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Top candidates decline Measure B project manager job

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At the August 28 meeting of the Measure B Committee, county CEO Carmel Angelo told the committee the top two candidates who had been selected as finalists for the position of project manager for the work of the Measure B Committee had each declined the position.

Angelo said the person who was selected as the top candidate had reviewed the county's employee position allocation table, and had determined that the county administration was underestimating the worth of the position.

Put another way, that person wanted more money than the county was willing to pay a project manager. The county is offering \$80,000 a year as base salary, plus about \$50,000 a year in benefits, for a total package of \$130,000 a year.

"A salary of \$80,000 a year, plus benefits, is, in my opinion, a really good salary," Angelo said.

Angelo said the person who was the evaluation committee's second choice

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Measure B
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County supes hear again from PG&E rep

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Two things are clear after a return engagement by PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Coordinator Matt Pinder, who spoke to the board of supervisors for the second time on August 27. They are, first, PG&E doesn't work for the County of Mendocino and, two, the people of California don't have a vote on whether they think that PG&E's Public Safety Power Shut-Off events are a good idea.

Pinder had previously discussed PG&E's Public Safety Power Shut-Off program before the board of supervisors on July 9 of this year. His talk on that occasion was punctuated by acrimonious dialogue between himself and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams, who suggested that the company wasn't doing enough to prepare its infrastructure for wildfires in Mendocino County.

During the July talk, Williams asked Pinder to return to the board with more information and with answers to questions that Pinder couldn't answer. On August 27, Pinder did that. His presentation this time was very similar to what he

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Above, from left: All aboard the succulent train! Or, bid on this hand-made planter at the Roots Steam Festival, this weekend on East Commercial Street. The Seabiscuit truck is a new acquisition for Roots of Motive Power. The 1918 Ross Lumber Carrier (affectionately known as "straddle buggy") was on the move, getting set and ready to be seen and enjoyed during this weekend's festivities at the Roots of Motive Power yard. Below: Members of the Roots of Motive Power crew pose together on the Ross Lumber Carrier, including, at top: Eli Moser, left, and Eddie Kimball; middle row: Bruce Patterson, and in front, from left: Joe Smith, Mike Gutierrez, Chuck Jones, and Roots of Motive Power President ("Emperor") Troy James.



Photos by Maureen Moore

Steam Festival

Roots of Motive Power to hold steam-powered fun event this weekend at Rec Grove and Roots yard

Get ready to get greasy – or at least look at some hard-working machinery and their crews – as the Roots of Motive Power yard is opened up to the public for the group's 37th annual fundraiser.

This Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8, many pieces of the antique equipment and trains that dot the East Commercial yard will be up and moving, literally, for the enjoyment of attendees of all ages.

Both days the event will start at 9 am and run until 4 pm. As always, the free event will include train rides on the Roots loop, historic equipment demonstrations including a portable sawmill, and free entrance to the Mendocino County Museum on both days. Saturday will also host a member's appreciation barbecue and auction (tickets for the barbecue starting at 4 pm can be purchased at the event)

and some fun with the Black Bart Gunfighters reenactor group. Sunday will feature the free steam printing event where attendees can carve their own design and watch the massive steam roller "letter press" a print off the carved and inked blocks, right on the spot.

Keep an eye out for Northspur Brewing Co. and Rosella's Italian Ice & The Ice Box food trailer who will both make an appearance at this year's event; selling the first pints of beer out of the new Willits brewery barrel, and scoops of fancy and flavorful ice cream from the mobile trailer.

This year, the Roots of Motive Power group added the historic Ridgewood Ranch Seabiscuit hauler truck to their collection of items, and officially became the owners of the

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Above, left: Roots' own "VITROYvian Man," Troy James, shows off the size of the wheel on the 10-horsepower Best Logging Traction Engine. Above, right: Many succulent varieties were grown and donated by Becky Bowlds, ag teacher at Willits High School, that were used to create the planter. Below, left: William and Alexis England, son/mother team, chainsawed and made the planter themselves and are excited to put it up for auction at the Roots event. The massive Best Logging Traction Engine is now forever home at the Roots hanger, after the group officially acquired it last spring.



Council introduces cannabis amendments to allow adult use permits

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After some emotional discussion by council, staff, and community members, the Willits City Council voted 4-1 last week to introduce an ordinance with five new amendments to the city cannabis ordinance, including one to allow adult-use/recreational permits for cannabis activity in the city.

The amendment ordinance is now scheduled for one more public hearing at a September 25 council meeting before potentially being officially adopted by the council.

As described in the agenda summary, the amendments would: "(1) Authorize the cultivation, processing, distribution, testing, research, transportation, dispensing and manufacturing of adult-use (recreational) cannabis; (2) Allow processing, testing, research and manufacturing of medicinal industrial hemp products;... (4) Allow for full type-7 cannabis and medicinal industrial hemp manufacturing facilities to operate in industrial zoned lands; (5) Allow for both a cannabis indoor cultivation

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Permits
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Library group wants to double Measure A

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Mendocino County Library Advisory Board Vice Chair Lynn Zimmerman recently told supervisors the LAB wants to run a ballot measure in 2022 to make the one-eighth of 1 percent sales tax imposed by Measure A, which initially was to be in force for 16 years, a permanent sales tax.

In addition, the Library Advisory Board wants to run a companion sales tax measure which would impose an additional one-eighth of 1 percent sales tax on taxable sales in the county, in order to fund a permanent capital improvement fund for the library system.

A strategic plan written by the Library Advisory Board back in January 2018 states that, in addition to developing a capital improvement fund, the second most pressing goal for the group is to develop a long-term plan for the improvement and/or replacement of the Ukiah Library.

The third goal on the list of three goals within the strategic plan is to "develop

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Measure A
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Invitation from Brooktrails Women's Club

To the Editor:

Ladies, ladies, ladies in and around Brooktrails, Brooktrails Women's Club cordially invites you to come and make new friends. We meet the first Thursday of every month, except in July and August.

Come have fun and make a difference in your world. For more information you may contact Rebel Johnston at 707-841-1965 after 10 am.

First meeting of new term is September 5, at the Brooktrails Community Center.

Rebel Johnston, Brooktrails Women's Club

'The beautiful faces of Willits'

To the Editor:

The Little Lake Grange was given a box of pictures, prints and proofs taken by photographers Larry and Amy Melious many years ago when they had "The Darkroom."

We are trying to find the owners so they can have their pictures. If you are one of the names listed below or you know how to contact the person, please let us know. You can come by the Little Lake Grange on Thursdays from 10 am to 4 am or call us at 459-9716.

Please help us reunite the pictures with their owners. Thank you.

Amanda Austin

Dianne, Daryl, Ryan and Lia Clifton

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Little Lake Grange, Willits

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Ensure your campfire is dead out

Mendocino National Forest employees responded to two abandoned campfires over the Labor Day holiday weekend. They posted this advice about campfires on their Facebook page:

It's really very simple:

- To make sure your campfire is out, drown with water and stir with dirt, making sure all burned materials are extinguished. Feel with your hand to make sure it's out cold.
- Every campfire will be put dead out before leaving it.

Remember, "One Less Spark, One Less Fire."

Thank you.

– Mendocino National Forest on Facebook

MCSO to use new 'high-low' sirens for evacuation alert

On August 23, Mendocino County Sheriff Thomas Allman announced the implementation of the use of a "high-low siren" in Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles.

During a major emergency there may be a time where people need to safely evacuate their residence or the area where the emergency is occurring. This is a situation that has occurred over the last two years with wildland fires in Mendocino County.

The high-low siren is a new way for the Sheriff's Office to notify individuals that an evacuation is imminent and steps should be taken to leave the area. If you hear these high-low sirens, also known as a "British bobby" sirens, Sheriff Allman says in the video, "It's time for you to gather your family, and safely evacuate the house."

