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Third District Supervisor John Haschak was on hand to give the board information about progress on emergency access work on the Firco Road up to Poppy, the Willits Creek Trail road, and the

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The plan will allow cannabis cultivation plots of between 1 acre and 10 acres, with multi-use facilities, so that several aspects of the cannabis industry would be allowed under one permit, as well as on-site employee housing.

While initially the plan would have restricted the issuance of cannabis enterprise zone permits only

Laytonville man arrested for attacking grandmother

A 28-year-old Laytonville man turned himself in to sheriff's deputies after allegedly assaulting his 82-year-old grandmother.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office had issued an arrest-on-sight order for Vance Langenderfer following the August 19 incident at his grandmother's home in the 32000 block of Sherwood Road in Laytonville, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

Deputies were called to the residence just before 4 pm by the woman, who reported Langenderfer had barged into her home yelling and screaming, pushed her – causing her to fall and strike her head on the floor – and smashed

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Above, from left: Training day at Little Lake Fire Department had the substation's lot filled with fire engines and official vehicles. The Hurst E-Draulic Spreader, a battery-operated rescue tool available to firefighters. Several groups of firefighters gathered at the substation to learn about techniques and use of tools during the training day. Below: Firefighters Abe Lozoff, Harry So and Alyssa Alvarez hold raffle items that will be given away during the Little Lake Firefighters Association fundraiser.

*Photos by
Maureen Moore*



Little Lake Fire Department to hold 93rd annual Open House on Saturday, September 7 at Baechtel Road substation

Come see the temporary headquarters for the Little Lake Fire Department (while they await the building of the new firehouse!) at the Baechtel Road substation during their September 7 Open House event.

Maureen Moore The firefighters and office staff
Graphics & Photographress have made the substation their
maureen@willitsweekly.com home for now, but that won't delay
the 93rd annual event to help raise
funds for equipment, new gear, general maintenance on
the engines, and more.

"We're approaching the 10-year mark on lots of the

engines," said Harry So, secretary for the Little Lake Firefighters Association. "That's when things start to malfunction, and we need to make sure to keep on top of the maintenance."

The Firefighters Association hosts the event, which will run from 5 to 9 pm at 1575 Baechtel Road. The public is welcome to drop in and see the space, take a ride on the antique Muster truck, meet the firefighters, enjoy a hot dog and drink, and enter into the raffle.

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Above, left: Members of the Little Lake Fire Department gather for a photo. Above, right: The Hurst E-Draulic spreader is used to pick up an egg from atop a cone to help the firefighters train on delicate use of the machinery. Below, from left: Training Chief Eric Alvarez, left, talks with Michael Wilder about the hydrologically operated Hurst spreader, attached to the engine. Stacking Solo cups was another test with the Hurst E-Draulic spreader. Raffle items available to win during the Open House include a chainsaw, fishing pole, drill, and gift certificates to local businesses. At bottom: Members of the Brooktrails, Ridgewood and Little Lake Fire departments, who gathered together for a training day, smile for a group photo.



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The Willits City Council heard a presentation on August 14 on a new proposed cannabis project in town which would include a 50,000-square-foot hemp extraction facility, and also “the world’s largest aquaponic cannabis park,” according to Warren Bravo, CEO of AquaMed Global.

Bravo explained in his remarks and an accompanying letter to the council that the company plans to use sustainable

County to explore tax measures for fire, ambulance

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Supervisors on Tuesday directed the county counsel's office and other county staff to work with members of the board's Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Department and EMS Sustainability to further explore and refine concepts in support of two ballot measures to be submitted to the public at some future election.

One ballot measure would ask voters to impose a sales tax on themselves, with the funds

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After labyrinthine negotiations, followed by a proposal that was turned down on a narrow vote, the board of supervisors voted unanimously to direct staff to return to the drawing board and come up with a cheaper, simpler way to create a cannabis business tax appeals board.

The winning suggestion came from county CEO Carmel Angelo, who after an hour-long discussion among board members – during which the supervisors vainly tried to find a formula

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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

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methods to produce “the cleanest cannabis plant on the market, what we call ‘beyond organic,’ which in turn is used to produce the cleanest CBD oil in the North American market.

“Our goal is to develop a 6-acre parcel of land into a world-leading cannabis business park,” said Bravo.

He described the aquaponics method of cultivation as “the most sustainable form of agriculture, using 90 percent less water than a traditional soil or hydroponic grow with no need for chemicals or pesticides because it is a closed-loop system of water, fish and plants.”

“It’s a symbiotic relationship between water, plants and fish,” said Bravo. “And this is really important because of its efficient use of water. And we all know water is going to be a scarce resource over the next few decades, and anyone not adopting sustainable methodology in agriculture is going to be a dinosaur, and extinct soon.”

He added that the fish used in the system would eventually be donated to local food banks and homeless shelters.

Bravo is the founder of Green Relief, Inc, a Canada-based company that was the 28th approved licensed cannabis producer in Canada. He said Green Relief is “the only commercial cannabis producer using aquaponics in the world,” a method it’s been using since 2013.

Initially, Bravo said, Aquamed Global’s plan was to focus first on the aquaponic cultivation facilities in Willits, but they found a strong market demand for CBD oils extracted from hemp, “and an even higher demand for oil producers that can achieve our levels of purity,” which he said can reach as high as 95 percent.

The timeline Bravo laid out during the council meeting plans for a 50,000-square-foot hemp extraction facility to be built this year, followed by four 30,000-square-foot aquaponic cultivation facilities, with two completed by 2021 and two by 2023.

City of Willits Development Director Dusty Duley brought the business proposal before the council since hemp is not specifically identified in the Willits city cannabis ordinance.

In researching the matter, Duley said he and staff believed hemp was something they could permit through the cannabis ordinance since it is a similar business type, but felt it should be presented to the council.

He noted in his agenda summary report that hemp is technically a form of cannabis, though it contains less than 0.3 percent THC. He also pointed out that in December of 2018 the Hemp Farming Act removed hemp from the “Schedule I Controlled Substances” list and recategorized it as an ordinary agricultural commodity.

“The [city’s] zoning code does allow the opportunity when a use is not classified in our zoning code to determine what use group it most closely represents,” said Duley. “And then to fit it into that category and move forward with the permitting process otherwise. So, there could be an opportunity to fit this type of development within our cannabis ordinance and run it through that permit process.... [It] isn’t uncommon that you would go through an exercise like this.”

City Attorney Jim Lance agreed with Duley’s assessment, and no one on the council or staff stated an objection to that interpretation, meaning AquaMed should be able to continue with the application process.

The only concern unique to hemp that Duley and Bravo both spoke about was the potential for accidental cross-pollination between the hemp plants and other cannabis plants in the area. This could potentially ruin entire crops for local farmers, which is why the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recently extended a moratorium on growing hemp in the county.

However, Bravo assured the

council “There is zero chance the hemp coming to our extraction facility will cross-pollinate cannabis [non-hemp] crops in and around Willits.”

He said all the hemp AquaMed will use will come from growers outside of Mendocino County. In addition, hemp suppliers will dry the product, seal it in plastic, and seal it in barrels before delivering it. The seals won’t be broken until the hemp is in the lab, which is outfitted with a pharmaceutical-grade filtration system.

The hemp will then be sanitized in an “alcohol filtration and reclamation system.” Lab technicians will be required to go through a multi-step decontamination process before entering or leaving the lab.

All the AquaMed facilities would be located on a 9-acre property on the north side of Baechtel Road east of Baechtel Creek, according to Duley.

The property is zoned heavy industrial and currently owned by a sister company of VRX Labs, said VRX CEO Charles Vethan, who also spoke at the meeting.

VRX is a company with offices in Willits and Long Beach, according to its website, and Vethan spoke of plans to create a \$2.5 million cannabis testing lab in Willits soon. He said VRX was happy to have AquaMed as a “strategic partner” because of their track record and innovative techniques.

Bravo said the AquaMed team is planning to buy a couple acres of the property initially, and lease the rest of the land they need.

He highlighted some of the positive economic impact he expected the project would eventually bring to Willits, including more than 150 jobs paying an average annual salary of \$67,200, and \$85 million in investment money.

He also stated that “myself and the other shareholders have a mandate to use all local contractors for the construction of the [facilities]. Hiring local maintenance technicians to service all of our mechanical systems on an ongoing basis will be implemented immediately post-construction.”

The company plans to only produce and sell medicinal cannabis products and not to pursue the adult-use recreational market, Bravo told the council.

“Currently our proposed use of the extraction facility is to bring high-quality constituent CBD- and THC-based nutraceuticals to the sixth largest economy in the world – California. And then the rest of the country when the laws permit,” he said.

When asked by Councilmember Madge Strong how big the market was for CBD extracted from hemp, Bravo replied it was “massive.”

“If you equate the CBD market to an ocean, the water’s just kind of swelling now, the wave hasn’t even started yet,” he said. “So we want to get in here early, we want to make this big – and this is going to be something that North America hasn’t seen.”

He described his team as “a group of seasoned business professionals with major experience in construction, legal, accounting, cannabis oil production, and cannabis cultivation using aquaponics as our growing methodology.”

Councilmember Greta Kanne asked about a statement in Bravo’s letter that said AquaMed’s plans would be “culminating in the construction of a retail location towards the front of the property.”

Bravo responded that retail was “very, very low priority, if at all” in AquaMed’s plans, but the company wanted to keep its business options open for the future.

“We will set a standard for hemp production in this state,” said Bravo. “You will be proud that we are the good corporate citizens we are and to have us here. Because you’ll be able to showcase the way things should be done, bringing our methodologies and our policies from the Canadian legal marketplace to California.”

going to support the county’s ambulance providers.

The other proposed ballot measure would extend the transient occupancy tax to private campgrounds. Funds from that tax would be earmarked to support the county’s rural fire districts.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Fire and EMS Sustainability consists of supervisors John McCowen and Ted Williams. Before becoming Fifth District supervisor, Williams was chief of the Albion-Little River Fire Protection District.

In discussing the sales tax measure to support ambulance service, Williams pointed out that the general situation with regard to ambulance service in the county remains fluid, with many variables.

Williams noted that Adventist Health is considering purchasing the Mendocino Coast District Hospital in Fort Bragg, while Coastal Valleys EMS – the “local emergency medical services agency” for Mendocino County – has proposed increasing its contract rate with Mendocino County by 400 percent. And, he added, the City of Ukiah has withdrawn from the “exclusive operating area” being proposed for most of Mendocino County.

An August 16 letter from the City of Ukiah to the County of Mendocino confirmed the city has withdrawn from the proposed EOA.

“Please note, this direction does not preclude consideration of a collaborative option with the county if agreement can be reached under an alternate approach,” the letter states.

“We don’t have a crisis tomorrow, we [had] a crisis five years ago,” Williams said. “We’ve watched this EOA process unfold for the past six or seven years, and now we are back to where we started, only we are probably in worse shape.”

Williams explained to Willits Weekly what effect the departure of the City of Ukiah will have on the proposed EOA.

“I don’t think it’s viable,” he said. “Without the City of Ukiah, and the resources they bring, I don’t see how an EOA can pencil out.”

McCowen reminded board members the county had sent out a request for proposals to operate an exclusive operating area for ambulance service, and that process is still moving forward.

“The EOA RPF is ongoing,” McCowen said. “That process is continuing. Questions have been raised about it. We’ll all know more in the future.”

David Roderick, a board member of the Hopland Fire Protection District, said he and his board supported measures by the board of supervisors to beef up support for both ambulance and fire protection. Roderick believes a collapse of the county’s fire-EMS system may be around the corner but not happened yet.

