

Thank you

To the Editor:

For several years the members of the Brooktrails Women's Club have sponsored a quilt raffle to build its scholarship program. The quilts have been made by some of the members of the club. We have been able to provide up to three scholarships a year for many years. We could not have done this without the support and generosity of this community! And we are grateful. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

The members of the Brooktrails Women's Club are happy to announce the winner of last year's quilt is Kasey Hallifield. Congratulations, Kasey!

Betty Lemmer, vice president, Brooktrails Women's Club

We need redundant connections

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see that North Bay legislators have introduced Senate Bill 833, which may dramatically improve the notice that citizens receive in the event of an emergency. Landline and cell phone notification systems, such as are already in place in our county are of great utility.

Unfortunately, they do not address the problem that Willits faced in the October fires. Our landline system was working locally, but was cut off from the world by the failure of a microwave tower. Similar failures knocked out our cell phones and our internet connections for everyone not on satellite.

What we need is redundant connections for the landline, cell phone, and internet connections to the world. Without that, this bill is meaningless.

Liam UiCearbhaill, Willits

Local Food Pledge

To the Editor:

We are writing to share an idea for the new year that has been bouncing around our heads for a while – Local Food Pledge 2018-2019. We are organizing a local food pledge drive in 2018 that would create a group of 25 to 50 people (or more!) committed to eating a high percentage of local food (you determine the precise details of your local food pledge) from June 2018 to June 2019. And, we would like to help connect the local food pledge group to local farmers, ranchers and food producers. The goal would be to add new energy and momentum to our local food movement. Here is some of the background thinking.

1. In the context of the overall population of Mendocino County, 25 to 50 people may seem like a small number. But, this number of people eating only local food could create many thousands of dollars of demand monthly, a hearty boost of buying power flowing directly toward the support of our local farmers and ranchers. Many of the farmers markets are in decline in our county, and small farmers continue to struggle to make ends meet. We need to get more serious about supporting and growing our local food economy.

2. A local food pledge campaign could be really fun! The pledgers will become a support group for each other. We will challenge ourselves to build and hone an essential set of practical skills and knowledge to increase local resilience, to network with local farmers and hopefully to enlarge the land-base of locally grown food. With pledgers and farmers working together (and some of us will be both pledgers and farmers/gardeners), we will need to focus

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special attention on honing our skills to grow high caloric crops such as potatoes, beans, squash, corn, and other grains. We will need to hone our wildcrafting skills learning to collect, process and cook with acorns, collect other wild plants, roots and mushrooms.

We will need to support our local livestock farmers, and build our own skills in raising chickens, ducks, lamb, pigs, cattle and, of course (my favorite) expand the practice of goat dairying on small acreage. The vegetable and fruit side of it may be a little easier, especially during the warmer growing months. We will need to expand and develop our skills processing, preserving, fermenting, canning, drying. Yes, it will be a lot of work. But, many hands make light work ... and more fun.

Please join us for our next planning meeting on Saturday January 27 at 11 am at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street in Willits. Here is the list of homework that will help you come prepared for the next meeting.

1. Prepare your individual food profile. What do you eat each week? How much of your diet do you currently source locally or grow yourself? What are your core food needs? (Think about high caloric foods that grow well locally – potatoes, beans, winter squash, corn, rye, other grains, meats, eggs, dairy.)
2. Write your own food pledge. What percentage of your food budget will go to buying local? Or, will you eat locally on weekdays, but not on weekends? Or, will you eat locally with a few exceptions like coffee, chocolate, spices, etc.?
3. Gather information on local farmers, ranchers and producers that may be able to provide these foods.

Bring your homework and join us for our next meeting! With best wishes for a year of abundant local food! For further information, contact 707 216-5549 or homesteadingsara@gmail.com

Sara Grusky and Michael Foley, Green Uprising Farm, Willits

John Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

As a voter who has lived in the Third District of Mendocino County for over 50 years I am thrilled to support the candidacy of John Haschak for Third District supervisor. John has been a Willits resident since the age of 11 and a teacher in the Willits schools for the past 28 years. John's very professional experience includes 15 years as president of the Willits Teachers Association. As WTA president, John's responsibilities included attending and reporting on all of the monthly and special Willits school board meetings which he did faithfully for almost two decades. As the teacher representative, John Haschak served as a strong voice for students, teachers, and public education.

John's experience also includes seven years chairing the California Teachers Association Budget Committee, where he was responsible for developing and passing an annual budget of \$185,000,000.

I look forward to John's tenure as supervisor; he is a dedicated and dependable hard worker whose passion and effort show up in his results. John cares about issues and those who are affected by those issues. He is also an incredible listener who will hear concerns and address them.

John wants voters to know that he would not have supported the significant, recent hike in BOS salaries. If elected John will request that his salary raise is commensurate with pay raises for the majority of county employees.

I am impressed that John Haschak's past experience includes service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala. It follows that his role in education is that of a Spanish teacher, currently working with upper elementary Spanish-speakers who are continuing to learn to speak and read English.

As supervisor, John's list of county and district concerns include the following:

1. The creation of sustainable job opportunities while protecting our environment.
2. The building of much-needed infrastructure, especially in our rural areas, including and especially rural broadband internet connections.
3. Proactive measures to prepare Mendocino County for natural disasters.
4. The enactment of common-sense cannabis regulations.

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5. Ensure a balanced, fiscally strong Mendocino County budget.

John Haschak is very concerned about what lies ahead, preferring to work toward shaping the future rather than watching it from the sidelines. Please join me in electing a proactive, hard-working, caring, effective leader for our 2018 Third District supervisor. Vote for Supervisor John Haschak June 5.

Susan Bradley, retired teacher, Laytonville

Open letter to Assemblyman

Jim Wood

To the Editor:

I just listened to a recording of your January 11 meeting with the Inland Democratic Club of Mendocino County, and I feel compelled to refute the many omissions and misstatements in your comments regarding health insurance in general, and SB 562 in particular.