A public service announcement video by Sheriff Thomas Allman highlighting the sound of the new sirens, and explaining the use of the high-low siren can be accessed at the following link:

www.facebook.com/watch/?v=935273690147737

To learn more about how you can be prepared, or to sign up for emergency alerts on your phone or via email, visit <http://www.mendocinosheriff.com/> or www.mendocinocounty.org/mendoalert.

– Submitted by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Inland Valley Women's Chorus invites new members for the new season

Submitted by Inland Valley Women's Chorus

Do you love to sing? Consider joining with a very welcoming group of singing women – the Inland Valley Women's Chorus. There is no audition and no prior experience is required.

IVWC sings songs of peace, joy, social justice, and healing. Some of the songs are written by our own members and friends, some are from around the world; some are simple chants, most have three-part harmonies. The chorus is directed by Madge Strong, who has decades of musical and teaching background.

The chorus has performed for many special occasions and fundraisers, including Project Sanctuary, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Diversity Day, Women's History, World AIDS Day, Earth Day, and Mendocino Local Women's Music Festival. We sometimes give a concert and/or host a northern California women's choral gathering.

Studies show that singing is good for our health and minds. One chorus member said, "Even when I feel tired after work, I come away from chorus re-energized." Music is also good for the world, teaching harmony and how to work and play together in community.

Inland Valley Women's Chorus meets Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 pm, September to June. Our first meeting of the new season is September 10 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 741 South Oak Street (in back of Rite Aid, just north of Gobb) in Ukiah.

For more information, contact Madge Strong, 459-1493 or mstrong@willitsonline.com.

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival 2019 Schedule

Saturday, September 7

9:00 Train Rides Begin at Loading Platform – Port of Olympia #2 until 2 pm.
Bucyrus Erie 50 B steam shovel moves to pit at rear of facility
Kelly Springfield Steam Roller begins operations

10:00 Willamette and stationary engines run for rest of day
Raymond Crane begins operations
Ohio Steam Crane begins operations until 3:30 pm

11:00 Willamette exercises Erie engine
Tractor group demonstration, all day at the Pit
Ranch Car Open 11:00 – 12:00
Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel Demonstration begins at pit at rear of property
Kelly Springfield Steam Roller

12:00 Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur
Willamette exercises Skinner engine & Erie Engine

1:00 Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader
Bucyrus Erie 22 B demonstration at pit.
Kelly Springfield Steam Roller

2:00 BSMS #1 joins P.O.O. #2 for Double header until 4 pm.
Raymond stream crane demonstration
Willamette exercises Eureka horizontal spool donkey
Tour of Lidgerwood Tower Skidder

3:00 Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel demonstration at pit (rear of property)
Willamette exercises Washington Yarder
Raymond moves back into work building

3:30 Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur;
Willamette, Bucyrus Erie 50B, Ohio, Kelly Springfield steam down

4:00 Railroad operations conclude

4:00 BBQ begins in park, Auction and raffle

Sunday, September 8

9:00 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller begins operations until Street Printing

10:00 Willamette and stationary engines operate rest of day
Ohio Steam Crane begins operations.

10:30 Train Rides Begin – Bluestone Mining Heisler #1 operates on until 3:30 PM.

11:00 Bucyrus Erie 50B demonstration at pit
Estep yarder start and run at Loading Spur
Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller moves to Park for Street Printing
Tractor Group Demonstration – to 3 pm.
Dirt moving after 50B departs pit at 1 pm.

11:30 Street Printing begins in City Park. Supplies provided for beginners to advanced.
Street Printing will continue until 3:30 pm.

12:00 Willamette exercises dynamo
Library and Ranch Car Open 12:00 – 1:00
Bucyrus Erie 22B Demonstration at Pit

1:00 Bucyrus Erie 50B shovel begins move back to shop and parks
Willamette exercises Washington Duplex Loader

2:00 Estep Yarder start and run at Loading Spur
Corliss demonstration – Engine House

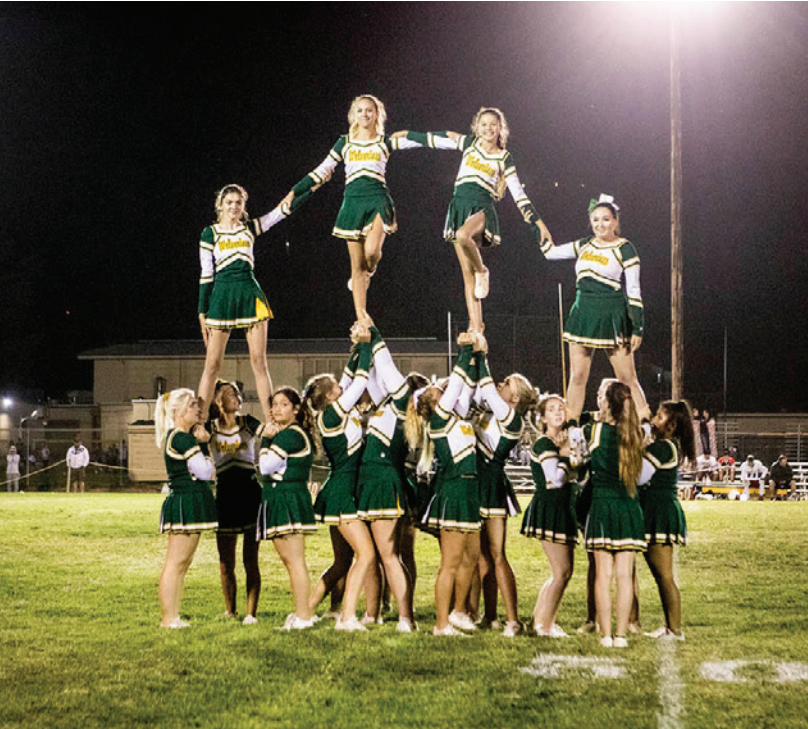
3:00 Begin to shut down all steam equipment.
Ohio Steam Crane to Pit Track
Railroad operations begin final switching operations

3:30 Buffalo Springfield Steam Roller returns to Work Building

4:00 STEAM FESTIVAL CLOSE



Photos by Mathew Caine



Wolverine Football

New staff and new philosophy at WHS this season hopes to create a culture of 'athletic scholarship'

It's a new day and a new season for Wolverine football. Willits High School athletics has a new staff, new players, and a totally new philosophy in the quest for a balance between the physical and the academic health of the students. If the varsity team's staggering win of 20-0 in their first game against McKinleyville is any indication of how the rest of the season will go, the changes may already be having a positive influence.

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while stating that he has "benefitted greatly from the foundation" that former athletic director Marian Lohne put into place, is moving forward with a program that concentrates on creating the most well-rounded student experience. He plans to do this by creating a culture of athletic scholarship in order to instill in the students the benefits of a program that emphasizes excellence in all aspects of high school life.

As part of the quest for the best-rounded student athletes, a policy has been instituted to assist the athletes in maximizing their academic prowess. If an athlete's grade average falls below 3.0 (B), they are assigned to an after-school study hall, manned by four teachers, one each day.

The class runs from 3 to 4 pm, four days a week, to help with general education, with an additional day set aside for math tutoring. "It doesn't stop them from being in the football program," said Bowles, "but it makes sure that they are taking care of their academic business as a priority over their athletics."

"The other thing we're trying to improve on is the comradery between the student athletes and the teachers," Bowles continued. "There's been a bit of a disconnect about the importance of sports in the children's life. We're bridging the gap to the teachers that think academic is the most important." Lohne added, "Sports are the social and emotional part of the school day."

"We've already seen a lot of small successes in the first two weeks," Bowles said, "with the grades being improved. We have all the teachers to make this a positive experience. I'm a big believer in consistency in the coaching staff, so I'm looking forward to having this coaching staff be here for a great many years, with success both on the field and in holding kids accountable and being a positive influence on their lives," he said.

The new football coaching staff, on both the varsity and junior varsity levels, seems to adhere to the current philosophy. Varsity coach Brandon Norbury and JV coach Matt Moratti are well-respected by their teams, and this shows in the upgraded abilities of the teams.