“As Supervisor Williams indicated, this is not [something that is] going to happen: We are in collapse right now,” Roderick said. “And being that the fire departments’ primary job – 70 percent of it, anyway – is EMS, that system is in collapse right now.

“Right now, my district is out of money,” Roderick noted. “The county is paying our bills until

December. It’s not because we are not careful with our money, it’s because we are underfunded for the job we are asked to do. And we need your help, today.”

A key area of inquiry, which the county counsel’s office and other county staff will work with the ad hoc committee to clarify is: how much should the tax be? Several times the figure of three-eighths of 1 cent per dollar spent was mentioned. However, McCowen and Williams were unwilling to recommend that figure, and instead suggested it was a figure that should be explored.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said people in Willits were concerned about a tax of three-eighths of 1 cent, because the state has imposed a cap of 2 cents per dollar on what cities can impose on their residents. Willits residents, he said, are already paying a local tax add-on of 1.25 cents per dollar, and the addition of another three-eighths of a cent would restrict the ability of Willits to propose any additional taxes on its residents.

Taxes for fire

After unanimously approving to direct county staff to continue to explore and refine a sales tax measure, supervisors discussed a proposal to further explore expanding the transient occupancy tax to include private campgrounds.

Williams suggested that money raised by this tax should be directed to the county’s rural fire departments.

On June 5, 2018, Mendocino County voters turned down Measure G, which would have extended the 10 percent transient occupancy tax to private campgrounds and RV parks, by a 53.5 percent to a 45.5 percent margin.

Williams noted one of the reasons why Measure G was defeated was that the ballot initiative did not specify what the money would be used for and, if the county were to specify the money would be used to support rural fire departments, perhaps voters would respond differently.

Williams added that ignoring the collapse of rural fire districts had a hidden cost which was starting to become noticeable.

“That hidden cost is, we have more and more homeowners finding their insurance policies are being cancelled,” he said. “And it is not necessarily that insurance companies are just cutting back and deciding that this is a place to cut.

“It’s based on actuaries looking at the data and finding we are a very poor risk. Saving a community nestled in the forest in Mendocino County, without water sources, doesn’t pencil out.

“So, I see this as beginning to address the homeowner eligibility concern. If we don’t do this, we are going to see properties transact as cash-only. Cash-only transactions will lower property values, lower the assessment, and will be a cut to county revenue,” Williams warned.

The board unanimously directed staff to continue to work with the EMS/ Fire Sustainability Ad Hoc to explore the transient occupancy tax option as a potential ballot measure.

that would offer the public an appeals board at the lowest possible fee – told supervisors the solution lay in directing the county’s privately contracted appeals board hearing officer to hear cannabis business tax appeals.

After Angelo shared the idea, a much-discussed proposal that had been put forward by Second District Supervisor John McCowen failed on a 2 to 3 vote. McCowen’s motion would have implemented a proposal offered by Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz, which would have created a three-person hearing board for cannabis business tax appeals consisting of Schultz, Angelo and the commissioner of agriculture.

The fee charged would have to cover the time of these well-paid county employees.

McCowen’s motion would have instituted a tiered fee structure approved on a 3-2 vote on a previous agenda item. Originally, the fee structure recommended by Schultz was that there would be one fee, at \$1,334, for any appeal of any contested cannabis business tax.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams argued that fee was too high, especially for the minimum tax for cottage-scale cannabis grows. That tax is \$1,250. So, as proposed by Schultz, the fee to have a hearing before the tax appeals board would have been more than the tax being appealed.

Deputy Executive Officer Darcie Antel suggested a modified fee structure, by which cottage-scale cannabis growers would pay \$667 to appeal the fee, Type I cannabis growers (those who grew pot on up to 5,000 square feet and whose annual minimum tax would be \$2,500) would pay \$1,009 for a hearing fee, and Type II cannabis growers (who are growing pot in an area between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet and whose minimum business tax is \$5,000 a year) would pay the full fee of \$1,334.

McCowen amended that proposal so it was even lower. Under his proposal, cottage-level growers would pay \$625, Type I would pay \$1,000, and Type II growers would pay \$1,250 to have a hearing before the appeals board.

But Third District Supervisor John Haschak and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams steadily opposed McCowen. On the item dealing with McCowen’s modified fees, the vote was 3-2 in favor, with Haschak and Williams voting no.

Both Haschak and Williams said the fees were still too high, because Schultz had calculated the fee structure based on the assumption that Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner would be sitting on the hearing board, even though the wording of the resolution establishing that board stated it could be staffed by either Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner, or their several designees.

In other words, the fee was based on the assumption Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner would be sitting on the board, whereas in reality it would very likely be their much-lower-paid designees.

Haschak suggested the fee be recalculated with the designees sitting on the hearing board instead of the CEO and the two department heads. McCowen resisted that, claiming the county was spending too much time on cannabis issues. He wanted to approve the proposal of having a hearing board comprised of Angelo, Schultz and the ag commissioner, or their designees, at the much-reduced fees he’d already recommended that had already been approved on a 3-2 vote.

“I think what we have in front of us is a reasonable compromise based on what we can do today,” McCowen said.

Initially, Haschak moved McCowen’s proposal, and McCowen seconded. Then Angelo came out with her idea of putting in the hearing board officer, instead of herself, Schultz and the ag commissioner.

When Angelo said that, Williams immediately suggested the board change direction and direct staff to come back with a proposal for a hearing body and fee structure based on having a single officer overseeing the hearings, instead of a three-person, highly paid body.

Haschak rescinded his motion, but McCowen, who had seconded it, would not agree to withdraw the motion. McCowen went forward with the motion, which then failed 2-3, with Supervisor Carre Brown joining Williams and Haschak in voting against it.

Williams then suggested the board direct staff to come back with a new proposal, based on the idea of having the hearing board officer hear the appeals of the cannabis business tax. That motion was approved unanimously.



Above: Chris Zeigler takes a baker’s dozen of dogs out for a walk on the town. Below: Dogs of a variety of breeds and sizes enjoy each other’s company in the play yard out back.



At left, top: Chris Zeigler uses confidence and a relaxed attitude to lead a pack of well-mannered dogs down Main Street.

Far left: The inside of Good Dog Daycare is lined with Astroturf and lots of comfy beds. At left: Owner and operator Chris Zeigler demonstrates Mazie’s calm deportment on the treadmill set up at Good Dog Daycare and Social Club.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Good Dog Daycare

Canine ‘social club’ on Main Street offers pack walks, behavioral training, and fun for your furry friend

Watching Chris Zeigler, owner and operator of Good Dog Daycare and Social Club, walk with a giant pack of up to 16 dogs at a time is an impressive sight, as many who have seen him around town can attest.

If a dog begins to get too rambunctious, he’ll use a select word or two and an assertive body motion to calm the dog down, and Zeigler and the dog pack then move happily along their way.

Upon returning to the Good Dog Day Care facility on Main Street, the dogs enter through the door one at a time after hearing their names in roll-call fashion and eagerly wait to get let into the main play yards.

The Good Dog Day Care and Social Club officially opened June 1 at 56 South Main Street (the former location of the Good’s Stamp Shop just next to the old Rexall building), though Zeigler had already been walking dogs in Willits for about three years.

Among the dog services offered by the business are full-day daycare, half-day daycare, pack walks, behavior coaching, and one-on-one training.

The space at the dog-care facility is around 110 feet long and 30 feet wide, with three play yards separated by gates. One is inside, with a deep, soft Astroturf floor, and the other two are outside, with a large event tent covering one of the outside areas for protection against weather.

“I can use different yards for the various energies and sizes of dogs, or I can leave it all open,” said Zeigler. “There are several cameras on the property, so I can keep an eye on dogs in the yard if I’m inside.

“We installed water misters for the summer heat and the two mature walnut trees in the backyard provide excellent shade. There are several automated water dishes that supply filtered water in each play yard and inside the building.”

There’s also heat and air conditioning available inside, a kiddie pool outside for dogs who enjoy splashing around a bit, and a small studio in the back with treadmills.

“Treadmills can be very beneficial for certain dogs,” said Zeigler, who demonstrated with a dog named Mazie calmly trotting on the machine at various speeds. “It can help with many behavioral issues and is also a fun confidence-building activity. I also use the house for an extra chill-out zone for the dogs.”

In addition, there’s another play yard in town that Zeigler will take the dogs to at a different property owned by the Good family, and he noted the importance of getting the dogs into different environments to walk and play.

“I find that when there are different play destinations, it is more mentally stimulating and fulfilling for the dog, and me as well,” he said. “The same goes for walks – sometimes we walk in town, sometimes the par course in Brooktrails or different nature trails. If the pack is small on a given day, we will occasionally go to Little Darby. It’s a real dog’s day out.”

Zeigler, who began doing dog walking work in 2008 while living in New York, says that much of what has made him successful at it has to do with the energy he maintains while working with the dogs.

“Walking dogs came very natural to me,” he said. “My passion for it developed later in a different way when I realized my energy had a direct effect on how the pack behaved. I had to be relaxed, aware and confident. In this way, the dogs were teaching me how to be my best self and it was the way to make sure the pack is being walked correctly.”

“By this I mean the dogs are calm, ears back, tail in the middle,” he continued. “They walk alongside or behind with a loose leash. This is how the dogs truly benefit from the walk – the walk is most fulfilling for them with pack structure because they are pack animals and thrive in that type of environment.”

He emphasized that properly walking dogs, especially in a pack, can help make them healthier and

happier in many ways.

“Since the walk is the most primal activity that we do with our dogs, providing structure and leadership in this way can also help with many behavior issues,” he said. “There are several ways I achieve a correct walk but it mostly has to do with energy, body language, and 100 percent consistency. To me, it is a magic feeling to be walking with a pack of dogs.”

Zeigler said he hopes to offer dog boarding and overnight care at a different location sometime in the future, but for now is happy to focus on the services offered in town. He offers discounts for regular customers and multi-dog families, and can sometimes arrange for pick-up service depending on location and time constraints.

“I want to make it affordable enough and also bring awareness to the importance of bringing a dog for pack walks and socializing purely for the sake of the dog,” he said. “The benefits of regular socializing and walks in a controlled environment can do wonders for a dogs well-being. My goal is to help make that experience possible for dogs and their people.”

Regular hours for Good Dog Day Care and Social Club are weekdays from 8 am to 6 pm. You can reach Zeigler at 707-841-1941, or email him at chris@gooddogdaycare.club.

You can also find the business on Facebook and Instagram: @gooddogdaycareandsocialclub.

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Thursday, August 29

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, August 29, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and summer fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Willits Community Bike Ride: Gain comfort using the new downtown bike lanes. A quick safety lesson followed by a ride to practice road skills! 5 to 8 miles long. Bring helmets and water bottles. A few helmets available. Bring your kids! Thursday, August 29, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Recreation Grove Park.

“Gun Violence in Our Communities”: “Join us for courageous conversations.” Thursday, August 29, 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Seabiscuit Conference Room at Adventist Health Howard Memorial. “You are invited to come and share your feelings and ideas about the gun violence in our communities ... the last hour, we will decide how we want to respond to the problem.” Info: Rosemary Landry at 930-933-9963.

Bike Night: Willits Wild Band is hosting a Meet and Greet at Scoops Deli, 110 North Main Street. Thursday, August 29, 6 to 8 pm. “All bikes invited. A gathering of all motorcycle riders in the area. Burgers and hot dogs provided by Scoops at a minimal fee.” Non-riders are invited, too. A 50/50 raffle will help raise money for local youths and youth groups.