You say repeatedly that you believe in "universal healthcare" which is admirable, but I did not once hear you utter the words "single payer" or "Medicare for all." What this omission tells me is that you believe the future of health insurance in California should be left in the hands of the private for-profit health insurance industry, and that a publicly administered single payer system is off the table.

Your reasoning for this position – basically that Trump will never hand over Medicare, Medicaid, or VA funds to California, making a publicly administered system unaffordable – is hopelessly shortsighted. Those of us who have been in the single payer movement for a long time don't expect that it will happen overnight with the passage of SB 562. What we do expect is for the state of California to have a single payer plan on the desk of the new Democratic president on January 20, 2021. Your artificially imposed short-term deadline is no excuse for selling out a public single payer option in favor of permanently locking in the private for-profit health insurance racket.

I shouldn't even have to say this next part because it's so obvious, but it seems to be completely lost on you and your select committee: The reason a publicly administered single payer health insurance system is so essential to the future of universal healthcare in California is that single payer is the only way to achieve the "cost containment" that you claim to be so concerned about with SB 562.

It's really very simple, administrative costs with single payer are a fraction of the cost of multi-payer private for-profit corporations, which will save billions of dollars. Also, single payer eliminates hundreds of millions in advertising expenses, executive salaries and stockholder profits, money that can then be used to pay out health insurance claims. As long as you continue to support multi-payer private for-profit health insurance, you will be trapped into thinking of cost containment only in terms of cutting benefits; this to me is unconscionable.

Perhaps the reason you discount the actuarial soundness of a public single payer system is because you are relying on the discredited preliminary Senate Appropriations Committee financial report that predicted SB 562 will cost \$400 billion a year, a report which deliberately underestimated the administrative cost savings of a single payer system. An independent study ("Economic Analysis of the Healthy California Single-Payer Health Care Proposal" (SB-562), May 2017) by the Political Economy Research Institute of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, (which your select committee has conspicuously refused to consider), gives a detailed actuarial analysis of SB 562 with hard numbers on how it would work. (I suggest you read it!) That single payer works is confirmed by the fact that every other developed nation on Earth has some form of publicly administered single payer health insurance system; so it is disingenuous of you to argue otherwise.

I've heard you deny that large campaign contributions you receive from the health insurance and pharmaceutical industries have any influence on you, but to be blunt, I think it is condescending of you to expect your constituents to believe that these special interests give you money out of the goodness of their hearts. They want you and your select committee to keep them in their highly lucrative business, and that is exactly what you are doing against the interests of your constituents.

In your recent meeting with the Inland Democratic Club of Mendocino County you made the offhanded remark that Speaker Rendon "is my boss." Wrong Assemblyman Wood, your constituents are your boss, and it's high time you started working for us instead of your high-rolling corporate donors.

Unhappy constituent,

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

Above, from left: Holly Madrigal displays her winnings at the Rotary Club's annual CrabFest. A happy winner displays the "Supreme Willits Weekend" package for which she bid \$400. Naomi and Sarah Strickland take a break from serving up food to pose for the camera. Bonnie Riley hedges her bets.

At left: Enthusiastic participants raise their paddles in the Quarter Auction. Below: Edie Ceccarelli, sitting, wins the Heads and Tails contest, with auctioneer Rachel Britten, on stage, and Linda Buletti and Bruce Burton, at right.

Photos by Mathew Caine

CrabFest 2018

Rotary Club serves up 500 pounds of crab for annual 'senior and senior' fundraiser

Five hundred pounds of crab was almost not enough. Being altruistic must make people hungry. As usual, the people of Willits came together to support an annual fundraising event, the Rotary Club CrabFest. Proceeds from the \$50 all-you-can-eat crab dinner and several auctions at the event will benefit both the Willits High School Scholarship Fund for members of this year's senior class and the Harrah Senior Center.

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This year, it was more difficult than usual for people to come out to help fund these worthy causes, due to economic uncertainty, crab availability uncertainty, and the current flu epidemic, but Willits residents once again showed their generosity and goodwill. Oh ... and they had a lot of fun doing it.

Ann Alumbaugh, organizer of the event, would like to thank the many volunteers and especially the Future Farmers of America high school kids and the Willits High School Leadership Program for their invaluable assistance in making the CrabFest the continuing success that it has become. The kids helped to set up the Community Center, served the various courses, and stayed to put everything away and even mop up at the end. The members of the leadership program receive community service credits.

Alumbaugh noted that the scholarship program serves approximately 10 or so students each year. The recipients are chosen through interviews and the awards are based on several factors. Last year, 10 students received \$1,500 scholarships to aid in furthering their education. According to Alumbaugh, the Rotary Club often keeps in contact with the recipients to see how they are faring. One such recipient did so well after high school and college that he returned the \$1,000, gifting it back to help

continue the program.

As the diners entered the room, they were given the opportunity to purchase the use of numbered paddles to be used in the Quarter Auction where they could "buy in" to have a chance to win items. If they opted in and paid their quarters, they would then raise their paddle. Each chance cost one to four quarters depending on the item. Numbered chips were then pulled from a container, and the person with the corresponding paddle won the gift.

At the next table people could purchase a variety of yummy Kemmy's pies to eat for dessert or to take home. Most pies did not leave the room – the perfect post-crab treat.

The dinner began with bread, salad, baked ziti, and mac and cheese. Though the opening dishes were very fresh and tasty, people tried to save as much room as possible for the tender, steaming mounds of crab which topped off the meal.

After dinner, Golden Rule resident and auctioneer extraordinaire, Rachel Britten, took the microphone to run the auctions. First was the aforementioned Quarter Auction which had the crowd excitedly throwing their quarters into the metallic buckets on each table and thrusting their paddles in the air to win a variety of fun and useful gifts.