The junior varsity, although losing to a very good McKinleyville team 24-14 in this non-league home opener, was never out of the game. Roger Garcia took the ball back on the opening kickoff for a touchdown, which was followed by a two-point conversion. The team then scored another touchdown and led 14-0.

It seemed, however, that every other play was accompanied by a penalty by both teams, but especially by the Wolverines, that caused them to lose ground and negate some good plays. The McKinleyville team scored the remaining 24 points to pull ahead and win the game.

The JV Wolverines played a good defensive game and were never out of the running, and without the aforementioned penalties, which can be attributed to opening day jitters and a need for more experience, they could have made the game closer or even won. Their prospects for the remainder of the season, for this squad of mostly freshmen, look good if they can continue to improve.

Prior to the game Coach Moratti was upbeat about his team's chances for the season. "I think we're looking good. We have a lot of young kids. We have almost 20

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SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANTIQUE WORD SEARCH

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- Fertile desert spots
- Married woman
- Some animals travel in one
- Fear
- Hawaiian island
- Fit to work
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Former Senator Specter
- Cambodian currency
- Dave Matthews Band hit
- Lists ingredients
- Endangered antelope
- Jerry's TV partner
- Blue grass state
- Obstruct
- Luke's mentor ___Wan
- Fencing swords
- Oh, heavens!
- Insensitive to changes in price
- Hillsides
- Brew
- Gland secretion
- A typical example
- Get up
- You put it on your pasta
- Expresses surprise
- News organization
- Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)

- One millionth of a gram
- Some are of the 'suit' variety
- Group of organisms
- Produces
- Passage into a mine
- ___ and cheeses
- Semitic fertility god
- Dry or withered
- Religious ceremony
- ___ Winger, actress
- German river
- Midway between northeast and east
- Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- Lyric poems
- Genus of saltwater clams
- Ingroup
- Type of lounge chair
- Memory card
- Archipelago
- Common Korean surname
- It's up there
- Quantity that helps to define ecclesiastical year
- Metal-headed golf club
- Adhine of green
- Begin

- A good thing to have
- Language spoken in Laos
- Loosely compacted sediment
- Naturally occurring protein
- Woman
- Central Indian city
- Volcanic craters
- The largest existing land animals
- Rumanian city
- Equal to 10 meters
- Historic Nevada city
- A point of transition
- Remove
- Overwatch character
- Records electric currents linked to the heart
- Settles in calmly
- Partner to his
- Banking giant
- Slowly disappeared
- End
- Sword with a v-shaped blade
- Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
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- Traditional Japanese socks
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- Stony waste matter
- Woman (French)
- Unit of loudness

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

August 26 to September 1

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **199 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 26

12:59 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.

8:34 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of East Barbara Lane and issued a warning.

12:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

2:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

4:05 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of South Main Street.

6:53 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

August 27

1:33 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:29 am: GUASCH, Henry Vincent (26) of Laytonville was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:19 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

4:28 pm: MARKS, Dustin Wayne (33) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole to remain under legal custody to return to prison.

7:00 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

August 28

8:03 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Brookside Drive.

3:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

7:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Locust Street and Walnut Street.

7:41 pm: FRANCIS, John Larry (47) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East San Francisco Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license.

8:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

August 29

7:00 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:57 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

9:01 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:50 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

10:55 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:27 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Alameda Avenue and issued a warning.

12:10 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial Street.

1:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

3:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South

Main Street.

6:00 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of Coast Street and Raymond Lane.

6:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:33 pm: BODWIN, Ivy Mae (47) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 490.5 PC (Shoplifting), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of petty theft and disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

August 30

3:24 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

4:36 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

7:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

8:21 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

August 31

1:17 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:01 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Margie Drive and issued a warning.

12:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of several unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

3:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court and issued a warning.

7:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

7:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

8:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:20 pm: WILEY, Tristin Marlene (24) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of Margie Drive following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:12 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

September 1

2:24 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:24 pm: LAFLIN, Adam (43) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

1:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Haehl Creek Drive and East Hill Road and issued a warning.

9:30 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.



Forget-Me-Not
Flowers

Partners offer gorgeous bouquets of sustainably grown flowers at Laytonville U-pick, farmers markets, and by special order

Flowers! What a wonderful way to tell someone you're thinking about them or a way to add color and beauty to your life. Carissa Chiniaeff and Ella Hanson are co-owners of Forget-Me-Not Flowers. They provide abundant flowers and flower arrangements for sale to the public at the Willits and Redwood Valley farmers markets and their U-pick flower garden at Irene's Garden outside of Laytonville.

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Chiniaeff began working with flowers in 2003 when she attended an agricultural apprenticeship at UC Santa Cruz. After the six-month apprenticeship, she stayed on as a "second-year" apprentice and specialized in growing, tending and arranging flowers. After leaving the program, Chiniaeff worked in a few gardens in Willits, attended the then-Grange Farm School – now called the School of Adaptive Agriculture – where she met Hanson.

Chiniaeff grew flowers at the Brookside School garden for four years and grew some at Irene's Garden where she worked and interacted with Hanson and farm owner Irene Engber. The three had many conversations about gardening, developed a special camaraderie, and Engber encouraged both women to start a serious flower business on the land.

"[Ella and I] started hanging out at the garden and sometimes picked the flowers for my business," Chiniaeff remembered. "We started talking and Irene was very encouraging. Ella had been growing flowers there and was gaining knowledge about them and the business end, so we sort of came together organically." They officially started Forget-Me-Not Flowers a little over two years ago, and started selling flowers at the Willits Farmers Market this summer.

The partners take special care with their farming practices. They believe in growing organically, saving seeds, integrating flowers for pollination and pest control, and looking to the future, so they use sustainable farming practices. They're currently phasing out covering the planted rows in plastic that keeps the soil moist while abating rampant weed growth. They have plans to put down cardboard in the walkways and cover the beds with burlap this winter. This will have the same effect as plastic.

For them, "sustainability" goes further than the soil and plants. "There's also the sustainability of our bodies that I learned at the Farm School," Chiniaeff informed. "It takes a lot of work to farm, and if we want to be doing this for the

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All those who knew
Cindy Morninglight
are warmly invited to a
Community Memorial at the
Willits Grange on September 14,
at 2 pm. Gathering together we
form a sacred bond of friendship.
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photos honoring a life well lived.

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non-alcoholic drinks
appreciated.



Above, left: Ella Hanson, left, and Carissa Chiniaeff gather flowers for the farmers market.

Above: Carissa Chiniaeff smiles as she pauses a moment from unloading flowers for the farmers market.

At left: Ella Hanson and Carissa Chiniaeff, co-owners of Forget-Me-Not Flowers, enjoy making bouquets and visiting with customers at the Willits Farmers Market.

Below, left: The co-owners of Forget-Me-Not Flowers display their dirty hands – a result of producing such gorgeous flowers.

Below: Carissa Chiniaeff and Ella Hanson immerse themselves in the bounty of their garden.

Photos by Ree Slocum



Below, left: Carissa Chiniaeff, left, and Ella Hanson are friends as well as business partners. Below, right: All the flowers are organically grown in their garden at Irene's Garden outside of Laytonville.



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told their current employer they were considering taking another job, and that employer came back with an enhanced package for that person. She elected to stay with her current employer.

Angelo said, in the search for a project manager, it was back to the drawing board. "We'll start a second interview process in a couple of weeks," she added.

Deputy CEO Jenelle Rau reported on progress in hiring an architect for the county's Measure B program. Rau said that the application period for the Measure B Project architect position closed on August 16, and that four people applied. Rau said the evaluation team will meet on September 4 to review the written applications. Thereafter, within two weeks, (that is, by September 18) oral interviews with the candidates will be conducted. After that, the executive office will hold financial and contract discussions. Rau said the executive office is hopeful it will be able to bring a recommendation to the board of supervisors in October.