Shanachie Pub: Dan & Ocean, “undeniable virtuosity on trumpet, guitar, piano, bass, organ, and percussion – lyrics bursting with intention against a universal heartbeat.” Thursday, August 29, 8 pm. Visit: www.dandimonte.com. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, August 30

Fall Women’s Herbal Symposium: Four days of “Celebrating the Wisdom of Women, Plants and Resiliency,” Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2. Over 50 classes on the medicinal, culinary, cultivation and maker’s craft on the use of herbs. Black Oak Ranch, Laytonville. Meals and camping included. Sliding scale. Work exchange and scholarships available. Info: www.womensherbalsymposium.org.

Willits High School Football: Season opener. Willits vs. McKinleyville: JV game (Head Coach Matt Moratti) starts at 5:30 pm; varsity game (Head Coach Brandon Norbury) starts 30 minutes after JV game is complete. Maple Field at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Auditions for “Twelfth Night”: Willits Community Theatre is holding auditions for William Shakespeare’s romantic comedy, “Twelfth Night,” on two consecutive weekends. Friday, August 30, 7 pm; Saturday August 31, 2 pm; Friday, September 6, 7 pm; and Saturday, September 7, 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Casting for 14 speaking parts and more than a dozen non-speaking parts, including male cabaret dancers. Ages 15 to 40. The show rehearses from mid-September, performed November 1 to 17. Info: Director Billy Hetherington, 707-367-5724 or billybard579@hotmail.com.

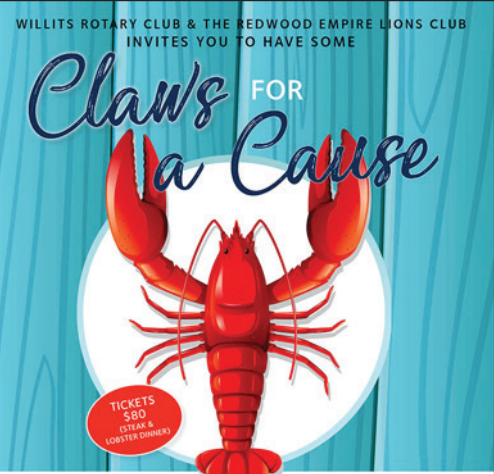
Shanachie Pub: Cosmic Family Band “is here to play music and extend Peace, Love, and Positivity.” Friday, August 30, 9 pm. Visit: www.facebook.com/Cosmic-Family-Music-128751681189230/. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, August 31

Quilty Pleasures Quilt Show: Labor Day Weekend, Saturday August 31, 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, September 1, 11 am to 4 pm. Quilt raffle, themed basket raffles and quilts on display and for sale. Annual festive outdoor event behind The Fat Quail, 44550 N. Highway 101, in Laytonville. Info: 707-984-6966. All proceeds go toward scholarships for Laytonville graduating seniors.

Auditions for “Twelfth Night”: Saturday August 31, 2 pm. See August 30 listing for details.

Claws for a Cause: Willits Rotary Club, the Redwood Empire Lions Club and the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center present this annual fundraiser for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Saturday, August 31, 5 to 7 pm. At the Howard House on the historic Ridgewood Ranch. Guests will enjoy an evening of fine dining prepared by Chef Adam Celaya (Adams Restaurant) featuring filet mignon, appetizers, dessert, gelato, wine, beer and soft drinks. Plus live Maine lobster prepared by the Willits



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Week of September 2 through September 6
Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday: Tuna Noodle Casserole
Wednesday: Chili Rellenos Casserole
Thursday: Sweet & Sour Pork
Friday: Eggs Florentine

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

Food Bank needs produce donations

The Willits Food Bank is in need of organic vegetables and fruits that can be spared by local gardeners to help us feed the hungry. We have been running low for several weeks and would very much appreciate community help to provide nutritious, healthy food for our needy population in Willits and outlying areas. Any amount would be very much appreciated. Willits Community Services and Food Bank is located at 229 East San Francisco Street; for more information, please call 459-3333.

– Willits Community Services and Food Bank



AT THE MOVIES



‘Dora and the Lost City of Gold’

The Story: Comedy action adventure in English with a few Spanish words mixed in featuring Dora the Explorer. Dora (Isabela Moner) grew up in the jungle, and now her parents want her to go live with her primo (cousin) Diego (Jeff Wahlberg) in the city and attend high school. Meanwhile, Dora’s mother Elena (Eva Longoria) and father Cole (Michael Peña) disappear into the jungle in search of the fabled Lost City of Gold. But Dora’s parents are not hunting for gold, no, they are explorers driven by the thrill of discovery. Of course there are bad mercenaries who will stop at nothing to find the Lost City, but all they want is to steal all the gold for themselves. Action, quick sand, poison frogs – it’s all thrills and fun.

My Thoughts: Isabela Moner (who was so strikingly good in ‘Instant Family’) plays Dora and with so much high energy and contagious good-hearted joy, that I am officially in awe of her acting ability. Her broad smile through pretty much the whole movie was genuine, it never ever looked forced, and she made me want to smile back at her. This movie is certainly for young teens and kids 12 and under. And I believe they will rail much (laugh a lot). Though the flick is for kids, I enjoyed it immensely. It’s deliberately educational – even the fart jokes and the well-intentioned poop jokes are aimed at overcoming embarrassment about bodily functions.

Parents: This is a good movie for children with solid values, such as water is more important than gold. Also, it has a great message about having positive attitudes. And your kids will laugh.

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

What’s Happening Around Town

Rotary Club. Live auction with Sheriff Tom Allman and Rachel Britten. Tickets \$80, available at Willits Furniture Center and DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah.

“Made in Mendocino III”: Willits Center for the Arts’ September show features handmade items of furniture and wooden accessories from the Mendocino Coast Furniture Makers, and paintings by Willits artist Robin Coomer. Opens Saturday, August 31, 6 pm for members, and 7 pm for the public. Through September 29. Gallery hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street. 459-1726. Visit: www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Shanachie Pub: Arkam Falls “is a NorCal based trio playing originals inspired by all your favorite ‘90s rock favorites.” Saturday, August 31, 9 pm. Visit: www.facebook.com/arkamfalls/. 50B South Main Street.



Arkam Falls

to: Willits Community Theatre, P.O. Box 80, Willits, CA 95490. Sundays in September, 6 pm, beginning September 1. \$50 (\$25 for students). Info: 459-3141.

“Climate Crisis – Local Action Event”: Presented by WELL and the Little Lake Grange. “Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time. Stories of the local, private sector, and community leaders across the U.S. who are continuing to take action towards the Paris Agreement goals. Brainstorm ideas for acting locally!” With speakers Eileen Mitro of Climate Action Mendocino and Shelly Ryan of Climate Reality Project. Film: “Paris to Pittsburgh.” Sunday, September 1, 7 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.



and purpose. Tuesday, September 3, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Donations appreciated. Info: 456-9676.

Wednesday, September 4

“Refuse to Be a Victim”: North County Women in Business’s September 4 meeting features Willits Chamber of Commerce director, Ron Moorhead, a certified instructor for the “Refuse to Be a Victim” program developed by the National Rifle Association. Moorhead will present a condensed version of the seminar, concentrating on travel and business safety. Wednesday, September 4, 8:15 to 9:15 am, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free for Willits Chamber of Commerce members, first-time attendees and guests. A \$5 donation is requested from non-chamber members, which includes a light breakfast snack.



Ron Moorhead

Willits High School Soccer: Preseason game, Willits vs. Fortuna: Boys (Coach Martin Rodriguez) at 4 pm. Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street.



Otter Swim Team Registration: Are you kids interested in joining the Willits Otters? Registration is set for Tuesday, September 3, starting at 5 pm, at the Willits City Pool, at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Lady Wolverines High School Volleyball: Willits vs. Fortuna, with JV game (Coach Julie Goyke) starting at 4 pm, and the varsity game (Coach Jon Jessup) starting at 5 pm. Willits High School Gym,

Healthier Living Workshop

Avenues to Wellness (a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation) is hosting another free six-week Healthier Living Workshop, starting Tuesday, September 10. This workshop teaches how to self-manage chronic diseases such as: arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and chronic pain. You will learn how gentle exercise, nutritious eating, and relaxation techniques can help. Sessions focus on goal-setting, problem solving, and strategizing ways to reduce pain, fatigue, anxiety and stress. It offers ways to deal with the difficult emotions that can be part of having a chronic condition, including how to talk with your family, friends and doctors about your health. Created by Stanford School of Medicine and Kaiser Permanente 30 years ago and taught worldwide. Free, but space is limited. Info and reservations: Suzanne at: 456-9676 Visit: avenuestowellness.org.

– Submitted by Avenues to Wellness

93rd annual Little Lake Firefighters Association Fundraiser

Support your local volunteer fire department at their 93rd annual Firefighters Association fundraiser, Saturday, September 7 at the Little Lake Fire Substation, 1575 Baechtel Road, from 5 to 9 pm. Suggested donation \$10. Raffle with many great prizes, including a Traeger Smoker donated by Coast Hardware, \$200 gift certificates from Commercial Tire & Auto, welder’s hood from Ukiah Oxygen Company, fishing pole donated by Northwest Sporting goods, chainsaw donated by Willits Power, bottlekeeper from Monkeywrench, \$200 Giants gift card with \$50 gas card, haircut and style by Liz Goforth, Toni Potter, and Jessica Kohler, gift certificates from 101 Drive In, John Ford Beef, Brickhouse Coffee. Separate raffle (separate tickets) for 7MM-08 rifle donated by Coast Hardware and a 50/50 raffle. If you got tickets in the mail, be sure to get them in the mail, or drop them off Visit www.littlelakefiredepartment.com or call 459-6271 for more information.

Friday, September 6

Auditions for “Twelfth Night”: Friday, September 6, 7 pm. See August 30 listing for details.

Saturday, September 7

Roots 37th Annual Steam Festival: Whistles will be tooting and bells ringing as Roots steams up for its annual Steam Festival, Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8 at the Roots facility on East Commercial Street. Historic train and logging equipment, featuring free train rides and steam locomotives, a steam shovel, steam rollers, stationary engines, and tractors. Watch out for the infamous bandit Black Bart and his gang – they’ve been at it again, robbing trains! Saturday, September 7, the annual Members Appreciation Barbecue at 4 pm with locally raised pork, lamb and beef (\$15 adults/\$6 kids) with live music, a silent auction and raffle. And don’t miss the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, set up in the Recreation Grove along with the Shifters Car Club.

Sunday, September 8, the antique machine show continues with steam roller printing. You can try your hand at print-making and say you did it with an antique steam roller! At the Roots facility, 420 East Commercial Street.

Garden Tour: Native American Cucupocia at Green Uprising Farm, 2301 East Hill Road. “See beautiful Hopi Blue, Painted Mountain and Abenaki corn (flour and flint), squash, beans, quinoa and potatoes. An homage to the farming genius of the indigenous people.” Saturday, September 7, 9:30 to 10:30 am. Info: 707-216-5549, homesteadingsara@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 5

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, September 5, 3 to 6 pm. See August 29 listing for details.



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‘Ready, Set, Go’

Sherwood Firewise convoys out Sherwood Road north

Sherwood Firewise Communities finished up two meetings last week with a convoy out Sherwood Road north, for those interested in exploring that exit route at the top of the hill that goes out to Highway 101 south of Laytonville.