Next was the live auction, in which the bidding was hot and heavy for items such as a beautiful redwood picnic table which fetched \$1,000, a picnic basket containing all things Willits and useful for an amazing weekend, which went for \$400, a year's supply (one a month) of Kemmy's pies, a two-bedroom suite in Lake Tahoe, and a septic tank service.

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Below: Bianca Nieto, a recent WHS grad, does back squats. At right: Michael Hollrigel believes: "One must block out their thoughts that keep them stagnant and put in 110 percent all the time to succeed." Far right: Michael Holligrel and Coach Colvig at Squat School.



Photos by Jenny Senter

Just Show Up

CrossFit Wolverine work-out at WHS welcomes all ages and abilities

Like so many people, when December rolled around, I started looking toward the New Year and thinking about resolutions. I was ready to do something serious about getting into better shape. I walk a lot but realized after a recent trip to Scotland, where I did a lot of hill climbing, that I need to add some core strengthening exercises to my work-outs to continue my new-found love of hill-climbing.

I looked around at my options in Willits, and there are plenty of options, I decided to keep it simple and travel the least distance from my home. CrossFit Wolverine, in the fitness center (the old media center) at Willits High School, fit the bill perfectly, but could I do the work-out?

I contacted Michael Colvig, the CrossFit Wolverine coach, to see if I would be in over my head. He assured me that my fears of being the "only one who couldn't" were unfounded. He told me that he would modify my workout and that if I just "kept moving," that I would be fine until the terminology and moves came naturally. I talked my husband into joining me on January 1 for our first work-out. Walking through the door to the fitness center was the hardest part.

Once we crossed the threshold, we felt so welcomed! Coach Colvig and the members were so helpful in getting us started on our journey toward fitness. Colvig stresses that, "Anybody can do CrossFit, because each movement can be scaled down to fit the abilities of the individual."

According to the CrossFit website, the mission of the CrossFit Foundation is "to improve health and fitness through education, research, philanthropy, and advocacy." Colvig adds that CrossFit "is a fitness methodology that focuses on functional movements that are constantly mixed in a variety of ways and intensities."

There is a perception that one has to be "burly" to join CrossFit, to which Colvig replied: "Each session is a mix of individual instruction and group instruction. Due to having so many people who have experience with our program, nearly everyone has pointers as you learn the movements. No, you do not have to be 'burly' to lift weights; I often encourage newcomers to start with the PVC pipe and light weights to learn movements first. Ninety percent of the people doing CrossFit are *not* burly, rather normal people



At top: Jennifer Maples and Kelley Labus do sit-ups on the Glute Ham Developer machine. Above: Stephen James and Michael Holligrel show that they are burly guys. At right: Maureen Scarbery completes the recommended back squats during Squat School. Below: WHS Grad Josue Ramirez does walking lunges as part of the warm-up.



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1967 hit, "Nobody But Me," by The Human Beinz, and encircling the confused girl.

All the employees joined in dancing around her. Community members in street clothes came through the front door and took part in the fun.

During this time, Keena Good, with video cam in hand, moved smoothly around the shop and through the dancing crowd, filming. In the end, the crowd parted to reveal William and Chelsea playing their wildly glittered electric guitars. "Cut! That was the final take," was barely heard in the crowded shop.

A generous lunch was provided after the shoot with the inevitable question about the cupcakes and chocolates on the food table, "Can we eat these?"

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Sunday February 4th

Super Bowl Sunday

3pm-8pm

All Player's Club Member(s) (via Player's Club Booth)
that wear a football jersey will receive \$5.00 in free play
(once per Club Member)

Scratch Card Sunday!

10am-10pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club).
Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be;

\$10 Free Play \$20 Free Play \$50 Free Play
\$75 Free Play \$100 Free Play
\$20 Cash \$50 Cash \$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2am on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account

MONDAY

POINTS

DAYS

3X

POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 3X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!

Wednesday February 14th

Sweet Seats

2pm-5pm (once per hour)

2pm- \$100 free play, 3pm- \$150 free play
4pm- \$200 cash , 5pm- \$300 Cash

Bingo!

THURSDAY

12PM \$100 FREE PLAY
1PM \$125FREE PLAY
2PM \$150 FREE PLAY
3PM \$150 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH)
7PM \$125 IN FREE PLAY
8 PM \$150 IN FREE PLAY
9AM \$175 IN FREE PLAY
10PM \$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P, 2P & 3P bingo games.
-Bingo at 12P for \$100 Free Play, 1P for \$125 Free Play and 3P for \$150 free play for each game winner.

Players Club members must have earned minimally 80 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games. Bingo at 7pm and 8P for \$150 in Free Play, the 9P game \$175 Free Play and \$300 in cash for the 10P game.

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 1P, 2P, 3P, 8P, 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended. If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 3P and 10P there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, the the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 3P game and \$100 free play for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

Saturday February 10th

Winter Warmth

12pm-2pm

3 ticket drawings for a \$300 Clothing gift card to Willits Power

Get your ticket entries starting at 10am

Every 60 points = 1 ticket entry

Drawings at 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAYS

Roosters and OWLS

TWO SESSIONS;
MORNING SESSION: 8A TO 12P
PLAYERS CLUB CUSTOMERS THAT PLAY \$50 WILLRECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY VIA THE PLAYERS CLUB(ONCE PER SESSION)

EVENING SESSION: 6P TO 10P
PLAYERS CLUB CUSTOMERS THAT PLAY \$50 WILL RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY VIA THE PLAYERS CLUB (ONCE PER SESSION)

RANDOM HOURLY HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

9A TO 12P – 2 WINNERS/HOUR
EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$50 CASH
7A TO 10P – 2 WINNERS/HOUR
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$75

50/50 Hot Seats

6pm-10pm (ending before 10pm)
(8 hot seats!)



HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

2x per hour
for \$25 free play & \$25 cash

SUPER SENIOR DAY BINGO

TUESDAYS

11am game \$75 Free Play 12pm game \$100 Free Play
1pm game \$125 Free Play 2pm game \$200 Cash
50 points for bingo card and 50% off meal coupon.

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SATURDAY FUN

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS!

Round #1:
11 AM to 12 PM – 2 random winners per hour
(6 winners total)
Each Winner will win \$50 in Free Play.
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$20 to be eligible for Round #1.

Round #2:
6 PM to 8PM – 3 random winners per hour
(6 total winners)
Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play.
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$30 to be eligible for Round #2.

Round #3:
9 PM to 10 PM – 3 random winners per hour.
Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play.
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$40 to be eligible for Round #3.

Round #4:
10 PM to 11 PM – 3 random winners per hour
Each winner will win \$150 in Free Play.
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$50 to be eligible for Round #4.

All winner(s) must use their promotional "Free Play" by 2AM the night they won, or the Free Play will be removed from their account.
Customers may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.



SATURDAY NIGHT CASH BINGO

75 Point buy in at 6pm **February 24** 100 Point buy in at 9pm

7PM Game - \$150 Cash 10:00PM Game \$250 Cash
8PM Game - \$200 Cash 11:00PM Game \$300 Cash



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COLUMN | Cannabis Diary

Community brainstorm possible cannabis tourist attractions

Cannabis tourism might well rejuvenate Willits' ailing economy and help small farmers stay in business. That was the conclusion of eight panelists and the keynote speaker at the CannaTourism forum Sunday, January 21, at the Willits Little Lake Grange.

Jane Futchner
Contributing Reporter

organizer Annie Waters, referring to cannabis cultivators who lack the financial resources to get county and state licenses as costs soar and the wholesale price of cannabis plummets.

"Willits is suffering, even bleeding from the bypass," said Waters, noting that even a Caltrans employee she knows recently missed the exit for Willits. "How many of you missed the exit today?" A few hands went up.

More than 100 people from Mendocino County, Humboldt and the Bay Area were on hand Sunday to brainstorm ideas for cannabis tourism in the county and beyond. After the speakers, the audience broke into small groups to address tourism issues and ideas, such as creating: cannabis farming and herbal medicine classes; a commercial cannabis kitchen and / or restaurant and cooking school; bud and breakfasts, cannabis Airbnbs, and cannabis farmers' markets.

"A lot of my friends in Willits have closed their stores," Waters lamented, urging the audience to share creative and attractive cannabis tourism ideas.

Keynote speaker Brian Applegarth of Emerald Country Tours and the new California Cannabis Tourism Association, is already running cannabis tours in Sonoma County. He presented impressive statistics on the hundreds of millions of tourist dollars pouring into the Bay Area every year. He urged a region-wide Northern California "Cannabis Trail" approach to tourism from Santa Cruz to Arcata, emphasizing the region's "unique Bohemia" heritage and culture.

"I can see the magic of Mendocino," Applegarth said. "Sonoma gets more tourism than Mendocino. How do we get people up here?" His tours highlight Northern California – he's only conducted 12 so far – focusing on Sonoma's cannabis heritage, including the back-to-the-land movement, arts and crafts, and the spiritual dimensions of cannabis.

"At this stage, I'm here to support Mendocino County," Applegarth said.

The diverse panelists who proceeded Applegarth offered dreams of their own. Richard Jergensen of Willits has collected more than 1,000 pieces of cannabis memorabilia that tell the history of cannabis in Mendocino County. He thinks a cannabis history and education museum and multifaceted event center and hotel or camping site in Willits would be a tourist magnet.

Amanda Reiman, a cannabis policy expert and vice president of Flow Kana in Redwood Valley, underscored the importance of creating the right type of tourism atmosphere, particularly if cannabis consumption is involved. "If someone gets too stoned, it is not a good experience," Reiman said. "People are coming for vacation. You want them to come back and tell their friends. You can't undo a bad experience. We're starting at a whole new level of education. Take it seriously. Further the cause of reforming marijuana prohibition. Turn the stigma around."

Reiman said during a break that farmers who grow a few plants for personal consumption but don't have permits can invite cannabis tours to visit their farms. They are allowed to give away, but not to sell, up to an ounce of their own cannabis. They could offer cannabis medicine classes to tourists or teach tourists to make cannabis-infused organic meals during their visits and would not need a cultivation or tourism permit.

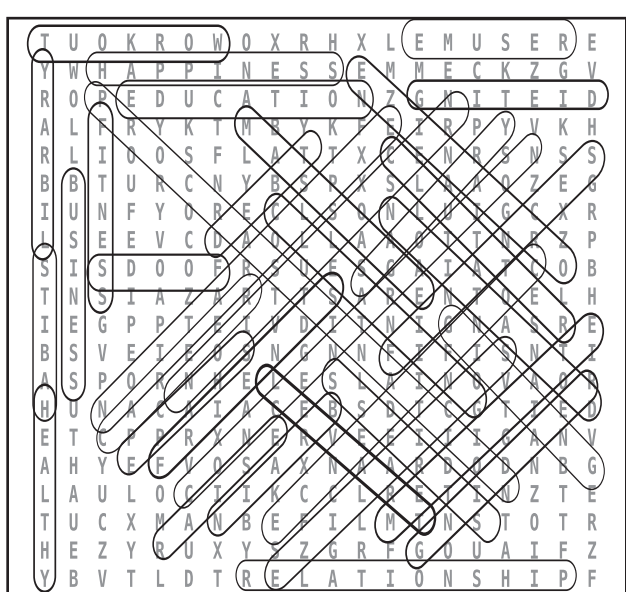



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Cannabis tour operators, Reiman said, would need state tourism licenses and permits, but would not need a cannabis business or cultivation permit because they themselves would not be directly handling, selling, distributing or dispensing cannabis.

