019

• Candidate filing: November 11 through December 6, 2019

A candidate information packet will be produced and put on our website for those interested later in the spring. A detailed flyer with additional due dates can be viewed on our website: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections/electioncandidate-Information

For additional information, please contact the County Clerk / Election office, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020 in Ukiah, at 707-234-6819.

## The rest of Accident

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Patrol officers "indicated the damage to the bicycle appeared to have been caused by a vehicle collision" and the CHP initiated a felony "hit-and-run" investigation.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office determined May may have been living in the Covelo area for a year or more, but investigators were "unable to locate his residence or where he has been living," Barney said.

The Sheriff's Office seeking the public's assistance in locating May's home as well as assisting the California Highway Patrol in reconstructing his recent activity as part of its investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Mendocino County Sheriff's Communications Center at 707-463-4086 or the Coroner's Division at 707-463-4421.

## Kelseyville man dies in 101 head-on

A Kelseyville man died just before 5 pm on January 18 when his 2013 Mercedes Sprinter van was struck head on by a pickup truck on Highway 101 north of Reynolds Highway.



Fatal accident victim Stuart May of Covelo.

Michael Pau Andrus, 51, died at the scene, the California Highway Patrol reported. The driver of the 2001 Dodge Ram pickup, 71-year-old Ramon Machado of Leggett, was taken to Howard Memorial Hospital for treatment of major injuries suffered in the crash.

State traffic officers say Machado was heading north on Highway 101 when he reportedly "allowed his vehicle" to drift into the southbound lane.

Drugs or alcohol do not appear to be a factor in the collision, the CHP added.

## The rest of Shotgun

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holding a pump-action shotgun, threatening to "kill" one of the woman's family members sitting in the living room.

When Durazo reportedly pumped the action of the shotgun, the woman told her "to get out of her house because she was calling 911," DeMarco said.

Durazo left the house, allegedly breaking windows on a vehicle parked in the driveway on her way to her SUV.

The woman told deputies she was "in fear for her life and the life of her family member, who had left the [home before deputies arrived] because she was afraid Durazo was going to kill her."

Deputies found expended shell casings from a small caliber firearm outside the woman's home, DeMarco said.

They later located Durazo at a home in the 76000 block of Main

Street in Covelo and seized two firearms, as well as ammunition matching the casings found at the Concow Boulevard residence.

They also learned Durazo was on summary probation and had an outstanding warrant for her arrest for violating probation.

Durazo was placed under arrest and taken to county jail on suspicion of brandishing a firearm, negligent discharge of a firearm, burglary, making criminal threats, being armed in the commission of a felony, elder abuse, and violating probation.

Bail was set at \$87,500.

Anyone with information concerning this investigation is urged to call the Sheriff's Office Tip-Line at 707-234-2100 or the WE-TIP anonymous crime reporting hotline at 800-732-7463.

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

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machine fabricated their feud decades ago poses a central challenge.

More importantly, says Barksdale, both of these two great actresses are struggling to reinvent themselves and survive, while the predicament shakes out with deliciously hilarious results.

Following up in June on his previous WCT hits, "Revival at Possum Kingdom" and the much-acclaimed "Grace and Glorie," director Jim Williams returns at the helm of playwright Joan Ackerman's "Off The Map." This celebration of small community life centers on a resilient and quirky family navigating the troubled waters of raising a precocious pre-teen daughter, while coping with the depression of the girl's father, and responding to a surprise visit by an IRS auditor.

Williams says, "The play explores how love and wisdom shared by a tightly knit and self-reliant family can be called upon when times are tough."

One of WCT's favorite stars of comedy and romantic drama, Kelly Kesey, debuts in her directorial role in September with a gift of hope, "I and You" by Lauren Gunderson. One afternoon, high school student Anthony, bearing a copy of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" unexpectedly arrives at classmate Caroline's door to beg for help with an English assignment. Homebound due to illness, Caroline hasn't been to school in months and is not expecting a boy she doesn't even know. As the sharply witty Caroline and the kind-spirited Anthony let down their guards and share their secrets, wonderfully tense and humorous moments emerge.

Kesey says, "The whole story is an ode to teenagers, life, hope, and the strange beauty of human connectedness."

For the season finale in November, director Otto Coelho will lead the production at Willits High School of William Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy, "Love's Labour's Lost." The story concerns the King of Navarre, who has convinced three of his courtiers to forgo the company of women for three years. All goes well until the beautiful Princess of France arrives at court, with three equally beautiful ladies-in-waiting.

After the men discover that they're in love with the ladies, they abandon their oaths and decide to pursue the lovely femmes. Sparks fly, the humor abounds, and the action comes spiced with the master's quintessential poetry.

A season pass for all shows is available for \$90 through the WCT office at P.O. Box 80, Willits or by phone at 459-0895. Advance tickets for all shows will be available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24 / 7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). For more information visit [www.willitstheatre.org](http://www.willitstheatre.org).



The KLLG team gathers for a group photo during a recent get-together to discuss the station's future: From left, back: James Snidow, Liam UiCearbhaill, Chris Martell; middle: John Mitchell, Billie Kerr, Mike Burgess, Joey Duenas, Cheryl Abney, Larry Sanders, Rossi Jensen, Bob Fry; front: Eileen Sanders, Dinorah Isis Molina, Susan Taylor Proctor and Pat Collins.

## KLLG update

### Willits' local radio station is growing and looking for new team members

The purpose of the KLLG-LP FM (97.9) get-together was to introduce and encourage new volunteers and prospective programmers to become involved in the local low-power radio station. As in any gathering of creative people, there were many divergent discussions, laughs, expressions of concerns, and talk of business.

There are many changes happening at Willits' KLLG Radio, which is based out of the Little Lake Grange building on School Street, and can be heard at 97.9 on the FM dial in the local area surrounding Willits. There are new shows and new staff members, but the station is retaining a good amount of continuity and sense of purpose.

Organizers know what they want to accomplish, and with Pat Collins at the helm as general manager, they are staying on point. But they still need more help and more people to contribute their creativity and energy, to come up with new program and event ideas to benefit the community of Willits.

be able to provide a lifeline of information to the area's residents in case of emergency, such as the fires of two summers ago, even when the power goes out.

Additionally, the station will be interfacing with ham radio operators from the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, who have plans to be in every radio station in the county during future emergencies, to keep accurate details flowing.

Special events (hopefully one per month) are being planned to raise money for operating expenses and other needs. Rossi Jensen, who is newly in charge of the event committee, is looking for people with ideas and energy to join her in designing and producing these events.

Other positions they are looking for include someone to work with the underwriting department. A program director or a program director team is a current need. This person helps to train the programmers, does scheduling, and is involved in quality control of the programs.

"You get to be part of a team," Jensen said. "Our radio station is a place where you can voice your opinions. You can have your own show about whatever you want. We encourage everybody from every walk of life to come in and have a show and diversify the station."

"We're open to whatever voices there are," agreed UiCearbhaill. "Everybody wants a voice."

To become involved or to learn more, visit [www.kllg.org](http://www.kllg.org) or call 459-5554.

Liam UiCearbhaill, programmer ("MacAmergin's Tales") and all-around utility guy, has, with general manager Collins, recently applied for a grant to provide the station with a generator. This will help the station fulfill one of its prime purposes – to



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