Mark Barnes
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At the August 22 “Ready” meeting, Firewise discussed the “Process to Prepare for Evacuation,” the second prong of their three-prong “Ready, Set Go” strategy to prepare Brooktrails residents in case of fire or other natural disasters now or in the future.

Following a program overview on Thursday evening, Third District Supervisor John Haschak gave an update on emergency access routes, sirens and fire cams. In a telephone statement to Willits Weekly the day before, Haschak said of the Firewise group: “I think they are doing a great job, and they’re really involving people to make the community safer and aware of what needs to be done. I’m very much appreciative of their efforts to be safe as a community.”

In his update Haschak told the assembled group that Firco Road had been cleared by CalFire down to the old mill site north of Willits. At present they are looking to clear the North Coast Railroad lines for ingress and egress, as well as the Willow Creek Trail.

A tabletop meeting of leaders from Brooktrails, the Sheriff’s Office, the hospital, the county Office of Emergency Services, and other related entities is scheduled for next week. The focus will be on coordinating these agencies into a cohesive group in the advent of any emergency.

Signage for evacuation will consist of sandwich boards to be placed in strategic places as directional markers. The mobility of the boards is due to the fact it is unknown which direction a fire may be coming, thereby altering any evacuation routes. The sheriff’s vehicles have been fitted with emergency evacuation sirens, which is supplemented by sirens on spotter aircraft in the sky.

In a video on Facebook featuring the distinctive “high low” sound of the new emergency sirens, Sheriff Tom Allman describes them as “a new way for the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office to notify you that an evacuation is imminent, that it’s time for you to

gather your family and safely evacuate your house.”

A large portion of Thursday’s meeting was dedicated to Go Bags and what experts recommend each bag contain. It is further advised that each member of a family have their own bag – and that includes pets. The litany of recommended items to be included in each bag is extensive and can be found at www.ready.gov. Though most of the items recommended rely on common sense, provisioning these bags can be quite expensive.

For example if a home has multiple cars to be used in evacuation, each car should have a walkie-talkie in case they get separated in the confusion of evacuation. Just a few of the other recommended items include: spare batteries or a solar charger for cell phones and radios, a respirator or mask (the N95, available at most hardware stores), a small fire extinguisher, a DC battery charger, leather work gloves, and full coverage goggles.

Maps of Brooktrails streets with road legends are available at the Brooktrails Township Community Services District office. It was strongly urged that residents plot at least two alternate routes out of their neighborhoods to evacuation routes. Practicing these routes is also highly advised.

Sherwood Firewise organizer Doreen Blumenfeld addressed the three levels of evacuation notification: Evacuation Order, which means “leave now”; Evacuation Warning, which means “leave as soon as possible”; and Shelter in Place. Each level requires a different checklist and evacuation procedures.

It is important for residents to use social media and other contacts for these notifications. You can register for emergency alerts on your phone or via email at Nixle (www.nixle.com) or with the Sheriff Office (www.mendosheriff.com). For a comprehensive list go to www.sherwoodfirewise.org to register for any or all of them including SafetyNet. One of the most unusual is Flightradar24. This app will show you a radar screen of a fire from a spotter plane and its location relative to your position. It is a bit tricky and needs some finetuning to set up, but is well worth the trouble.

The Saturday morning “Set” meeting began with a recap of the

previous meetings and the three-step approach to fire safety and emergency evacuation. When the question was put to the large audience as to how many had assembled and made ready Go Bags, the show of hands was almost unanimous. Mickey Fernandez directed the group on the organizational approach called “Neighbors Helping Neighbors,” and the success she had achieved. After lunch at noon, a smaller group got ready for the “Go” step: a convoy out Sherwood Road north.

It was a beautiful day for a road trip. Clear blue skies and an excited group of 16 travelers were ready to head north up the potential Sherwood Road evacuation route. The proposed route would take the convoy all the way out Sherwood Road to its conclusion at Highway 101 just south of Laytonville. Broken into two groups, each group had walkie-talkies, simulating an orderly evacuation. At points during the excursion, the lead group would report back to the following group any problems or change in direction.

At 1:15 pm, the caravan set off from Brooktrails Golf Course with five cars and a 25-foot RV. As you move north on Sherwood the scenery starts to change dramatically, from the orderly streets and clusters of homes and apartments in Brooktrails proper to large pasture lands, scattered homes, and a distinctly rural feeling.

The First Gate, Second Gate and Third Gate roads off Sherwood marched by in orderly progression. The road was smooth, and the sights of bucolic Mendocino County were awesome. Rolling hills browned by the summer’s sun stretched away on both sides of the road. A quaint wooden bridge allowing only one lane of traffic to pass at a time crossed Rowes Creek. As serious as the simulated evacuation is, the convoy was also a wonderful trek through nature’s beauty.

Soon the road switched from smooth pavement to washboard dirt roads, which got narrow and curvy through the last segment of the route. The vehicles raised clouds of dust on the rough and often bone-jarring road, no matter what speed the convoy was traveling at. Switchbacks and blind corners became the norm, but in no

Read the rest of **Firewise**
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At left, above: The group of convoys assembles outside the Brooktrails Community Center after the morning Sherwood Firewise meeting. At top: The group stops to work on communications between the vehicles. Above: This 25-foot RV was one of the vehicles on Saturday’s convoy out Sherwood Road north. Below: This part of Sherwood Road is passable – but dusty. Further below: Sherwood Firewise organizer Keith Rutledge acts as a flagger to help convoy vehicles merge into the highway traffic. At bottom: Directional sign showing the Sherwood Road cut off to Highway 101, or back down to Willits.

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Several prizes will be available to lucky winners: a Traeger Smoker donated by Coast Hardware, \$200 gift certificates from Commercial Tire & Auto, welder’s hood from Ukiah Oxygen Company, fishing pole donated by Northwest Sporting goods, chainsaw donated by Willits Power, bottle-keeper from Monkeywrench, \$200 Giants gift card with \$50 gas card, haircut and style by Liz Goforth, Torrey Potter, and Jessica Kohler, gift certificates from 101 Drive In, John Ford Beef, and Brickhouse Coffee.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each and will be available to purchase at the event. Tickets were also mailed out directly to homes, and those can be brought in during the event.

A separate 50/50 raffle for a cash prize will also be held; tickets for that drawing are \$2 each and will be available to purchase at the Open House.

“We invite everyone to come by and say hi during the event,” said So. “Hope to see you all there!”

While still working on details for the Open House, So, along with firefighters from Brooktrails Fire Department and the firefighters from Ridgewood Ranch and other members of the Little Lake Fire Department, attended part one of two training sessions at the substation Tuesday.

“We’re focusing on vehicle extraction training,” said So. “Today we’re working on familiarizing ourselves with the equipment, its location on the rigs, and looking for solutions to potential problems that we can solve now, as opposed to when we’re out on the scene.”

One of the tools is the Hurst E-Draulic Spreader. This is a battery-operated version of the hydrologically operated Hurst spreader that is also found on the engines. The battery-operated version allows the firefighter to use it without the cabled restraints of the engine-powered model and move it into more remote areas or further from the engine when needed.

While still heavy, the E-Draulic version must be used with gentle finesse, and Tuesday’s training tasked firefighters with quite a challenge: move red Solo cups and stack them across the floor, and even more impressively, pick up an egg and move it from the top of a cone to another without shattering the shell.

“We want to be sure everyone feels confident using the tools, being able to cut safer, know when to stop gripping, and know the spacing restraints with the rescue equipment,” said So. “This is the first time for some of the firefighters to handle the E-Draulic spreader, and we wanted to give them time to practice with it in training.”

In February of 2020, So will have completed three years with the department and enjoys serving his community with the around 40 other members of the association.

“I joined the military, and after that, I wanted to fill the void that was left to contribute to my community,” said So. “I joined the department because I had already served my country, and now I wanted to serve my community.”

Anyone interested in learning about joining the Little Lake Fire Department, purchasing raffle tickets, or contributing in other ways to the department is welcome to check out www.littlelakefiredepartment.com or to call 459-7777 for more information.

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way diminished the beauty of the countryside.

As the convoy arrived at Highway 101, they faced a dangerous right turn onto Highway 101, merging into fast-moving traffic. Sherwood Firewise organizer Keith Rutledge set up a safety cone, and flagged each car into the traffic when safe entry was assured. Returning to the Brooktrails Community Center at 2:25 pm, the entire exercise took a little over one hour.

Convoyer Jeanne Wolfe said it was her second time taking on the Sherwood Road north evacuation route. She enjoyed the experience and said: “I’m comfortable with the route, but I’m worried about my car being so low to the ground.”

Barbara Schora, a new Brooktrails resident, was happy about the convoy. “I’m new here, and there are not a lot of landmarks. I’m glad we did it. That is an ugly turn onto 101, and it needed the cones and flagging.”

All in all, Sherwood Firewise provided an educational tour of Sherwood Road for those who may need it for evacuation in the future.

Planning and Building issues cannabis report

The Mendocino County Cannabis Unit has issued or approved 244 cannabis cultivation permits as of August 20, according to information released recently by the county’s Department of Planning and Building Services.

The unit has received 1,429 permit applications and has denied 61. Another 131 applications have been withdrawn by applicants.

Some 926 applications are currently under review.

In a recent report to the board of supervisors, Planning and Building Director Brent Schultz said that, of those 926 applications, 856 are sitting in limbo because applicants have not provided signed paperwork from either the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, or from the California Water Board, to the county’s cannabis unit.

Schultz said there were two ways of resolving the paperwork problem. Either applicants who have received completed and signed-off documents from Fish and Wildlife or the water board need to get those documents to the cannabis unit, or the state agencies themselves need to forward copies of those documents to the cannabis unit.

Schultz said the 70 applications received by the county which have Fish and Wildlife or water board approvals, but which have not yet been issued or approved, are either in planning review, building review, environmental review, are negotiating compliance programs, or are in the live scan process with the county.

Schultz noted his department would be issuing more permits soon.

New data shows insurance is becoming harder to find as a result of wildfires

Submitted by the California Department of Insurance

SACRAMENTO — New data collected by the Department of Insurance shows insurance is becoming harder to find for those in high wildfire-risk areas as a result of recent wildfires. The data reveals there was a 6 percent increase in insurer-initiated homeowner policy non-renewals in CalFire state responsibility areas from 2017 to 2018, while zip codes affected by the devastating fires from 2015 and 2017 experienced a 10 percent increase in insurer-initiated non-renewals last year.

“We are seeing an increasing trend across California where people at risk of wildfires are being non-renewed by their insurer,” said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. “I have heard from many local communities about how not being able to obtain insurance can create a domino effect for the local economy, affecting home sales and property taxes. This data should be a wake-up call for state and local policymakers that without action to reduce the risk from extreme wildfires and preserve the insurance market we could see communities unraveling.”

The data provided by insurers also revealed the availability of homeowners insurance dropped in high-risk counties. From 2015 to 2018, the number of new and renewed homeowners’ policies fell by 8,700 in the 10 counties with the most homes in high- or very high-risk areas.

These same counties saw a steady increase in new FAIR Plan policies during that timeframe, growing 177 percent, compared to only a 4 percent increase for the five counties with the lowest risk. The FAIR Plan provides insurance coverage as a last resort for homeowners who are unable to find coverage in the voluntary market.

Nearly 57 percent of new FAIR Plan policies are now written in state responsibility areas, which is up from 47 percent in 2015. Data shows there has been a 49 percent increase in

surplus lines policies in state responsibility areas between 2015 and 2018. Surplus lines policies insure against a financial risk that is too high for a regular insurance company to take on.