Local appellations and Mendocino County terroirs will also pique interest and draw visitors, said Genine Coleman of the Mendocino Appellations Project. Senate Bill 94, she pointed out, requires that the Department of Food and Agriculture designate the county of origin of permitted cannabis and allows licensed cultivators to establish appellations. She said tourists are intrigued by appellations and terroirs such as Champagne and Roquefort in France. But drawing tourists is challenging and takes time. "We need strategic partnerships helping develop agricultural tourism," Coleman said.

Brooke Horowitz of the Emerald Exchange sees permitted farmers markets as a great way to lure travelers and cannabis lovers, allowing them to meet local farmers and participate in "lifestyle" events that might include yoga, health and wellness classes, and an introduction to the healing benefits of the cannabis plant.

Karen Byars of Mendocino Cannabis Resource provided some permitting information, stating that cannabis farmers markets and event organizers need event permits from the state for every event they put on. Applicants must apply 60 days in advance and host the event at a state-approved facility – a fairgrounds or an approved agricultural association site. Several panelists said that the state needs to expand the venue options for cannabis events, making more venues available.

Humboldt Cannabis Tour founder Matt Kurth, 33, a former river guide, said he doesn't think small cannabis farmers with half-acre farms can survive financially without tourism because of falling prices and the expenses of permitting. "Farmers who can't make it," he said, "can move into tourism. They would be the perfect guides. I'd hire them."

The always-entertaining Swami Chaitanya of Swami Select brand out of Laytonville said many local residents don't realize that Mendocino County is known all over the world for its cannabis. He said he was traveling in Goa, in Asia, some years ago when he met a traveler who said, "I know Laytonville. I used to trim there."

"We have to turn trimmers into tourists," said Swami, who agreed that former cultivators are "perfect docents" to lead tours.

Nikki Lastreto of Swami Select underscored the attractiveness of Mendocino County to new as well as experienced cannabis users and tourists. "People are jonesin' to come up here," she said. "It's a wonderful weekend trip."

"We don't give up, and we don't stop," Lastreto said. "And we just keep going."

Participants appeared upbeat and energized by the event, but when Waters asked for a volunteer to organize a follow-up meeting on cannatourism in Mendocino County, she had no takers.

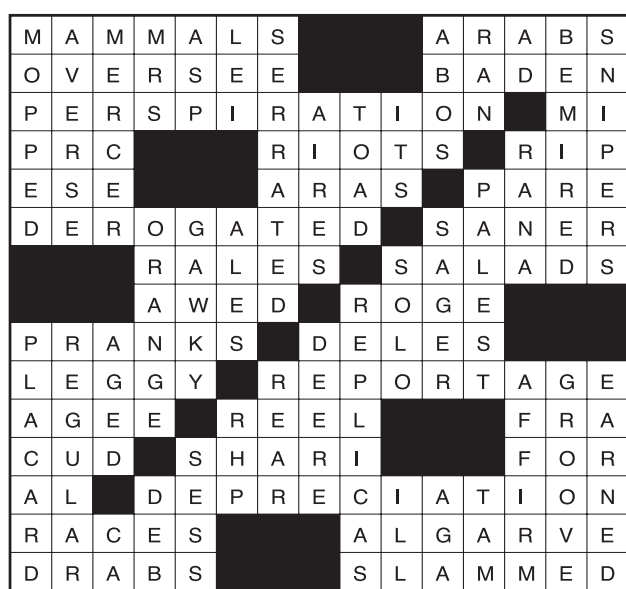
Jane Futchner hosts "The Cannabis Hour" every other Thursday at 9 am, on KZYX/Mendocino County Public Broadcasting. Brian Applegarth will be her guest on Thursday, January 25. Futchner is the author of five books, including "Women Gone Wild," a memoir about moving to Mendocino County.



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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2017-F0729

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The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 1, 2007.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on October 5, 2017.

s/Erica W. Bruce
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Piper the Terrier

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Handsome Morty

Morty is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog. He knows "Sit" and "Shake," and we'd guess he's got a few more tricks up his sleeve. He loved playing catch and keep away with a tennis ball. Mortis is a great size, and he is a very handsome dog with stunning markings (especially his 16 white toes!) Morty was playful with a female dog he met, and barky with a male dog, who then did not want to play with him! If considering this nice dog for adoption, make sure you have plenty of time in your schedule for playing and having a good time!

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Wrestling | Dominic Bertolino, 16, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: Two years at Willits High and three years at Baechtel Grove

Weight Class: 138-pound

Breakfast of Champions: Cereal

Pro tip: "I just try and grab whatever post I can!"

Traditions: "'I don't have any traditions, but my dad also wrestled in high school and I really liked the sport."

Dominic has a positive, tenacious, never-quit attitude. He went 4-1 in the tournament this last weekend and is on his way to metaling in the North Coast Classic.

– submitted by Coach Brian Bowles

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Wrestling | Nicole Karkar, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: Since 6th grade

Weight Class: 142-pound

Breakfast of Champions: Bagel and cream cheese

Traditions: "'I always eat Craisins at every meet!"

Family: "My sister, Dana, also used to wrestle at Willits High School."

Nicole went undefeated in girls tournament, pinning all of her opponents. She is the team captain for both boys and girls because of her excellent leadership skills.

– submitted by Coach Brian Bowles

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9, sending work crews home for a week. AshBritt lifted the bid protest in Napa, Lake and Mendocino counties on January 12, and subcontractors ECC and Ceres were back at work on January 14.

McFadden said currently the Army Corps is anticipating debris removal will be completed in March.