McCowen speaks at meeting

During the public expression portion of the Measure B committee meeting, Second District Supervisor John McCowen informed the committee that, on the previous day, the supervisors had passed an agenda item recommending the Measure B Committee use the Kemper Report as a guiding principle in its work, and also that it use the budget included in the report as a template or guide for allocating the expenditure of Measure B funds.

The Kemper Report referred to by McCowen was written by the Kemper Consulting Group and was made public in August 2018. The upshot of McCowen's statement was to remind the Measure B Committee the Kemper Report had recommended that consideration be given both to the construction of needed facilities and to the expansion and improvement of mental health services. McCowen noted that the agenda item considered August 28 by the board of supervisors came out of a statement the board had drafted in response to a grand jury report on the Measure B process.

"In our response to the grand jury, we went beyond simply looking at facilities, and we pointed out that the Kemper Report also called for increased and improved services, for supportive services, for supportive housing, for substance use disorder treatment, for full service partnerships. And in fact, the proposed budget for the first five years includes \$14 million for those services," McCowen said.

"The guiding principal of the Kemper Report is 'the development of a comprehensive mental health continuum in Mendocino County that provides a broad range of services and supports, that would remediate mental health conditions at the earliest possible time, and reduce the need to in-patient psychiatric utilization.'

"Given that I believe we have money available, and given that the board actually went beyond the recommendation that was in our agenda summary to say that, if we don't have sufficient data available to determine what are the gaps in substance use disorder treatment or full-service partnerships, please ask us to authorize contracting to get the data that we need to know if Kemper's recommendations – if his proposed budget – is accurate or not," McCowen continued.

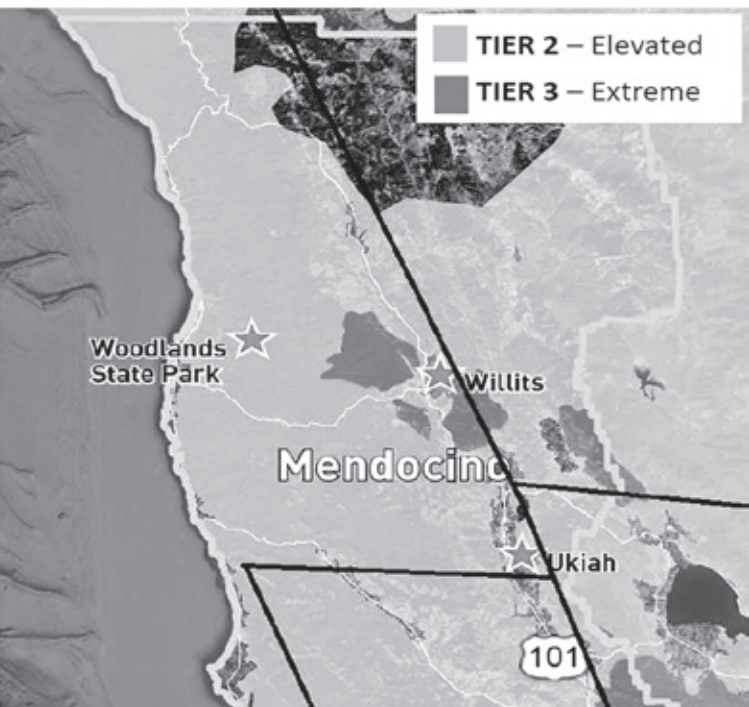
"He does set a goal. He says it is not unreasonable that within five years of adopting this legislation, we could reduce the need for inpatient hospitalization from 15.1 [persons per day to 7.8 [persons per day]. So, roughly you can reduce by half the need for hospitalization. Again, it doesn't mean we don't need a psychiatric health facility. But it will be a tremendous benefit to the people who need these facilities, their families and their communities, if we can also move forward with these other services," McCowen said.

McCowen sat down, and the meeting continued. Nearly an hour later, the committee took up an agenda item that provided an opportunity for the committee to once again examine its attitude toward the Kemper Report. Sheriff Tom Allman touched on the topic that had been broached by McCowen.

"The board of supervisors took action yesterday on the Kemper Report and approved it on its face," Allman said. "They asked us to do the same thing. But it is my understanding that we've already done that. My memory says we've done that," Allman said.

"Correct. We have," said committee member Donna Moschetti. Moschetti may well have been referring to committee action taken in January 2019, when the committee voted unanimously to "accept the Kemper Report as a guideline for this committee to make recommendations to the board of supervisors regarding program priorities and funding."

The committee dropped further discussion of the item, and moved on to other business.



PG&E describes this map above as a "generic overview of the electric transmission lines that serve Mendocino County" (note the black lines). Willits is set amongst several darker "Tier 3" extreme fire-risk areas.

said last time.

Once again, Williams asked difficult questions. For example, after Pinder told the supervisors that PG&E has some 2,300 miles of electrical delivery lines and electrical transmission lines in Mendocino County, he told the supervisors that the company was going to "harden" about a mile of those lines in this county in 2019. Hardening is a term that refers to making a section of the power grid ready or more ready for a wildfire. It includes strengthening or replacing poles and towers, and putting in insulated power lines.

"It surprised me that a half a mile has been hardened and another third of a mile is planned to be hardened," Williams said. "Just given the scope, you have 2,300 miles that could cause a fire, and you are narrowing that down by a third of a mile. [This refers to lines in the Fort Bragg area that the company is planning to harden this year, in addition to the nearly half a mile of line in the Potter Valley area that had been hardened just a few days before the board meeting.] Certainly, the target should be higher, don't you think?" Williams asked.

"Across our whole service area, PG&E has 25,000 miles of power lines in high-fire-threat districts, that is, in Tier 2 and Tier 3 areas," Pinder replied. "We are doing 150 miles this year ... a relatively low percentage. I think that relatively low percentage is reflected in Mendocino County as well. We would love to be able to do all of them, immediately. It's not operationally feasible."

Pinder said PG&E plans to increase the number of miles of lines that are to be hardened next year, but he added the increase would not be on the level of orders of magnitude, in other words, not 10 or a 100 times the 150 miles. "This will continue to be a long-term program," Pinder said.

Pinder also told the supervisors the company plans on erecting what it is calling "community resource centers," which will be housed in large, circus-sized tents placed in one or more parking lots throughout the county. Second District Supervisor John McCowen asked Pinder where these resource centers were going to be located, but Pinder refused to say.

"It's not best practice to give people locations of potential resource centers or cooling centers," Pinder said, "because you may or may not activate all of them when an event comes, and you don't want people prescriptively driving to a place that they heard may be activated, when it isn't being activated. So, when an event comes, we will make that information available."

Pinder said each of these resource centers are being planned to accommodate approximately 100 people at a time. McCowen pointed out that Ukiah has about 16,500 people living in the city limits, and First District Supervisor Carre Brown noted there are about double that living in the Ukiah valley. Williams told Pinder, "I don't know if those numbers work." Pinder did not say anything in response to those comments.

Pinder discussed the electrical power supply for Mendocino County. He put up a diagram on

the overhead projector, showing that the county receives power from four sources: from the north, coming down from Laytonville; from the east, coming in from Lake County and running into the main line at about Redwood Valley; and along two lines from the south, one line from Santa Rosa to Ukiah, and one line coming up along the coast northwards to Elk, and from there eastward to Ukiah.

Pinder evaluated the potential that a power shut-off somewhere in northern California could cut off all power in the county.

"If there's a PSPS in Lake County, probably Mendocino County would be OK," Pinder said. "But if there's a PSPS in both Lake and Sonoma counties, we would only have that northern line to serve the county, and so that may put the system at risk in terms of having enough power to serve Mendocino County. This is why we emphasize that everyone needs to be prepared, because even if you don't live in a high-fire-threat area, it could impact you."

Pinder spoke about PG&E's plans to make efforts to contact people who have notified the company they have medical conditions that will be gravely affected in a power shut-off.