The new data does not yet measure the full impact of non-renewals of homeowner policies linked to the devastating 2018 wildfires, including the Camp, Carr and Woolsey/Hill fires. Since California law requires insurers to give a 45-day notice before a non-renewal and these wildfires occurred near the end of the year, the effects of these fires on the insurance market would likely appear in 2019 data and possibly beyond.

In recent weeks, Commissioner Lara has met with local leaders in counties affected by wildfire risk, and the Department of Insurance continues to pursue ideas to reduce risk to our communities through mitigation and stronger consumer protections.

The State Responsibility Area (SRA) is the area where the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for the prevention and suppression of wildfires, which excludes lands within city boundaries or in federal ownership. On November 7, 2007, CAL FIRE shared a map of the SRA fire hazard zones, which CDI conjoined with a map of ZIP codes to identify the ZIP codes either partially or completely in the SRA.

The California Department of Insurance, established in 1868, is the largest consumer protection agency in California. Insurers collect \$310 billion in premiums annually in California. Since 2011 the California Department of Insurance received more than 1,000,000 calls from consumers and helped recover over \$469 million in claims and premiums. For more information, please visit the Department of Insurance website at www.insurance.ca.gov or call the Consumer Hotline at 800-927-4357.

New interim public health officer for Mendocino County

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Noemi Doohan as interim public health officer. Doohan joins Mendocino County with over 15 years of experience in the medical field.

She will join a team of seasoned local physicians who will continue to oversee core public health needs during this time of transition. Doohan has been a health and human services partner in the work she has led with Adventist Health Ukiah Valley’s Street Medicine Program, Family Medicine Residency Program, and the initial funding and implementation of the Safe Haven Clinic project.

The county is also pleased to announce Dr. Karen Smith will be contracting with the county to further support development of local public health services in Mendocino County.

Smith was previously appointed by former Governor Jerry Brown in 2015 to serve as the state public health officer and has a long history of county public health leadership, most recently serving as health officer and public health director for Napa County. She has expertise across all aspects of governmental public health, including emergency medical services and development of a local EMS agency.

Smith, along with Health and Human Services Agency Director Tammy Moss Chandler, will be working closely to support

Doohan’s new role as interim public health officer. HHSA expects to open recruitment for a permanent health officer later this fall.

“We are fortunate,” commented Chandler on Doohan’s appointment, “that Dr. Doohan is joining our solid group of physicians who support our core services, and I look forward in working with both Dr. Doohan and Dr. Smith on the transition of public health leadership in Mendocino County.”

Commenting on her appointment, Doohan stated, “I look forward to serving as the county’s interim public health officer, supporting our county during this critical time and helping prepare for the future.”

For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Executive Office at 707-463-4441.

COLUMN | Medicare Notes

Create your personal Medicare account

By Greg Dill, Medicare regional administrator

Would you like for a family member or caregiver to be able to call Medicare on your behalf?

Would you like a way to store all your health records in one place online, so you can quickly share them with a new doctor or other healthcare provider?

How about an easy way to print a new Medicare card if you lose yours? Or a quick way to see what preventive health services, like cancer screenings and vaccinations, are available to you?

You can do all that and more by creating a free, secure MyMedicare.gov account.

To create an account, go to MyMedicare.gov. You’ll be asked to provide a username and password. You’ll also need to enter your Medicare number as it appears on your red, white and blue Medicare card.

Once you’ve completed your online registration, you can sign in to MyMedicare.gov and start using the site. Medicare will mail you a confirmation letter containing the password you created, in case you forget it. (Make sure

you list the address that Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board has on file for you.) We’ll also send a confirmation email if you gave us your email address during registration.

MyMedicare.gov is available in English and Spanish.

Once you have created a MyMedicare.gov account, you can:

- Check your Medicare claims as soon as they are processed.
- Find your eligibility, entitlement and preventive service information.
- Check your Medicare health plan and prescription drug enrollment information.
- View your Part B deductible information.
- Manage your prescription drug list and other personal health information.
- Create an “On the Go Report” that allows you to print your health information to share with your healthcare providers.

So how do you authorize Medicare to discuss your records and benefits with a family member or caregiver?

Medicare can’t give personal health information about you to anyone unless you give permission in writing first. To do this, sign in to your MyMedicare.gov account and fill out form CMS-10106: “Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information.”

You can fill out and submit the form online by following these steps:

1. Navigate to the “My Account” tab.
2. Click “Authorized Representative.”
3. Click “Medicare Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information form.”

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At left: Tim King coaches the Garman Construction Bulldozers.
Below, left: The J.D. Redhouse Flaming Narwhals under-12 team parades their sign.
Below: The 101 Trailer & RV Warriors under-10 team smiles for the camera.
At bottom, left: A player chases the ball during a post-parade game.
At bottom: Ella Garman, Katelyn Germann and Alisandra Manzo of the Ace Copy Aces smile in uniform.

Photos by Mathew Caine



The rest of Soccer

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teenagers, I'm not just their coach. I'm their role model when they're in trouble, when they need a support system," she said.

"When you're playing any sport," Rodriguez continued, "it becomes like your second family. These people are here when you're going through a tough time. When you start with kids from a very young age, you can make connections and show them what a positive influence can look like."

According to Rodriguez, around age 12, soccer can really become a serious passion for some kids. Some play all year round, including summer leagues and indoors at Baechtel Grove gymnasium in the winter. There is a spring league at Baechtel, too, April through May.

The enthusiasm for soccer was well in evidence at the Opening Day parade. The eagerness to play could easily be seen. Especially with the 2-year-old play group, whose team members had to be restrained from running up and kicking soccer balls during the presentation of the flag.

These kids are ready for a fun and competitive season. "Soccer is alive and well in Willits," concluded Rodriguez. "We want the area to know that Willits is here to compete."

Willits Youth Soccer 2019 teams

This list shows Willits Youth Soccer team sponsor, team name, age group of players, and coaches.

Toy Depot; "Romping Rugrats"; 2-year-old playgroup; Lorenzo & Ashley Rodriguez

Willits Taco House (newest team); 3-year-old play group; Amanda Garnet & Monique Owen

Little Lake Grange; "Mega Ball Kickers"; U-6; Lindsey Bowlds & Sean Payne

Family Tree Service; U-6; Shelby & Damian Geremia

Adventist Health Howard Memorial; "Kickstarters"; U-6; Brittany Tymn & Johan Henckell
Old Mission Pizza; U-6; Shane Topolinski & Dave Smith

Imagination Station; U-6; Jennifer Lutge & Elena Roberts

DripWorks; "Dragons"; U-6; Jordan Eads & Anna King

GreenStone Landscapes; U-8; Johan Henckell & Scott Herman

East Hill Veterinary; "Pups"; U-8; Lindsey Bowlds & Sean Payne

Baechtel Creek Clinic; "Hotrods"; U-8; Amy Hopkins & David Smith

Jordan Eads Photography; "Winners"; U-8; Jordan Eads & Steven Quinliven

Lopez Auto Glass; "Crystal Beast"; U-8; Angie Potter

Buttercups Boutique; "Bears"; U-8; Savannah & Jordan Laughlin

Willits Pulse Fitness; "Toothless Dragonz"; U-10; Kati & Jake O'Rear

ImagiNative Custom Creations; "Greenbeans"; U-10; Jennifer Lutge & Steven Silveria

Savings Bank; "Avengers"; U-10; Juan & Blanca Carrillo

101 Trailer & RV; "Warriors"; U-10; Josh Swarengin & Sarah Coon

Cantua Insurance Agency; "Redwoods"; U-10; Euriel Paniagua & Travis Hunter

Willits Mini Storage; "Hammerheads"; U-10; ugust Roat

Collicott Construction; "Heat"; U-12 Girls; Michael & Amber Holeman

J.D. Redhouse; "Flaming Narwhals"; U-12 Boys; Tim King & Miguel Jimenez

Napa Auto Parts; "Toxic Blueberries"; U-12 Boys; Sam Reiter & Chrystina Patterson

Garman Construction; "Bulldozers"; U-14 Boys; Jake O'Rear & Guy Vaccaro.

Spartetime Supply & Lopez Auto Glass; U-14 Girls; Saprina Rodriguez & Jaime Wilkes

Ace Copy; "Aces"; U-16 Girls; Saprina Rodriguez & Jaime Wilkes

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Primrose Road, Exley Lane, and Willits KOA "road system."

"I did a tour of the Firco Road last week and what they're doing there is incredible," Haschak said. "They're clearing 100 feet on each side of that road going from the old mill up there north of town. It just winds its way up to Poppy, and then there's another branch that they cleared going to the airport.

"They had the inmates working, and it's almost parklike," he said. They're leaving trees that are over 10 inches in diameter. They're chipping everything, and it's a thing of beauty."

The road's use in an emergency situation would be primarily as ingress for emergency vehicles and as a firebreak, but Haschak added: "If the sheriff deems they need to get people out, they'll use it that way."

"It's actually a really good firebreak," said Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. "If you call it access or emergency egress then other standards come into play. However, if a real emergency strikes, we could use it however we choose."

Haschak also had a report on the Willits Creek Trail and what might need to be done to improve it for emergency access.

"It's looking like it can be used right now to get in there with emergency equipment," he said.

Primrose Road and Exley Lane to the KOA area is also on Haschak's fire readiness agenda.

"I've been able to reach, probably five out of the seven owners ... and they're positive. We're going to do a tour next week," he said.

"I'm glad to hear you're working on the Primrose area," said Wilkes. "That's a recognized side for a major disaster in our area."

Wilkes had a less positive outlook, however, when discussing what might happen in the event of a PG&E public safety power shutoff.

"Our staff and general consensus is, yes, shutting off the power could save PG&E from litigation down the road when a fire comes from their line," he said. "But I'm going to go out on a limb, and say I bet we quadruple our fire danger with the folks that are going to be dealing with generators that have no business messing with generators.

"We can see it now. They will be improperly hooked into electrical panels ... they'll be hot fueling them," he said. "There is good generator information on the PG&E website. We've been turning people to that."

He also said people have been calling, asking "if the fire department has a generator" for public use.

"We can't offer generator service or anything of that nature," Wilkes said, adding a public safety power shutoff is not itself an "emergency," and the "couple of big generators," the district had would be for use in actual emergencies that might occur during a shutdown ... "like if the hospital generator didn't work."

Also with respect to emergency response in our area, Wilkes spent a considerable amount of meeting time describing the current sorry state of ambulance service.

He began with state law, under which the county and a North Coast nonprofit called Coastal Valleys EMS Agency are responsible for developing and implementing emergency medical services in the county.

Bureaucratically, it's somewhat complicated, but those details are not important to an understanding of the dismal picture Wilkes presented.

First, some history.

"We used to have, back in the day ... at least at the start of my career, we had one ambulance," Wilkes said. "It was in Willits. It was always available to us. We knew all the crews.

"And then things started changing," he said. "Transfers [from facility to facility] started becoming more prevalent, and [the ambulance] wasn't capable of handling the number of transfers that were coming out of local hospitals.

"So local hospitals decided to reach out to other counties to bring in ambulance service to run these transfers, and the ambulance service they brought it was called Verihealth, [which] was owned by a gentleman named Gary Tennyson ... [and] was a [Sonoma County] grassroots company," said Wilkes.

"When Gary owned Verihealth, we had two ambulances. They also placed a paramedic up in Covelo that would respond with the Covelo ambulance, [so] they could make Covelo's BLS [basic life support] ambulance an ALS [advanced life support] ambulance, which was nice," he said. "At that time, Ukiah had three Verihealth ambulances, plus they had Ukiah Ambulance. So, there was an overabundance of ambulance service. We had all we needed.