Contacted by telephone on January 22, Lee Howard, Mendocino County manager for the North Coast Builders Exchange, said the recent shutdown of the federal government had not affected work on the cleanup.

"They are going great guns," Howard said. "This past weekend they cleared 20 sites."

Mendocino County Planner Mike Oliphant detailed all the various permits and plans required as part of the building permit process. Oliphant said people seeking a building permit need to submit an application, a plot plan of their property, a floor plan of their new house, a framing plan, a foundation plan, an elevation plan showing a side view of the planned construction, a statement showing the new project has met the requirements of the "wildland urban interface" protocols, two copies of engineering specifications, a project approval from CalFire, project approval from the Redwood Valley Fire District, two copies of Title 24 energy documents, and plans for sprinkler installation prepared by a C16 state-licensed contractor.

Asked why the county is requiring payment for all these plans and permits, Oliphant reminded the audience that supervisors have directed that payment can be deferred until the building permit application has received final approval.

Department of Planning and Building Services Interim Director Nash Gonzalez said the insurance plans of many property owners cover rebuilding, and permit costs are covered in most rebuilding insurance policies.

Gonzalez also explained why the county decided to make homeowners pay for all of these various permits. "For the county to waive [payment] means the county would be showing the federal government it has money it doesn't have and means the county would be waiving the opportunity to recoup any federal funds that might be available for this disaster."

University of California Cooperative Extension Forest Advisor Greg Giusti said the fire, which burned 36,000 acres in central Mendocino County, was devastating for trees, estimating some 3.6 million trees would be affected by the flames.

Many were burned up, he said. Many more were killed although they remain standing; and even more appear to have survived the fire but will die over the next few years, due to insects or opportunistic tree diseases.

Many of these trees, he said, should now be considered hazard trees and will have to be removed. Asked later in the meeting if "partially burned firs or pines" were a fire danger and if they must be cut down, Giusti said there is no law that requires property owners to cut down dead or dying trees; the decision to remove the trees is up to the individual. "That's your decision. It would be your choice alone," Giusti said.

He also reminded residents there is a time frame in which to take action. "If the tree is dead, you have a year or 18 months, but the wood is going to get weaker and it will fall eventually," he said.

Mendocino County Recovery Director Tammy Moss Chandler noted the county will provide an arborist to advise property owners on whether a tree needs to be taken down or not.

A question-and-answer period followed the presentation. Someone asked: "What are we supposed to do with debris left on our property after the Army Corps and its subcontractors" have completed their work?

"It will be up to the property owners to clean that up," said Chandler. "If you have insurance that covers debris cleanup, use that. We can work with you on that."

Another citizen asked about the need for a geotechnical evaluation of the foundation area of a former homeste after the foundation had been removed and the soil scraped. The questioner asked: "Why did the county change the rules concerning the requirements on footings and the necessity of having a geotechnical engineer in order to build in an existing footprint?"

"We do not require a geotechnical engineer's report to build in an existing footprint," Oliphant replied. "Only if the Army Corps has removed your foundation and disturbed that existing area to a depth greater than 12 inches are we going to require a compaction and soils analysis test by a civil, structural or a geotechnical engineer. That's not changing the rules. That's been in the California Building Code for many decades."

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2016 by the Mendocino County Planning Commission, while it was reviewing the then-proposed cultivation ordinance. While supervisors agreed in principle with the commission, they never discussed in detail how the overlay zones would work.

County CEO Carmel Angelo announced in March 2017 that she was beginning work on a request for proposals for a consultant to craft the overlay amendments. Michael Baker International was awarded the \$143,000 contract for the work in October 2017.

County staff and the board of supervisors have been working on drafting and refining the cultivation ordinance, and other ordinances dealing with other aspects of the medical cannabis industry, almost without stint since April 2016.

Junker said he anticipates coming back to supervisors with an outline of his proposed recommendations by March 1. He and his team will then create a final draft of the ordinance amendments and bring these to the board of supervisors "within two to three months" of March 1 – which would mean roughly June 1.

Following that, the ordinance amendment would go to the county planning commission for its review, a process that could take a month or two. After planners review the proposed changes and make recommendations, the amendments would return to the board of supervisors. That means the final ordinance overlay zone amendments, and a model for addressing exceptions to the ordinance, would come back to supervisors by the middle of August.

Junker put special emphasis on the first step of the process, the one he said should be happening in about six weeks. At that point, Junker said, he would be bringing "an annotated outline" back to supervisors.

Asked what he meant by "annotated outline," Junker said: "You would have the big pieces, and we would give you the steps on how you get to that. It would give you an opportunity to say, 'Yes, that's the right approach,' or, 'No, that's not it.'"

One of the options Junker will be considering is whether communities who wish to opt in or opt out would vote on the question. At another point, board Chairman Dan Hamburg asked Junker whether he was aware of any other cities or counties in the United States that have done what Mendocino County is attempting to do with these overlay rules. Junker said he wasn't aware of any other jurisdiction that has done this.

Junker told the supervisors that he was daunted by the request by the board of supervisors and by the non-cannabis growing community that Michael Baker International also work on the "opt-out" side of the ordinance additions. This request, Junker told supervisors, was not included in the scope of work that was part of the request for proposals. Nevertheless, he said his firm wants to address the opt-out question.

"We understand the need," he added. "We're already working with a group. We must be a little bit further down the road before we know whether we can do it. My commitment is to get there."

Later in the meeting, he refined his comments, noting that adding the opt-out portion of the work might mean an adjustment to the contract.

"We think we have the budget to do this but, ultimately, we have to get a little bit further down the road before we know. We may have to come back to the board with a request that we expand the scope of work," he said.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen pointed out that Junker and his firm should be able to complete the work under the provisions of the existing contract because decisions made by supervisors during the Tuesday discussion would likely free up money for the opt-out work. For example, the original RFP said the consultant would have to have more than a dozen town-hall style meetings throughout the county. Those were deleted, and several community-centric meetings – meetings held in the communities that will be directly affected by the opt-out or opt-in language – were written in instead.