Pinder said the company has committed to making "every attempt" at contacting them, and explained that, for the company, "every attempt" included phoning them and texting them during the 24 hours before a power cut-off occurs. If they don't hear back from them, PG&E has committed to sending someone out to the person's house to knock on their door and talk to them. If they don't answer the door, the company plans on leaving a "door-hanger."

Williams said this was not adequate. "Is there a next step, that's not on this slide?" he asked. "I mean, these are people who enrolled, they have a medical condition. A lot of people who have medical conditions can't necessarily come to the door and this door-hanger, I don't think, secures their condition. They still may not be aware that their power is going to be shut off. So, is there a follow-up?"

Pinder said the company does not now envision a follow-up. "No. This is 'every attempt' that PG&E is making," he said.

When Williams persisted and described people in rural areas with medical conditions as being "some of our most helpless people," Pinder changed his response somewhat. "I understand," he said. "We're open to ideas."

McCowen reminded Pinder that people with medical conditions could list multiple numbers on their contact forms, some of them being friends and family who could be notified by the company, and who then could notify the person who is hard to reach.

Pinder said his company had already made that provision on paperwork that people fill out when they open an account with the company.

"Yes, but that standard option just gets lost in the billing statement, and I'm suggesting a specific, targeted outreach," McCowen said.

"Understood. That's a good idea," Pinder said.

long-range plans for all branches and future branches of the library."

The announcement that the Library Advisory Board intends to run two ballot measures in 2022 to strengthen support for the county's library system received mixed support on the board of supervisors.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said he was not convinced of the wisdom of running two ballot measures at the same time. "As we sit here right now, I'm not convinced it makes the most sense to break it out as two different initiatives, or one half of that for building and one half of that for services," Gjerde said.

"It think it might make more sense to have a .25 percent proposal that allows for funds to be spent on facilities but doesn't restrict the funds in the two services, because I think that flexibility is helpful to the patrons of the library," Gjerde said.

"I appreciate the strategic plan," said Third District Supervisor John Haschak. "I think some details need to be worked out on it, some more thought needs to go into it, but I support the idea that we need a viable library, with the capital improvements that we need. Because we have a growing population that's using the libraries more and more, and we can't have these buildings built in 1970 still serving the same functions in the 21st century."

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams noted that running that second one eighth of 1 cent ballot measure might be problematic and asked for alternative ideas. "Is there a back-up plan?" he asked.

The county already has two sales tax measures on the books and is hoping to pass a third and a fourth. Measure A is a one-eighth of a cent per dollar sales tax that supports the county library system. It was approved by 75.7 percent county voters in 2011 and is due to expire in 2027.

Measure B was approved by 83.5 percent of county voters who voted in the November 2017 election. It allocates half of 1 cent sales tax per dollar spent and directs the money to be used to improve the county's mental health system. The tax began to be applied in April 2018, and will be in place until April 2023, when it will revert to a permanent one eighth of a cent per dollar spent on taxable sales.

Just a few weeks ago the board of supervisors directed county counsel staff to explore drafting a ballot measure that would impose a small sales tax increment – perhaps three-eighths of a cent per dollar spent – with revenues going to support rural ambulance providers in the county. At the same meeting, the supes directed staff to explore drafting a ballot measure to expand the county's transient occupancy tax, otherwise known as "the bed tax," to include private campgrounds, with revenues going to support rural fire departments.

According to the 2019 Library Advisory Committee Annual Report, which was written by LAB Chair Marc Komer: "During the fiscal 2018-19 period the combined branches had 574,245 checkouts, added 4,431 new patrons, loaned 126,329 items, sent 189,412 items to Sonoma and Lake counties, handled 150,000 requests for out of county items, added almost 30,000 new items to our collections, and provided nearly a million on-line resource materials.... The transition to the Cultural Services Agency in early 2019 was smooth, and the LAB is satisfied that library staff time and resources remain independent of the time spent on county Museum and Parks duties. The LAB asks for regular updates about the accounting and [Cultural Services Agency Director Karen] Horner has been forthcoming," the report states.

The LAB's Annual Report for 2019 also includes a discussion of progress toward establishing a branch library in Laytonville. "The Long Valley Friends of the Library was formed in 2015 for the purpose of bringing a County Public Library to Laytonville," the report states. "Since that time, the Friends have raised \$50,000 toward a library building, have opened a used bookstore, known as "The Book Room," and have provided many literacy and community services.

"The Friends are currently in negotiations with the Mendocino County Library to open a satellite branch in the downtown area. Ongoing activities include providing free books to children, hosting field trips from the local schools, providing activities for the After-School Center, and participating in the Laytonville Healthy Start's summer program. The Book Room now includes a used bookstore with over 3,000 items as well as the community room, which is a cozy classroom-sized venue for small meetings and community gatherings."

The LAB 2019 Annual Report also mentions the formation and the early activities of the Working Group to Improve the Ukiah Library, a group that intends to oversee long-term planning and development of the library.

"The Working Group to Improve the Ukiah Library was formed in 2018 to develop long-term planning for the Ukiah Library, which was built in 1970," the report states. "The goal is to raise funds for a needs assessment to determine how effectively the facility meets the needs of the current regional population it serves in the digital age. To date, \$10,000 has been committed for this purpose from: City of Ukiah (\$2,500), Mendocino County Library (\$2,500) and the Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library (\$5,000). Members of this committee include Supervisor John McCowen, Ukiah Mayor Maureen Mulheren, Michele Bisson Savoy, president, Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library, and Lynn Zimmermann, 2nd District LAB representative."

Zimmerman told the supervisors the most important act they could perform on that day for the libraries would be to approve the strategic plan. However, the supervisors declined to have any vote to accept, adopt or modify the plan, nor did they vote to accept the LAB's annual report.

Instead, four the five supervisors agreed to help the libraries and the advisory board with both strategic and practical matters.

Supervisors Haschak and Williams will work with staff at the Round Valley Library to improve Wi-Fi internet speed at that library, and supervisors Gjerde and McCowen will work with members of the Library Advisory Board to strategize on how best to present either two ballot measures, or a single ballot measure, to renew Measure A and create a capital improvement fund for the library system.

In addition, the board agreed with a suggestion of Gjerde that library improvement working groups should be started at each of the existing libraries. Zimmerman said that as vice chair of the LAB she would facilitate that happening.

At right: Sherwood School students work together on a complex weaving game.

Below: Sherwood School students work on a laptop together.

Below, right: Students Tre and Iziah work on building a balanced structure.

At bottom: Sherwood Elementary School students gather in a circle around the flagpole outside the rural school.



Back to school at Sherwood School

Sherwood Elementary School is an amazing place where children learn to care for our planet, express themselves through art, and build character while meeting academic standards. We had an incredible start to the school year. We enjoyed seeing familiar faces and getting to know our new friends. Returning students took turns mentoring our new classmates. We have been working hard setting class guidelines and goals. We are looking forward to a marvelous year where we all take care of one another so that we can get to the hard work that needs to be done.

– Submitted by Sherwood Elementary School



Sweet Fergus

Fergus came to the shelter after being found in a vacant house by the house cleaners. Fergus was very afraid of everything when he first came in, but in the months since his arrival, with lots of love and patience from our staff, he has come to enjoy living in the cattery with his roommate Avery. Fergus would like a quiet indoor home that is not too busy for him. Come meet this sweet boy!

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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.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.

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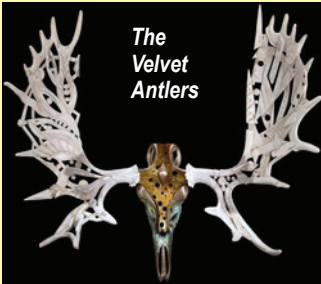
Friday, September 6

Auditions for “Twelfth Night”: Willits Community Theatre is holding auditions for William Shakespeare’s romantic comedy, “Twelfth Night,” 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: The Velvet Antlers. Friday, September 6, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. “This four-piece will be playing a melting pot of rhythmic and danceable rock, psych, funk, punk, Latin, and soul.” 50B South Main Street.