"Gary sold out to a Danish company called Falck. When that happened, we immediately saw the paramedic pulled out of Covelo. Then one ambulance in Willits went from 24 hours to a 12-hour ambulance. They pulled an ambulance out of Ukiah," said Wilkes. "As time went on, they pulled the 12-hour ambulance out of Willits, and there's still no paramedic in Covelo."

Currently, "we're trying to pull it off here locally with one," he said. "And keep in mind, that for many months now that one is constantly being drug to Covelo ... constantly being drug out on transfers."

Transfers pay well, and Wilkes made it clear they are the call of choice for ambulance companies.

"It's become abundantly clear to me ... that the private ambulance companies would rather do a transfer than go to a 911 call. They don't care what the drawdown is to the system. If there's a transfer available that's the one they want.

"We get to level 0 daily [no ambulance available] ... not for long periods of time, [and] level 1 or 2 or 3 is very, very common," he said.

The county, in cooperation with Coastal Valleys, has responded to the situation by establishing an area called the inland corridor, which they call an "exclusive operating area" – north to south from Piercy to Hopland and east to west from Covelo to Anderson Valley – in which an exclusive contract to operate an ambulance service will be offered.

Requests for proposals to fulfill the terms of the contract must be submitted by September 3, approval of a contract by the board of supervisors is scheduled for January 2020, and implementation for July 2020.

So, the problem should be solved soon, right?

Not necessarily, according to Wilkes.

For two reasons: when developing the RFP, input from locals with expertise was consistently disregarded, and also, a recent Ukiah City Council decision might undermine the entire project.

"I would say that none of our voices were heard in the process of developing the RFP. I'm the technical advisor for the selection committee, and I can't get a single return email from the executive office at the county in response to any questions," said Wilkes. "We can't even get a 'we're not allowed to give you that information' ... [we're] literally falling on deaf ears."

"They won't talk to [Laytonville Fire Chief] Sue Carberry; they won't talk to [Anderson Valley Fire] Chief [Andres] Avila," both of whom run an ambulance service, Wilkes said.

"Originally when the RFP was being built, Chief [Jim] Little from Laytonville and Chief Avila from Anderson Valley were on the committee. After multiple meetings ... none of their concerns were being addressed. It was useless for them to be there," he said. "The county and Coastal Valleys took a Santa Rosa model and built an RFP based on that. It doesn't necessarily meet our needs."

The problem presented by Ukiah, Wilkes explained, is a result of a very recent decision by the Ukiah City Council to "opt out" of the whole process.

"They have the largest population base," Wilkes said. "Ninety percent of call volume for emergency medical service is in the greater Ukiah area. If an ambulance company wants to provide service in Mendocino County, where do you think they want to provide that service? They'll provide it in other places as long as they have got it in Ukiah because that's where you make your money."

Ukiah's decision to pull out, he thought, would "kill the whole thing."

So, even though Wilkes would like the stability of a contract, saying "even if it's not better, you know what you have ... certain ambulances and response times that need to be met," he favored "a tactical pause in the process ... especially with Ukiah having their issues. It's going to be important to see how that plays out."

Meanwhile, the "ambulance service is a mess," he said. "Just in the first half of this year we've increased our call volume almost 100 based on medical aids that our volunteers ... are going to because of the ambulance problem.... We're at call 481 today. In 2012 we had 500 calls for the whole year."

The increase in calls also has an impact on the district's "bottom line ... fuel bills and maintenance," said Wilkes. "But the biggest cost to me is the time away for our volunteers from their jobs and their families. It's burning them and their employers out."

Burn out or not, they're still the best.

"Our department, when it comes to rescue. I wouldn't want anyone else," said Wilkes. "Our skills and tools ... there's nothing better."

He said there had been "multiple over-the-bank rescues on Route 20 in the last month," and described a particularly harrowing one. "A mother and a 1.5-year-old over the bank 250 or so feet," he said. "The mother had a pretty major head injury and our guys ... came up over the hill with mother strapped in there, and that baby strapped to her, and she's holding on to that thing, and that's what it's all about."

Regular training is a good part of what makes the department's volunteers so effective and skilled. Training Chief Eric Alvarez described last month's schedule to the board – an "active shooter drill" at the hospital, a six-engine Pine Mountain drill to "triage structures ... find hazards, and ... identify water sources ... [and] ladders training."

And there's been delays, but soon the district will have a new firehouse worthy of its collective expertise.

Even though construction is "a couple of months behind even the updated schedule ... [we're] looking at submitting plans to the city in three weeks," said Wilkes. "We recently completed the hazmat inspection [on the existing buildings, and] we're looking at putting it out to bid in the spring."

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to land holdings of 100 acres or more, at the last moment, Supervisor Ted Williams asked Supervisor John McCowen to amend his motion and allow cannabis enterprise zones as appropriate, "based on the environment."

McCowen agreed with that change.

McCowen's motion included direction to "minimize hoop-houses while promoting sun-grown cannabis." And the ability to obtain one of these mega-permits would be limited to those who are already in the county's permit system, McCowen's motion noted.

The plan, at this point, appears to provide that people or businesses that secure a cannabis enterprise zone permit would be expected to pay upwards of \$100,000 for the permit. Ten of these permits would be needed to finance the environmental impact report Supervisor Williams said the county would be required to file with the state to change the ordinance to allow these zones.

Williams told the board an EIR to support creation of cannabis enterprise zones would likely cost in the neighborhood of \$1.2 million.

The proposal came out of work done by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Economic Development of the Cannabis Industry, comprised of supervisors Williams and McCowen. Third District Supervisor John Haschak cast the lone dissenting vote on the item.

By its vote, the board seemed to be bowing to the dictates of capitalism, which provides, in the words of Swing Era jazz singer Billie Holiday: "Them that's got shall get / them that's not, shall lose."

During public comment on the item, speaker after speaker took the podium to say they wanted to be able to grow cannabis on up to 10 acres. Many speakers detailed the problems they have encountered, having to grow a commercially competitive crop on 10,000 square feet, the largest cultivation permit Mendocino County offers.

"We are competing against companies like Raw Gardens and companies like Select Extract," said Mark Green, CEO of Green Brothers Incorporated. "These are multimillion-dollar companies," Green said, adding that some of them have investments approaching a billion dollars. "Off of 10,000 square feet, for us to compete against these large conglomerates is nearly impossible, because I can't make my cost of production low enough to what they can make it at."

"It is imperative for us to grow at 1 acre, maybe up to 4 acres. Ten acres is new, I haven't heard about that. We have to be very careful about these cannabis enterprise zones," Green said.

Green's brother and business partner, Aaron Green, gave supervisors an inside scoop on the demand to produce high-volume product in the cannabis industry.

"If we want a successful cannabis industry in this county, let all the cultivators in this county have the ability to expand," Aaron Green said. "Ten thousand square feet is a cottage grow. I know you guys don't consider it [that way], but for us to compete with the rest of the state, 10,000 square feet is a very difficult thing. When I go to sell my product – and I go to a larger company that can actually have the funds to actually buy my product, and we engage with them – as they realize that I can only supply them with 10,000 square feet of canopy, it doesn't matter how good my product is coming out of this county."

"I can't produce enough product to get them to stay engaged with me because I'm not a big enough piece of the pie to supply them," he said.

Dennis Hunter, founder of CannaCraft, which owns and operates the Emerald Farms Dispensary in Hopland, told supervisors he welcomed the possibility of expanding to up to 10 acres of cannabis cultivation in Mendocino County. Doing so, he said, would allow his company to secure raw materials locally.

"We use about 220,000 pounds a year to supply our products," Hunter said. "Right now, most of that comes from other areas of the state. I'd love to see that economic impact come back to Northern California, back to Mendocino County."

"When we look at what this would mean for the local economy, 10 acres of canopy would mean 80 full-time employees, another 80 part-time employees. Our company would be in the top 30 or 40 employers in the county," Hunter said. "I've seen the impact of the last couple of years in the county, and

what it's done by having that restrictive type of regulation on cannabis, and so I encourage you to actually look at this and explore what this could do."

Monique Ramirez was one of the few speakers who pointed out some of the possible negative consequences of creating pot mega-farms. Ramirez said she was speaking on behalf of the Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group, a group that she founded.

"Unless priority is given to farmers, and not to those with deep pockets, how will this really help everyone?" Ramirez asked. "This model just perpetuates the larger companies to continue expanding, while smaller farms are left behind."

"It will mean those larger companies will essentially be sourcing material from themselves, and not from the community of farmers, since the main companies that are advocating for this hold the distribution and cultivation licenses currently. This will only divide our community, not bring us together."

"These zones will definitely create jobs, but how many independent farms will be lost in that process?... Why would farmers want to give up their independence to go work for a company?"

"I think this discussion needs to keep happening and I am looking forward to hearing more," Ramirez said. "It's good. I feel everyone has their perspective and their angle, and we all want to be successful in our businesses. And our group wants to promote that. But we have to be careful on how we promote that, how we scale up, and how it's going to impact everybody in the end."

Prior to the vote, Supervisor Haschak explained why he would be voting against the plan.

"One thing I think we are all lacking in all this is the data," Haschak said. "We hear people have to go to other places to get the flower, the product, and we also heard there are something like 900 permit applications being held up. Until that gets worked out, how can we make real, educated decisions on moving forward?"

Haschak referenced numbers given to him at the August 20 board meeting, when Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz told supervisors the cannabis unit had 926 permit applications under review and had 227 "active permits." From that, Haschak calculated roughly 1,100 permit applications have been submitted to the county. Including applications that have been withdrawn or denied, the current number is 1,429.

"If we do this, I believe there are so many loopholes that might develop that it is really going to undercut those 1,100 people who have already applied, that are trying to live within the structure of the cannabis ordinance as it has been developed. So, we are looking at limiting this to people who currently have permits or people who are currently seeking permits in Mendocino County."

"You know, we can't fool ourselves," Haschak concluded. "The money is going to come in from other counties, from other states, from other countries, that is going to be able to manipulate the system. And we are going to be played."

"So, I don't support this," he said.

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several items in the house.

The woman told deputies Langenderfer also threatened to shoot her to death.

Langenderfer, deputies said, "was upset at the [woman] for obtaining a restraining order against his wife."

Deputies searched the area and Langenderfer's residence, but were unable to locate him, DeMarco added, leading to the "arrest-if-located" order.

The woman, who said she was not feeling well after the incident, sought medical treatment "at a local hospital."

On August 22, just before 1 pm, Langenderfer surrendered to deputies at the Sheriff's Office Willits substation.

He was arrested and taken to county jail on suspicion of elder abuse likely to cause great bodily injury or death. Bail was set at \$50,000.

A complaint will be forwarded to the district attorney for consideration of charges of making criminal threats and criminal vandalism, DeMarco said.

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



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“At 62
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Live Well is my story.



Carol Brodsky was emerging from a stressful period in her life. She had been caring for her aging mother for many years as well as looking after her own children and grandchildren. Life became even more stressful when her partner was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Carol had given all of her physical and emotional energy to others, leaving her personal health behind.

After a routine visit with her nurse practitioner, Ann Ebner, she decided it was time to focus on her own health. That same week she joined Live Well. “When I walked in to my first Live Well appointment, I was relieved to see Jan Woesner, NP. I thought this is cool, this feels like family.” Jan worked with Carol to develop a plan to help her meet her health goals. This plan included time

with a personal trainer, registered dietitian and a counselor. Jan also ran tests and assessments to determine any health issues that might need to be addressed. She found a Vitamin D deficiency. Luckily, there was an easy fix that instantly brought Carol more energy.