Some \$32,400 was also reserved for making the overlay additions consistent with the county's position that the entire cultivation ordinance does not pose a threat to the county's environment.

McCowen told Junker that the board had agreed the opt-in aspect of the overlay zones would only legitimize cannabis cultivation for existing growers, who are growing at the existing level of 2,500 square feet.

Junker seemed relieved by this decision, and told supervisors: "You just made my job a lot easier with that last direction."

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of Methamphetamine).

6:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Alder Court.

9:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

January 18

8:36 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of Poplar Avenue.

8:45 am: Officers responded to a report of rape in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

8:59 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Williams Street.

2:44 pm: BOYCE, William Andrew (36) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Central Street and Barbara Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 490.5 PC (Shoplifting), 21510 (B) PC (Possession of a Switchblade), on felony charges of receiving stolen property, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting a peace officer, and petty theft.

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

11:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Manor Way.

January 19

8:30 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of South Main Street.

8:55 am: MARSHALL, William Neil (38) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of burglary.

10:13 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 21000 block of Eva Claire Street.

10:44 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

January 20

10:38 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

1:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

5:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

6:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street.

9:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of South Main Street.

January 21

6:43 am: Officers responded to a report of rape in the 2600 block of Mitomka Way.

8:31 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

12:52 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of School Street and Wood Street.

5:13 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue.

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The 38-year-old north county man then reportedly applied for permit paperwork from Mozambique, South Africa and the United States to import the leopard skin and skull into the United States, each document falsely stating the leopard had been killed in Mozambique.

In April 2013, Lawrence brought the leopard parts into the United States based on those false statements.

Lawrence has been charged with one count of importing wildlife contrary to law, and one count of mislabeling wildlife intended for importation, and was scheduled to appear in federal court in Oakland on January 18.

If convicted, Lawrence could face up to 25 years in prison, and a fine of \$500,000.

The prosecution is the result of a three-year investigation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement.

This report was based on a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of California.



Photos by Jenny Senter

Willits residents part of Ukiah Women's March

If the signs were an indication, the second Ukiah Women's March on January 20, 2018 in downtown Ukiah, meant different things to many of the women there. Some were protesting the issues that women have been battling for over 100 years (if not forever), but many people took to the streets to protest the Republican Party's policies. The large group of women, men and children, marched from Alex Thomas Plaza, went to the courthouse where speakers were able to share their concerns, and then ended back at Alex Thomas Plaza.



At top: Alex Harter, back, Pat Yoxall, Marisela de Santa Anna, Thayer Craig, Jeanene Abbott, Cindy Morninglight and Mary Delaney from Willits met at Alex Thomas Plaza to march together. Above, left: Willits High School teacher Carolyn Bakewell, center, ran into two of her students, Alyssa Fraser and Jada Smith, at the march. Above, right: Willits residents Rebecca Daun-Widner and Charlie Widner came out to support all women's rights.



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Happy 110th Birthday, Edie!

Willits' beloved and beautiful Edie Ceccarelli is about to become a "super-centenarian" – she's turning 110 years old on Monday, February 5, 2018. When Edie turned 100 years old, she planned a birthday celebration at the Senior Center and invited the whole community. Everyone is invited to celebrate this year, too, with birthday cupcakes and a no-host lunch at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. The Senior Center serves lunch from 11:45 am to 1 pm; 459-6826. Tickets are \$6.50 for those 55 and older; and \$8 for those under 55.

Those who'd like to send Edie a birthday card for the occasion – she loves to receive mail and her favorite color card is pink – are encouraged to send cards to Edie Ceccarelli, care of Holy Spirit Residential Care Home, 414 Grove Street, Willits CA 95490.

According to Boston University's New England Centenarian Study, which Edie has been a part of for the last few years, "super-centenarians" – those 110 years of age or older – are rare, occurring at a rate of about 1 per 5 million people. In 2010, the study reported, there were about 60 to 70 supercentenarians in the U.S. As of 2017, the international study enrolled its 150th supercentenarian, "thus constituting by far and away the largest sample of such subjects in the world."

What has the study discovered? First, exceptional longevity "runs strongly in families," although lifestyle choices are key. Few centenarians are obese or have histories of smoking, and preliminary study suggests they are better able to handle stress than other people.

A study of Seventh-day Adventists, the group of Americans with "perhaps" the longest average life expectancy in the U.S., shows the main attributes this group has in common are "very good lifestyle choices," that is, "they tend to be vegetarian, they don't smoke, they regularly exercise, and they spend a lot of time with their families and with their religion."

Edie herself gave her parents, Augustino and Maria Recagno, immigrants from Italy around the turn of the century, credit for her genes for good health and longevity, and also for giving herself and her six siblings a very happy childhood with a true appreciation "for the blessings of life."

Surely Edie's daily walk for many years – and her well-known love of dancing – has also kept her happy and healthy over the years.

"The family walked everywhere," said Edie's friend Evelyn Persico. "Her father never owned a car. They grew their own food, and did hard physical work. It was a different life back then."

– Jennifer Poole



Edie Ceccarelli of Willits at home at the Holy Spirit Residential Care Home on January 12.

Photo by Jennifer Poole

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movement of people that want peace and equality for all. Each day we need to stand and fight for the rights of the oppressed, regardless of race, gender, or origin of birth."

The general feeling was of empowerment, with many attendees vowing to be more proactive in government to effect a change.



Above: Tanya and Ivan Ramming prepare to show their support for not only women but for immigrants.

At left: Willits Vice Mayor Saprina Rodriguez at Saturday's march in Ukiah.