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, 420 East Commercial Street. Historic train and logging equipment, free train rides and steam locomotives, a steam shovel, steamrollers, stationary engines, and tractors. The infamous bandit Black Bart and his gang have 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 with an antique steamroller.



The Velvet Antlers

or call 459-7777 for info.

Sunday, September 8

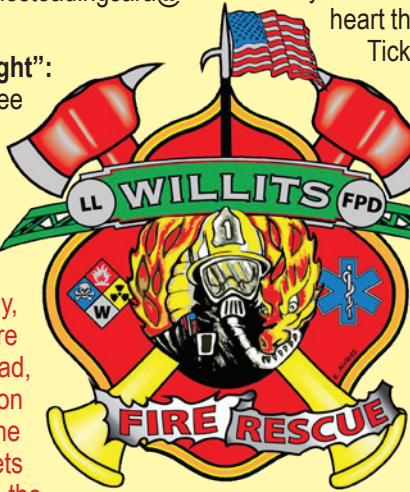
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What’s Happening Around Town

Dirty Cello: Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, Sunday, September 8, 2 to 4 pm. “Dirty Cello brings the world a high-energy and unique spin on blues and bluegrass, cello like you’ve never heard before, gets your heart thumping and your toes tapping!” Tickets in person at Mazhar, 38 South Main Street, 24/7 at 800-838-3006, and at the door until sold out.



LocalLights: OpenMic++: An all open mic night Local Lights night, Sunday, September 8, 5 pm at Willits Center for the Arts (upstairs). “LocalLights provides a stage with good acoustics and a safe atmosphere for any kind of performing arts. All ages. This month there will be more time for everyone who wants to get up and play, sing, dance, recite, etc.” To sign up in advance to perform and reserve a slot early in the program, call 459-7054 or email: locallights@thesighting.com. You are welcome to bring food and drink.

Tuesday, September 10

Tightwad Tuesdays: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad Tuesday movies are: “Dora the Explorer” and “Good Boys.” Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.



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. Free, but space is limited. Info and reservations: Suzanne, 456-9676. Visit: www.avenuetowellness.org.

Willits High School Lady Wolverines Volleyball: Willits vs. St. Helena: JV at 5 pm (Coach Julie Goyke); varsity at 6 pm (Coach Jon Jessup). Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street.

Willits High School Soccer: Willits vs. St. Helena: Boys at 4 pm (Coach Martin Rodriguez), Girls at 5:30 pm (Coach Christina Novelli). Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street.



Wednesday, September 11

Patriot’s Day Ceremony: American Legion Post 174’s annual “Remembrance” ceremony honoring local firefighters, law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred on 9-11-2001. The American Legion will conduct a brief (15 minutes max) ceremony, on Wednesday, September 11 at 11 am at Willits High School. “Please join us as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that ‘day of infamy’ and the following days.” In the parking area in front of the main WHS building by the flagpole. Parking for the public is available at the north end of the school parking lot. Seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

Body Talk, Energy Therapy: The Empowerment Events’ monthly speaker series presents Holly Barnard, CMT on “Allowing Soul’s Voice in Bodymind Healing.” “Hands-on energy work that brings together science and consciousness, to create a conversation with your bodymind and identify obstacles to health.” Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 4. Free, donations shared with the speaker.

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SPEAKER:
HOLLY BARNARD, CMT

Sept 11th, 2019, 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

At Catholic Wellness Studio, Little Lake Grange, Room 4, 291 School St, Willits, CA 95496

Free admission, donations will be shared with the speaker. Please arrive on time as courtesy to the speaker.

Your Hosts:
Michelle Cummins, C. at www.catholicwellnessstudio.com 707-972-0902
Claudia Wrenning, ND www.chaofacupuncture.com 707-371-6803

Thursday, September 12

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Music in The Park: Every Thursday, September 12 to October 3, 6 to 7:30 pm, at Recreation Grove Park. The “Falling out of Summer” free concert series hosted by the City of Willits features: Thursday, September 12:

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Ongoing Events

Linda Posner’s “Word Buffet”: KLLG-LP, 97.9, “Poems and Sayings to Start Your Day,” Sunday, 10 to 10:30 am.

Flowers and Sleepwalkers: Local artist Margaret Pirouette’s latest show, “Flowers & Sleepwalkers” in oils and watercolors at Brookhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

Frontier Days: A Collector’s Journey: Western artifacts from the Dusty Whitney collection, at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street through October 30. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4:30 pm.

Art in the Plaza “Under the Umbrellas”: vendors selling art, jewelry and other hand-crafted items every weekend from July through September. Behind Café 77 on East Mendocino Street.

Meatless Mondays: at Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive. “Serving delicious plant-based options every Monday.” 7 am to 5 pm.

Collective Care: A Holistic Support Group: Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am. 44650 Highway 101, Laytonville. Holistic community support and information. Children welcome. By donation. www.ninestressbotanicals.com.

Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr: Radio active blues programming for tragically hip and twisted. Fridays, 9 pm to midnight. 97.9 FM, KLLG.

Willits International Folk Dancing: Class meets every Thursday, 7 to 9 pm, Willits Charter High School. New dances taught 7 to 8 pm. \$0 - \$5 sliding scale. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club. Mondays, 6:30 upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. \$5. Come alone or bring a friend. 707-484-3385 for info.

Little John’s Place: Every Wednesday Pool Tournament 12:30 pm. \$5 buy-in. Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm, “we’ll buy the pizza you buy the beer.” Thursdays, Pool Tournaments starting at 5:30 pm. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/.

Free Herb Talks: by the Mendocino Herb Guild. Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Willits Farmers Market, at West Mendocino Avenue at Main Street next to the Rexall parking lot.

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

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

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

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

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

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Weekly Parkinson’s Discussion and Support Group: Every

altruism. Traditional Jazz to Folk-Punk to Country,

An all-inclusive experience through the blending of multicultural arts.” Upcoming: September 19, The Real Sarahs; September 26, Funkacillin; October 3, The Johnny Young Band. Delicious food available from the Willits Lions Club and Taqueria Ramirez.

Sherwood Firewise Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 6 to 8 pm, Brooktrails Community Center. “We will review the recent evacuation education and convoy results, have an update on emergency planning by Supervisor Haschak, updates regarding the working team projects, and determine how to organize neighborhoods to share the funding resources for vegetation removal.” Info: info@Sherwoodfirewise.org.

Saturday, September 14

Mendo Mill Bucket Challenge: The Willits High School Boosters present the Bucket Challenge at Mendo Mill. Participants can purchase a plastic white bucket for \$5, fill the bucket to overflowing with almost anything in the store (with the exception of power tools) for a 20 percent discount (generously offered by the store). Mendo Mill partnering with Hi-Yield will then donate \$15 for every bucket to the local school, WHS for the Willits Mendo Mill, to support their athletic programs. Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15 at Mendo Mill, 305 East Commercial Street.

Sunday, September 15

Mendo Mill Bucket Challenge: Sunday, September 15. See September 14 listing for details.

Improve the quality of your life with a

Healthier Living Workshop

Willits Starts: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1:00-3:30 PM
MEETING AT: Frank R. Howard Foundation
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FREE Lifestyle Makeover!

- A free 6 week series of classes held once a week for 2.5 hours
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Delicious Food from Lions Club & Taqueria Ramirez!

SEPTEMBER 12th 6-7:30 PM
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‘One Week Wonder’ aircraft coming to Willits

September 8

The aircraft “One Week Wonder” is coming to Willits Airport for the public

to come and see and get information on, including talking to the pilots. The aircraft is a Van’s RV-12, two-seat aircraft built from a kit made by Van’s Aircraft, and is one of the most popular kit-built aircraft for amateur aircraft builders that can be built in a home garage. The aircraft carries two people, cruising at 140 miles per hour with a range of over 500 miles. The plane is in the “Light Sport” category which allows pilots to fly it without having an FAA medical certificate. The Light Sport pilot’s license requires to fly the plane is an abbreviated training program requiring less time than a private pilot training course. The plane will be featured at the Willits Airport Van’s RV Fly-in, Sunday, September 8, 10 am to 2 pm, with a barbecue grilled tri-tip lunch for the public to enjoy from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm as they view the planes. The event is sponsored by Willits Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 1027. Visit www.eaa1027.org for more info.