“My time with Jessica, LCSW really made a huge impact on my journey. She brought my brain into the process. She helped me realize that my body is impacted by my mental health.”

Carol had suffered from PTSD, insomnia and exercise induced stress, all burdens that had kept her from reaching her health goals in the past. Jessica Cowan, LCSW helped her cope, and even heal from her previous trauma. She gave Carol the tools she needed to sleep better, so her body had the energy it needed to complete the Live Well program. Carol also spent

many sessions with Ryan Veness, Live Well’s Personal Trainer. He worked around her previous back injuries to help her improve her physical health. “Ryan gave me small steps that were manageable with my lifestyle.”

Carol also shared her experiences working with Karen, Live Well’s registered dietitian. “Karen never judged me. She gave me easy to follow tips, like always having healthy food with me, so when I was out and about it was easy to make healthy food choices.”

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Above: A large crowd attended the al fresco event held as a fundraiser for the Willits Educational Foundation. At right, top: Atley Carpenter checks out the silent auction items. At right: Tasty appetizers from Melissa Smith Catering of Hopland include these antipasto bites skewered on a twig of rosemary.



Summer Gala

Big hearts helped to raise over \$55,000 for Willits Educational Foundation during annual dinner and auction

"I travel all over the county and I see the generosity. I have never seen generosity like I did tonight," said Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, auctioneer for Saturday evening's Willits Educational Foundation Summer Gala. "The show of how much we love our teachers is beyond anything I can express in words.

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"If there is another teacher who hears of this night, and they don't work for the Willits district, they need to apply," Allman exclaimed after the frantic and furious bidding was completed, as all the attendees were catching their collective breath.

To say that this year's Summer Gala fundraiser to support art, music and libraries in Willits Unified School District was a success would be an understatement of epic proportions. By the time the sponsorships, silent auction, gate receipts, raffle tickets, drink sales, and proceeds from the live auction were tallied, the event had brought in over \$55,000 to support WUSD teachers in supplying the tools they need in order to provide the best education possible.

"We almost doubled the amount we brought in last year [\$30,000]," stated WEF's Jenn Drew, organizer for the Summer Gala event. "When we were adding up the receipts last night, I had to stop for a moment for a reality check and make sure I wasn't dreaming. This is going to be hard to beat next year."

The proceeds will go to Willits High School, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Blosser Lane Elementary School, Brookside Elementary School, Sherwood Elementary School and Sanhedrin High School in amounts determined by the number of students at each school.

As each attendee entered the backyard of Danny and Allisha Mihelcic, who graciously allowed their shady yard to be enjoyed by hundreds of diners and auction participants for the second year, they were given a choice of a logo-printed beer or wine glass to keep as a memento of the evening.

After passing through the gates, people could use their drink tickets at one of the bars and find a seat at the tables decorated with sunflower bouquets. They could then sample some of the tasty appetizers provided by Melissa Smith Catering of Hopland and load their plates at the salad and roasted chicken bar manned by Willits High School students.

Many people also chose to wander by the tables containing the many prizes provided by businesses and individuals of Willits of mostly artistic and quirky and / or useful objects. There was also a raffle table containing the items they could win by purchasing tickets for \$1 or \$20 for their height in tickets. Third District Supervisor John Haschak, with his tall frame, was very popular as a stand-in for some of the shorter raffle participants.

The specialty bar, supported by Sparetime Supply, was ably manned by Kevin Kvasnicka, as he expertly mixed the ingredients for his "Cowboy Margaritas," a delightfully sweet and potent mixture of tequila, beer, 7-Up, and limeade. He also offered Lemon Drops as an alternative made of vodka, lemon juice, Triple Sec and syrup, served with the rim dipped in lemon juice and sugar. There was also a wine and beer bar, with deft handling by Rotary members Shawna Handschug, Lydia and Jenny Senter, Alyson Bailey and Cici Winiger.

Members of the Willits Future Farmers of America handled the grill duties, grilling tri tip and oysters, which were served with butter and garlic and distributed amongst the attendees by friendly FFA servers. The dessert table offered brightly colored cupcakes and cookies.

Finally, it was time for the main event, the live auction, where the bidding became fast and furious, exciting, slightly insane, and totally off-the-rails. Prior to starting, Sheriff Allman asked all the teachers in the yard to stand up so that the other attendees could thank them with a rousing round of applause.

The first item up for bid was a large branded cowhide. "We sell a lot of hamburger at auctions. This is how the



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Above: The Future Farmers of America volunteers helped out at the gala. At left: Willits High School volunteers serve up chicken, rolls, and an assortment of salads. Below, left: Rotary Club bartenders Cici Winiger, Lydia Senter, Shawna Handschug and Alyson Bailey serve drinks at the beer and wine bar. Below: Pavlov's Garage provides the live musical entertainment at the Summer Gala.



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At top, left: Genevieve enjoys a sample of the juicy watermelon. At top, right: Will Gardener, who has been shopping at Mariposa for 25 years, attends with his son, Mike.

Above: People come and go, eating and buying all day Saturday at Mariposa's 40th anniversary party.

Below, right: Taking a few seconds to pose for the camera are cashier Cindy Sanborn and dry goods manager Kevin Copperfield.

Below, far right: Massage therapist Hara Kahn was busy at the event offering chair massages for party-goers.

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At right: Kayo Levenson finds a picture of her younger self in a collage of photos spanning Mariposa's history. Far right: Simone River shares photos with Mariposa Market owners Mary Ann and Michael Trevey.



At left: Vicky Titus from Laytonville, one of the young at heart, gets her face painted by makeup artist Tiffany from Tiffany's Family Circus. Above: Priscilla and Bob Gaston of Gaston Forge & Design stand in front a wall packed with their metal creations.



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For two days each year, the sleepy, multi-ethnic town is transformed into a place of multiple activities – art, dance, athletics (coed baseball tournament and old-timers baseball), dinners, a car show, and a ton of fun things for families to engage in.

The centerpiece for the weekend is the annual Covelo Blackberry Festival, a celebration of all things blackberry, like blackberry slushes, blackberry pie, green tea with blackberry, and blackberries with ice cream, but it is much more than just a gastronomic delight. Fifty-four vendors, mostly local, offer a myriad of Covelo arts, jewelry, wooden carvings, natural stones, balms, environmental information, soap, and custom-created poems.

This year, the 37th annual celebration, the festival had a new redwood arbor which helped to shade the inner of the two circles of vendors, the materials for which were generously donated by Mendocino Redwood Company and other lumber companies. In the center of the two concentric circles is the stage kiosk on which local talent performs for the festival-goers.

On Saturday, the first day of the festival, Willits percussion group, Mystic Sol, traveled the beautiful Highway 162 to perform in the morning, as well as the Dennis Chrisp Band from Laytonville.

Entering the festival grounds, it seems much smaller than it actually is, due to the layout, giving the area an intimate and friendly feeling, but there is much to see and do as one ventures into the circles.

Just outside the main area were two vendors, Shannon Gibbs' Healing Earth Soaps and Michelle Peñañoza's personalized poetry stand, setting the stage for the delights to be found within. Gibbs' soaps exude a soft and welcoming aroma. She was a Covelo resident who now lives in Willits.

Peñañoza creates poetry on the spot, based on prompts and the desires of the attendees. She is never constrained by subject. She has some of the poems pinned up on her board, like this one: "Round Valley: People don't believe it until they're here: it's actually round, mountains on all sides. Fog rests in the valley like a bowl of milk. You can live here for 20 years and still meet new people. Here, you can stand in the middle of a complete circle, the red tail hawks riding thermals above you, the little lizards moving concentric around your feet."

In this poem, one can feel the love of the valley that is felt by the residents. They

love the remoteness, the roundness, and the patient pace of life.

Inside the circle, the first thing one sees is whoever is performing at the moment. On Sunday morning, an invocation was being offered, asking for people to not buy into politics and negativity. "Politics: poli = many, and ticks = bloodsuckers," the presenter affirmed. "My last song will be for the workers, the volunteers, the radio people. When humans come together we are powerful beings. Take the blinders off in your mind, body and spirits to show how powerful we are. We have energy."

Many of the booths offered information on efforts to preserve the environment, campaigns to restore the natural beauty and wildlife of the county, and cannabis lobbying. You could also learn about the Friends of the Round Valley Library, a hub of the arts in the Round Valley, a place to meet and convene, have weddings, display visual arts, and more.

The Blackberry Fest is also a place of performances, with live music and children's entertainment like Marjo Wilson's Cotton Dandee. The Friends of the Eel River informed the attendees of their efforts to create a reasonable accommodation with various groups involved in the potential future of the Potter Valley hydroelectric project.

One can also learn about KYBU, Round Valley's radio station, run entirely by volunteers. They recently purchased a generator to keep them on the air during disasters, thanks to the generosity of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. The station subscribes to Pacifica Radio, which enables them to broadcast such shows as "Democracy Now." Being in a valley with seven native tribes, they also subscribe to Native Voice One, a Native American radio network.

Among the artistic vendors were Gypsy Moon and Wild and Wise, a partnership of Uma Hinman and Vashti O'Donnell, selling handcrafted herbal creations along with crochets and herbal vinegars. Betsy Williams creates jewelry from California-sourced stones for her Dreamtime Jade. Alma Hardy Tetteh, a woman of Nubian ethnicity, imports brightly colored bags, baskets and jewelry from various locations in Africa, helping to employ the village women.

Jim Christiansen with his Wiggly Wood Wonders lets his wood tell him what it wants to be. Chuck and Jody Ostrander brought many samples of their solar-powered decorative yard art. Bob and Priscilla Gaston of Gaston Forge & Design showed their eclectic collection of delicately cut metal works, some serious and some rather whimsical.

That the Blackberry Festival is in its 37th year is a testament to the pride that the residents of the Round Valley have in their area and in their arts.

Anniversary Party

From produce stand to thriving grocery... Mariposa Market celebrates 40 years in business

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It was the market's 40th anniversary party, and crowds of lighthearted people were engaged in conversations, sampling foods and drinks, and trying other store-related products, while rifts from live musicians entertained the crowd and children's faces were painted.

There could be no doubt that there was a party at the market, appreciated by many locals and travelers,

some new to the market and others who've shopped there since 1979, when it was a simple produce stand.

The event was well-advertised on social media, in Willits Weekly, and on the Mariposa bulletin board. The store's organic focus, carefully chosen local produce and products, curated gift section, delicious deli offerings, friendly staff, and all-around visual beauty have been delighting an international crowd for years.

Most of the time, the inside of the market was a little bit quieter. Every aisle had a table for people to sample goodies. The deli eating area became a three-table smorgasbord of platters, plates, and tubs of delicious foods prepared by chefs in the market's kitchen. It was a magnet for people hungry for more of what Mariposa Market is known for.

other vegetables from farmers in Potter Valley. It didn't take long before customers wanted other items like milk, eggs and bulk food items, and the little produce stand expanded.

"It was a day-to-day kind of thing. We didn't have any money and no way to invest, so we just said, 'We'll just get up and go to work every day. As we make money, we'll spend it.' That's what we did, so we never had any debt for a long, long time."

The business outgrew the produce stand, and they moved it to 600 Main Street in 1996, where George's Geodes and Gems is currently located, just across the parking lot from the current Mariposa Market. The Treveys took the cooler from their vegetable stand and bought other equipment for the new store. It was a spacious alternative to the cramped vegetable stand. At first they rented, and then eventually bought the property.