Photos by Jenny Senter

WHS STANDINGS BOX

North Central I League Varsity Boys Basketball Standings as of January 23, 2018			North Central I League Varsity Girls Basketball Standings as of January 23, 2018		
Team	Overall	League	Team	Overall	League
Kelseyville	7-0	16-3	Cloverdale	7-0	14-4
Middletown	5-2	12-6	Clear Lake	6-1	15-3
Cloverdale	5-2	13-5	Kelseyville	5-2	14-5
Clear Lake	5-2	11-8	Fort Bragg	3-4	9-10
Lower Lake	2-4	6-12	Lower Lake	3-4	12-6
St. Helena	2-5	9-10	Middletown	2-5	9-10
Fort Bragg	1-5	4-14	Willits	2-5	7-10
Willits	0-7	1-14	St. Helena	0-7	2-16

WHS Varsity Boys 2018 Basketball Roster

5 Drake Wisdom, shooting guard, Sophomore

10 Sam Heller, center, Junior

11 Matt Colvig, power forward, Junior

12 Nathan Maples, center, Junior

13 Trent Pflingsten, shooting guard, Junior

20 Jacob Arms, power forward, Sophomore

21 Darrell Buzzard, shooting guard, Junior

23 Josh Betts, point guard, Senior

24 Justin Bays, point guard, Senior

32 Lance Burgess, center, Senior

33 Aaron Colvig, shooting guard, Sophomore

40 Pablo Avalos, shooting guard, Sophomore

50 Justin Amador, shooting guard, Senior

Head Coach: Mark Westerburg

WHS Varsity Girls 2018 Basketball Roster

2 Morgan Riley, point guard, Senior

4 Heidi Herold, guard, Junior

5 Madison Forrester, forward, Sophomore

10 Eden Hincker Tye, guard, Junior

20 Kiley Butler, forward, Junior

22 Stephanie Webb, forward, Senior

23 Araceli Arellano, post, Junior

24 Jessica Buzzard, post, Sophomore

Head Coach: Paul Riley

Overall record as of January 23, 2018:
1-14 overall, 0-7 league

Latest Scores:

January 23:
Kelseyville 63
Willits 24

January 19:
Willits 33
Middletown 68

January 16:
Cloverdale 65
Willits 41

Next Home Game:
January 26 vs. Fort Bragg at 7:30 pm

Overall record as of January 23, 2018:
7-10 overall, 2-5 league

Latest Scores:

January 23:
Kelseyville 75
Willits 40

January 19:
Willits 38
Middletown 44

January 16:
Cloverdale 52
Willits 25

Next Home Game:
February 2 vs. St. Helena at 7:30 pm

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eighth-graders who will each be a welcoming face on campus when school starts.

This orientation was the main function of the WEB program when it was started 11 years ago, but under the direction of BGMS teacher Liesl Hendrix for the past nine years, the club has expanded to include year-round activities and support.

“We now offer year-round academic support, social events and tutoring assistance,” explained Hendrix. “These last nine years the program has really come into full swing, and we’re providing lots of fun all year for our students.”

Activities span from academic, in-class lessons on social aspects, like how to study, how to be creative, and how to work as a group, to tutoring in math, science or other classes, and to social activities like field days, structured play, and gatherings to catch up with each other, check in to see how the students are doing, and see if there are any specific needs.

“Are the kids being bullied?, does someone need help with math homework all of a sudden?, is there something we can be doing to help?” said Hendrix. “The socials give the WEB leaders a chance to really check in with the younger students in a group setting.”

Last Friday, the WEB Club had just one such social gathering where the leaders provided hot cocoa and marshmallows, and a choice of cookie to the herd of sixth-grade students who attended the event.

“WEB leaders, Spread Out!” Hendrix instructed, giant cocoa packet in one hand and a cubic yard of wooden stirrers in the other as the sixth-graders filed in to the room Friday afternoon.

WEB leaders, all in their matching green and yellow shirts, sprinkled themselves among the benches and tables that lined the walls of the BGMS cafeteria. Conversations were a mix of real-life issues and defining life choices, talking about their days and classes, and whether or not the obvious cookie of choice was chocolate chip or peanut butter.

Leaders also gathered at the social to pose with a check the club received from the Willits Police Department in the amount of \$2,500. BGMS’ art class, under the guidance of teacher Laurie Burghardt, created a giant presentation-sized check for the photo op.

“We’re so grateful to the Willits Police Department for donating the WEB Club this money,” said Hendrix. “The funds will go to help buy supplies our program needs to put on these events and run these projects.”

To learn more about the WEB club, contact Hendrix at 459-2417.



At top, left: Caltrans crews work on removing trees and cleaning up debris on Sunday morning.

At top, right: Small branches high in the air were removed with help from a bucket lift.

Above: The stumps will remain in place until work on the sidewalks starts in late spring.

At right: Dropping a tree in front of Mazahar.

Photos by Mathew Caine



of trees slated to be cut and chipped was reduced to 13.

“The decision about which trees were necessary to remove,” Mayor Madge Strong told Willits Weekly, was made in consultation between Caltrans, Moore and Watts. “Our heartfelt thanks to Dave for his consultation,” Strong said.

“Every effort was made to identify trees that really were necessary to remove due to, in many cases, disease and potential hazard,” she continued, “so I’m confident that we’re doing everything we can to minimize loss of trees. One of the problems with the existing trees was that the species that was planted was vulnerable due to their sidewalk locations.” All the trees will eventually be replaced with trees that are more appropriate for the sidewalk growing conditions, Strong said.

Caltrans Public Information Officer Cori Reed said the tree crews – all in-house Caltrans workers – said the work went smoothly, with no traffic problems. The work was scheduled for Sunday mornings “to minimize disruption to businesses and motorists,” a Caltrans press release stated. “Residents will notice tree stumps remaining for a period of time until the actual work on the sidewalk begins.”



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