Tule Elk Tour

September 29

“Fall is a lively time for the elk as the rutting has started. We will hope to hear bugling and see bulls displaying.” The tour will meet at the Mendocino County Conservation District office, 80 South Street or at the north end of the Safeway parking lot, on Sunday, September 29, at 8:30 am. It is about a mile walk so participants should wear comfortable shoes. Please RSVP at mdsa1955@gmail.com or 707-841-7172, as there is a 15 person maximum.



AT THE MOVIES



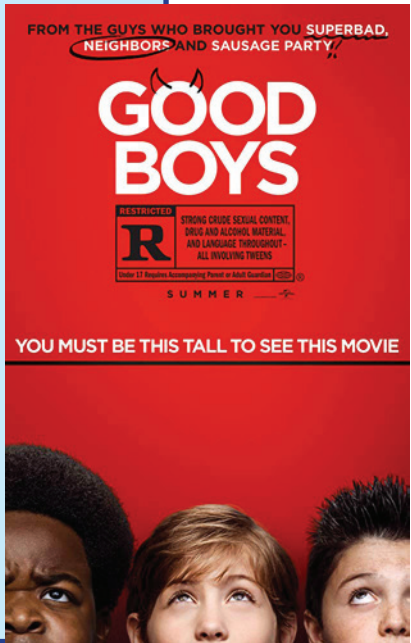
‘Good Boys’

The Story: Raunchy, R-rated, coming-of-age slapstick comedy. Three pre-teen boys, longtime besties on the cusp of puberty, go on a desperate quest for ... (it doesn’t matter). The boys get themselves into hair-raising situations involving older teen girls, molly (the drug), sex toys, a drone, a beer sipping contest, a paint ball shoot-out, and a house party (with more girls, but different ones) where spin-the-bottle is the whole point of the party. Noisy fun abounds.

My Thoughts: It’s all about being 12 and “discovering yourself” in a world geared for teenagers. This flick is pretty much a remake of the 2007 movie “Superbad.” It follows the same format. The three (nearly) teen boys need to acquire a drone – don’t ask why – so they can go to a kissing party, which, actually, is important to only one of them. But they all go because, of course, they’re best friends. It’s a series of ridiculous situations which become comedic rites of passage including: acts of physical daring, beer drinking, marijuana, non-stop swearing, invasion of a frat house, and a brief stopover to consider internet porn (which the boys find incomprehensible). Considering the non-stop raunchiness of the flick, it feels right that Seth Rogen is one of the producers. This is his element going all the way back to “Freaks and Geeks.” As for me, I enjoyed the slapstick mayhem and the silly, age inappropriate (that’s why they’re funny) sex jokes. But I’m a grownup, more or less. I’m not really sure who the target audience is....

Parents: “Good Boys” is R-rated. It earns its rating. No children. Teens up.

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



FREE EVENT

ROOTS OF MOTIVE POWER 37th Annual STEAM FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 7-8
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 7

- FREE Admission to the Mendocino County Museum (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- FREE Train Rides (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Historic Equipment Demonstrations
- Black Bart Gunfights Steamroller Group
- Members Appreciation BBQ and Auction at Recreation Grove (4 p.m. Tickets available for purchase at event)

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ROOTS OF MOTIVE POWER
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Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 9 through September 13

Monday: Turkey & Noodles

Tuesday: Zucchini Tomato Bake

Wednesday: El Pastor Street Tacos (Pork)

Thursday: Pigs in a Blanket (Hot Dogs)

Friday: Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole

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.



Monday Blues and Beyond

Mondays at Shanachie Pub

“Get ready for weekly shows featuring our very own Blue Luke and an array of talented musicians he’ll be bringing for this new event to take your blues away! ‘Blue Luke’ Andrews is a prodigy guitarist, born and raised locally in Dos Rios. Luke started playing the guitar at the age of 12. He formed his first band and began performing on stage by 14. When he was 18 years old he recorded his debut solo album in Los Angeles, CA. Imagine a band that takes the soul of the blues, the groove of the funk, the grit of rock & roll, and the rich harmonies of jazz to create exactly what you’ve always wanted to hear. Blue Luke brings the blues guitar into the modern world in a way that satisfies our ears, eyes, and soul. Join us for what will be some truly unforgettable nights!” Monday nights, 7 pm, at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Food Bank needs garden 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

Grace Hudson Museum Annual Fundraiser

September 14

The Sun House Guild of the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah will have its Annual Gala Fundraiser from 5 to 8 pm, Saturday, September 14. “A highlight of the cultural year in Ukiah and the primary fundraising event for the museum, the theme of this year’s Gala is ‘For the Love of Art.” On the lawn in front of the Sun House, includes silent and live auctions, entertainment with DJ Jerry Schultz, dinner, drinks, and a ceremonial poem. Grace Hudson Museum, 431 South Main Street in Ukiah. Tickets are \$85 and are expected to sell out. For tickets: call the Museum at 707-467-2836 or go to grace-hudson-museum-sun-house.networkforgood.com/events/14685-fort-the-love-of-art

– submitted by the Sun House Guild



Birth announcement

Ailia Hayes

Ailia Georgeanne Traci Parker Hayes was born July 8, 2019 to Falon Lynch and Geoffry Hayes. She is welcomed by her big brother Sean and her sister Lily.

Her grandparents include Barbra Marfil, Berniece and Stan Tyrrell, Tom and Sky Lynch, Georgeanne Pardini, and Col. Thomas P. Hayes.

Her great-grandparents, Deanna and Jim Lynch, also welcome her.

Music in the Park starts Thursday, September 12

Submitted by the City of Willits

With a little something for almost everyone, the Music in the Park series presented by the City of Willits is striving to bring something new every music season. We are proud to present our fall 2019 "Falling out of Summer" lineup: Snaps for Sinners (9/12), The Real Sarahs (9/19), Funkacillin (9/26), and The Johnny Young Band (10/3).

The free concerts will take place at Rec Grove Park from 6 to 7:30 pm thanks to our sponsors, Solid Wastes of Willits, METALfx, Adventist Health Howard Memorial, the Skunk Train, Canna Park, Emerald City, Vegan Buddha Organic Flowers, Dogwood, Modular Processing Systems, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, and Willits Power and Equipment.

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September 19 – The Real Sarahs

As rising stars in the West Coast Americana scene, The Real Sarahs have distinguished themselves as skillful harmony singers and evocative songwriters. With an organic sound that

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110-horsepower Best Logging Traction Engine.

"The Oakland museum officially owned it, but Roots had it on a 30-year loan for \$1," explained Roots President Troy James (or "Emperor" as the crew likes to joke), "but when they became a part of the California museum system, the opportunity came to have it become officially ours. They couldn't just give it to us though, they had to put out a call for interested parties, and we had to submit a proposal, but thankfully, we were selected, and now we can move forward with fundraising to restore it, since it's actually now ours."

Of the \$100,000 needed to restore the Best Logging Traction Engine, including the top concern: a new boiler, Roots has already raised some \$41,000.

"The boiler is the first thing to do," said James, "and after that, it's a 'nuts-to-bolts' restoration, like what we did for the Kelley Springfield Steam Roller."

After it's completed, James and the crew have their sights set on pitting the traction engine against the Willits Frontier Days Truck and Tractor Pulls' Terminator sled.

"When we're all done, we'll get this across the street and just laugh at that lil' sled," chuckled James. "This thing is set to pull 80,000 pounds across flat, level ground."