Little did they realize that from the market's humble beginnings, it would one day be the full-spectrum health food and grocery market it is today: an oasis of organic and locally produced foods for locals and travelers.

During those early years, Trevey could live her dream of being physically active in her business. Early on she liked how a mentor had managed his busy grocery store business by being hands-on. "He swept the floors and helped the customers," Trevey said. "I told Michael, 'That's the kind of boss I want to be. I want to be hands-on and out there working with everybody.' And that's how I did it for many years.

"Now I can't do that. It's been 10 years since we moved to the new store, and it's more sophisticated now. It's no longer a mom and pop store," she said a bit wistfully and added: "But I love the adventure! I always have. There's always something new to be involved with."

Mariposa Market, located at 500 South Main Street in Willits, is open 8 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm Saturdays, and 9 am to 5 pm Sundays. Info: 459-9630.



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Above: Louisa Bolton-Ast, Ensley George, Emily Ellickson-Brown show up to support Covelo radio station KYBU. At left: Chuck and Jody Ostrander show off their solar decorative yard art.



Happy first day of school!



AJ's first day of first grade.



Alaska on her first day at Brookside Preschool.



Jaxon, left, going into kindergarten and, Jaden going into 4th grade. "We are all made of stardust so shine like the whole universe is yours." Love mom and dad



Destiny's First day of Sophomore year at WHS!



Kali & Judah Kristiansen 4th & 1st Grade at Willits Elementary Charter.



Arianna's first day of 2nd grade We love you and hope you have a great school year. Love Grandma Juanita and Grandpa Juan.



Galilea Lopez, 8th grade & Zahyr Lopez, 7th grade at WCS. Wishing you an amazing year. So proud of you all. Lots of Love Mom and Pa



Gracie's First day of Middle School. 6th grade BGMS.



We hope you have the best year ever. We are so proud of the person you are becoming. Follow your dreams and reach for the stars, you got this Baylee!! Love Mom and Dad



The Drew boys off to there first day of school and tay is the new bus driver.



Romeo Lopez 12th grade at San Hedrin. Wishing you an amazing year. So proud of you all. Lots of Love Mom and Pa



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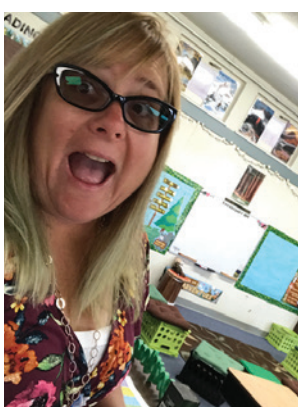
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Caleb's first day of preschool!



Kassius Lopez, 5th at WECS.



Miss McClelland Blosser Lane 3rd Grade.

Fun Riley

Not only adorable, but Riley is also very playful. This guy is fun! During his evaluation, Riley really wanted to meet a group of children who were in the shelter lobby. This playful dog would love a home with a canine friend who is as playful and energetic as he is. Riley is a 1-year-old neutered male Shepherd mix who currently weighs 55 pounds.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendociniansshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.

Gorgeous Olivia

Olivia is a sweet, gentle 2-year-old black Lab mix who checks most of the boxes for what most people want in a dog. She's gorgeous, playful and smart. In addition, she has lived with dogs, children, and adults in her previous home – all of which have helped her to develop into a happy, active animal. She knows a few commands ("Come," "Sit," "Lie down"), has had some leash training, loves to play catch, and loves to go swimming. Walking skills make her fun to take out, and her curiosity was obvious as she showed her immediate interest in the agility course. It's hard not to fall in love with her on first meeting – black Labs will do that to you! Better hurry, she's a winner!

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



The rest of Gala From Page B1 Above: Summer Gala organizer Jenn Drew holds the raffle bucket for Daniel Hosford to pick a ticket.

hamburger is normally wrapped," quipped Allman. Foreshadowing the excitement to come, this item sold for \$500.

In addition to items up for a straight auction, there were four bottles of fine liquor to be auctioned, with each winner of one of the bottles getting a chance to win a Yeti cooler filled with a myriad of gifts. The bottles went for \$1,000 for Don Julia tequila, Grey Goose vodka for \$1,000, Bombay Sapphire Gin for \$1,100, and Crown Royal for \$2,500 – that's a total of \$5,600 for just those four items.

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Registered owners: Maya Maki Youngstrom and Rain Youngstrom, 3359 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1949, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a married couple.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 22, 2014.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 24, 2019.

/s/ Maya Maki Youngstrom

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Wild Woman Visionary, 427 McKinley St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1028, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Kristin Lewis, 427 McKinley St., Willits, CA 95490.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 29, 2019.

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/s/ Kristin Lewis

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If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: August 20, 2019 REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. BOX 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 By: ROBERT CULLEN, President

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site: www.servicelinkASAP.com, using the Trustee Sale number assigned to this file, T.S. #19079-FE. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4702991

Publication dates: 08/29/2019, 09/05/2019, 09/12/2019

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CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

CASE: Minor Subdivision #MLD 19-01

APPLICANT/OWNER: Eric Mehtlan

REQUEST: Minor Subdivision of a 2.17+ acres parcel to create a 1.69+ acre parcel and a 0.48+ acre parcel.

LOCATION: In the City of Willits, lying on the west side of Sequoia Street, 268 feet from its intersection with Redwood Avenue; located at 310 Sequoia Way; APN 005-243-02 and 006-010-01. Note: APN 005-243-02 and 006-010-01 make up one legal parcel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15315 and 15332. These Categorical Exemptions pertain to Minor Land Divisions and In-Fill Development, respectively.

Your comments regarding the proposed project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling Willits City Hall at (707) 459-4601, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Oral comments may be presented to the Willits Planning Commission during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

/s/ Michelle Johnson, Assistant Planner for the City of Willits

Publication Date: August 29, 2019

MENDOCINO COUNTY

Current Job Openings:

Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II
Deputy Sheriff-Coroner II - Bailiff - Extra-help
Emergency Services Coordinator
Human Resources Analyst I/II
Registered Nurse
Safety Officer

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources

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CLASSIFIEDS

Computer Help

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

Help Wanted

At Covelo ranch: Exchange ranch and outdoors work for rent. Ideally with a trailer. Man or woman, retiree a plus. Must have good work ethic, be clean, healthy, reliable, with references. Call for details: 707-272-6354.

Event Spaces Available

Event spaces available at the Willits Center for the Arts • Great Room • Classroom • Ceramic Studio For inquiries, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726. For additional information visit: www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals

Help Wanted

AH-Home Health & Hospice is looking to fill the following positions: full-time: RN and PT and part-time or per diem: OT, ST & HHA. Call H/R Trudy at 707-456-3230 or apply online at adventisthealth.org.

Jazzercise Classes in Willits!

Come check out a class: first one is on me! 8:45 AM M-F & NEW class times at 5:30 AM MWF beginning 8/12, at The Grange, Room 9. Info: 707-472-9016.

Multi-Family Yard Sale

Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st, 9-3. Golden Rule Mobile Village, 16100 N. Highway 101, Willits, Ridgewood Ranch, follow signs. Vintage clothing (small sizes), reg. clothing (large and med.), furniture, household, telescope! Apple TV, Flexsteel Brown Leather couch (excellent condition), fishing gear, and more!

Office Space for Rent

1 large space 3400'. Several small offices 100' & 270'. Call Megan 972-8776.

'Please the Bees'

Devi's "Please the Bees" flower and plant sale! I will have many perennials, sedums, succulents, annuals and herbs for sale until the end of August, at 363 Boscabelle Ave., in Willits. 707-459-6284

RV/Trailer Space for Rent

Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 510-5895. See at "http://www.oakrvine.net/p"

SEWING AND ALTERATIONS

Seamstress and Sewing Teacher Barbara Carlson Visit my webpage: Seamqueen.blog 707-367-6182, Willits

Trailer Space for Rent

House trailer space for 1 person in Covelo for rent, on beautiful 30 acre private ranch, \$350/month, includes trash, water and septic. Call for details: 707-272-6354.

Yard Sale

Yard Sale: Friday 8/30 and Saturday 8/31, 9 am to 2 pm, at 229 Bonnie Lane, Willits – furniture, concrete finishing tools, and much more.

Yard Sale

Four-day yard sale at 101 Nancy Lane. September 5th - 8th, Thursday-Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm. A big variety of items for sale!

\$22,000

FALL FORTUNES
SWEEPSTAKES

EARN ENTRY TICKETS DAILY SEPT 2 - 28
8AM - 10PM
100 points = 1 entry ticket

Weekly Drawings
SAT & SUN
SEPT 7 - 28 5PM - 10PM

11 names drawn each day to
win **\$100 Free Play and a ticket**
into the Final Drawing.

Final Drawing
SATURDAY SEPT 28
AFTER 10PM

1ST Place	\$7,000 CASH
2ND Place	\$5,000 Free Play
3RD Place	\$3,000 Free Play

Winners are responsible for any taxes. Non-transferable
See Player's Club Booth for complete details



**FREE PLAY
DRAWINGS
5PM – 10PM**

Every 10 minutes,
4 guests will **win**

\$50 Free Play.

Must be playing
with your card in any
machine. If we call your
name, you'll have
1 minute to claim your
prize, or that prize will
be forfeited.

**EVERY SAT & SUN
SEPT 7 – 29 10AM – 5PM**

Redeem 500 points on Saturdays or Sundays to receive a **Duvet Bedding Set.*** Get a different piece each week, while supplies last.

*For guests who did not receive a Gift of the Month postcard.



— THURSDAYS —

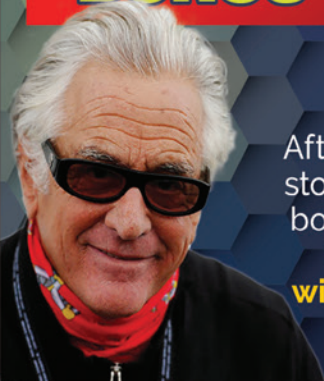
FALL INTO FREE PLAY

8AM – 2PM & 4PM – 10PM

Earn 200 points to get a Fall Into Free Play Scratch Card. If you participated in the morning session, then you can get a second scratch card during the night session by earning 100 points. Or you will need 300 points for the night session only. Every card is a winner and you could **win up to \$1,000 in Free Play!**

— TUESDAYS —

BARRY'S BONUS BUCKS



**DRAWINGS
NOON – 8PM**

After earning 100 points, stop by the Players Club booth to get a ticket for the drawings. **Two winners each hour get \$50 Free Play.**

– WEDNESDAYS –

Take It or Spin It

10AM – 8PM

Give us \$20 cash to get \$30 in Free Play. Or for \$50 cash, you can spin the wheel to **win \$60 – \$200 in Free Play!** Stop by the cashier's cage to get started.

Only those who receive this mailer are qualified to participate.



"NEW MEMBERS CAN'T LOSE"

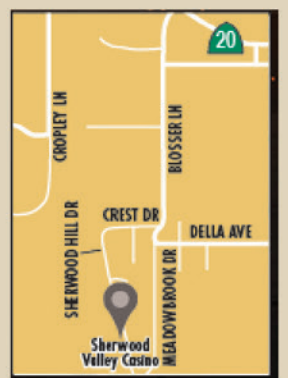
WE'LL GUARANTEE YOUR **LOSSES UP TO \$500***

Must be 18 & over to play
Gambling a problem?
Call 1-800-GAMBLER.

~Barry Weiss

***See Player's Club For Details**

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