Whether or not the engine will remain "The Best" competing against The Terminator will have to wait for the future match (can we make that a goal in 2026 when Willits Frontier Days will celebrate its 100th year? That and the All-Stars Sweetheart contest?). The Best Logging Traction Engine did earn its stripes somewhat by pulling at the Cow Palace in a similar fashion back in the 1980s when it also pulled families on hay rides at its former home on Arden Farms in San Leandro.

Getting the community aware, interested and excited in Roots' activities is something the group hopes to continue. Reaching out through the Steam Festival, as well as crossing into other events like Willits Frontier Days, allows more people to see what they're up to – and hopefully to want to join.

One such family includes one of Roots' youngest members, 14-year-old William England.

England attended a logging conference two years ago in Ukiah where Roots had the 1921 Kelley Springfield 15-ton Road Roller on display, and thinking it was a cool thing, and something he wanted to know more about, he looked into how to join the club.

Mom and dad, Alexis and Willie, joined William for the \$35 annual family fee, and the three have enjoyed being a part of Roots since, attending as Roots members to Dream Machines in Half Moon Bay where William got to operate the roller, and to the Roots printing demonstration in San Francisco at the Center for the Book where the roller makes letter press prints the same way as here, to the delight of the Bay Area. William was also able to run the roller through the Willits Frontier Days parade twice, much to his delight.

"We really love being a part of Roots of Motive Power and getting to be involved as a family," said Alexis. "We really have a lot of fun over here, and the amount of knowledge and history that the guys are able to pass down to the new generation is amazing and something that is super important to pass on."

Both Alexis and James noted how important getting new, young blood infused into the organization is essential for the group's continuation.

"Getting young families involved helps keep it alive," said Alexis. "These guys are great, they're very willing and able to help cater to teenage minds – and attention spans! – and really make it a fun thing for us to want to be involved in. There's tons of projects and classes, too. William had to take a steam operating class to be able to drive the roller, and that's just the first level available."

"New young blood to us is anything in the 15- to 40-year-old range," laughed James. "With us old guys running around, that still counts as 'younger!'"

Honoring those in the past, who helped shape the group to what it is today, is equally important. Roots expressed their utmost gratitude to Bobbie Yokum, who, after 35-plus years with the group, has retired from planning the Steam Festival.

"She leaves such big shoes to fill," said Alexis. "This is the first year without her, and she did so much for the group, we really want to make sure to send out a big thank you and appreciate her for all her hard work over the last three decades."

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and nursery business to operate on the same property; and (6) Clarify that authorized retailers may sell cannabis products specified for use by animals."

Since the city cannabis ordinance was adopted in 2017, only medical permits have been given out by the city. But after getting direction from council at a February 27 meeting to bring the city ordinance into increased alignment with state law, the amendments were brought before the council last week for a vote.

Community Development Director and City Planner Dusty Duley said that the basic structure of the original ordinance passed by the council in 2017 would remain intact even if the adult use amendment passes.

"The change to adult use doesn't change the number of dispensaries we're allowed," he said. "It's still capped at three. It doesn't propose to change what zonings you're allowed to have businesses in. We simply added adult use and made it work in the existing framework that the council had already approved."

A staff report attached to the agenda summary explained the reasoning of leaving the structure of the ordinance largely in place.

"Rather than adding a redundant layer of adult-use regulations, staff recommends incorporating adult use within the city's existing medical cannabis program," it read. "This approach is consistent with newly revised state law, which provides for co-location of medical and adult use operations, and avoids adding barriers to an already complex regulatory system. The proposed ordinance creates one unified cannabis permitting system that encompasses both medical and adult-use activities."

The council eventually decided against including an additional amendment to "allow delivery services from a non-storefront location" after a lengthy discussion on the matter.

The original city cannabis ordinance only allows dispensaries in the city limits to deliver to Willits residents, and council members have continued to voice support for that tactic. But the amendment had been included since state law allows for anyone with a state delivery permit to deliver anywhere in the state, and it supersedes the city's regulations.

However, City Attorney Jim Lance pointed out there is pending litigation from multiple jurisdictions challenging the state's authority on the matter which could change the rules, so the council decided to hold off on including the amendment.

Another topic of discussion was the safety of allowing Type-7 manufacturing facilities, which use volatile solvents such as butane, hexane and propane for cannabis extraction.

As Mike Anderson from the local cannabis business Leaf Holding explained, along with a few others from the local industry, use of these solvents is particularly useful for extracting hydrocarbon out of cannabis.

"If you were to look at a pie of the different kinds of products that are sold on the California market on the extract side, a good 50-60 percent of what is popular and sold is done through hydrocarbon extraction," said Anderson. "So by not allowing us to do this kind of extraction it puts our business at a disadvantage."

He also explained that pesticide remediation can be done through hydrocarbon extraction, which allows local cultivators to get products to market that otherwise wouldn't pass the strict state testing.

"I feel that not only our company but the other operators here in the city really have done a great job," said Anderson. "We've made a very sizable investment here in the community, and we're really just trying to ensure that our business is successful, and having a Type 7 would really help to ensure that."

Mayor Gonzalez asked Little Lake Fire Department Chief Chris Wilkes whether he believed that Type 7 manufacturing using volatile solvents could be safely regulated in the city.

"If the question for me is 'Can we make a facility safe with flammable gases?', the answer is 'Yes,'" said Wilkes. "The proprietors and people that own the business have to be willing to put forth the cost that it's going to make that area safe."

"Our public and my firemen are my top priority by far for safety," he said. "If I felt like it wasn't safe I would have a lot of people very upset with me because I wouldn't sign on the permit. That's the bottom line for me."

Wilkes noted the fire department already deals with regulating ethanol on a regular basis, which is classified by the state as non-volatile for cannabis activities, but he and other firefighters view it as a volatile solvent "by definition."

He said that thus far regulating for fire code has gone smoothly with cannabis businesses, though it has taken a lot of Little Lake staff time.

"We take a very non-biased approach

to this industry, and as a regulator we are the authority having jurisdiction over the California fire code," said Wilkes. "We've looked at this industry as any type of other industry that we have and how can we make this market safe."

He also pointed out that a third-party engineer would also have to approve of any Type 7 cannabis extraction operations in the city.

As she has on other cannabis items, Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez cast the lone dissenting vote and voiced strong disapproval towards the council and staff regarding the direction she felt they were taking.

Among her complaints – which she also posted on social media prior to the meeting – was that the council had not actually previously given direction to the staff to present the cannabis amendments for a vote, and that the community should've been given more opportunities to weigh in before moving forward.

"I was under the impression that this was going to come back for a some sort of discussion about how we might possibly change things," she said at the meeting. "There are quite a few changes in this ordinance, and each time it says that we gave direction, so I was a little bothered by that."

City Attorney Jim Lance challenged her assertion by reading from the February 27 council meeting minutes, which stated that the council had approved a motion by 4-1 (with Rodriguez dissenting) "to direct staff to complete any identified recommended revisions to ... medical cannabis activities of the Willits zoning code and bring the matter back for council consideration and public hearing."

In reading the minutes, the "recommended revisions" discussed at the February 27 meeting appear largely the same – though less detailed – as the amendments brought forward by the staff last week.

Rodriguez also felt that the waiving of the first reading of the amendments last week was inappropriate. However, Duley, Lance and Mayor Gerry Gonzalez all pointed out it was standard to waive the readings for almost all ordinances so as to avoid city staff having to read word for word lengthy ordinances in their entirety.

"Waving a reading of an ordinance, that's routine, and happens with virtually every single ordinance," said Lance. "It's lawful and it's routine, and every city and every county does exactly that."

Still, Rodriguez felt the community should've been given more chances to weigh in on the amendments.

"My concern is that I know you spend much of your time hearing directly from the cannabis industry and what their needs are," she said, "and maybe not as much from the general public in terms of what their wants and needs are."

There were several who spoke during public comments about their concerns of cannabis in the community, including Amy Grooms, who teaches at Blosser Lane.

Grooms argued, as she and Rodriguez have at previous meetings, that the city should increase the buffer zones between cannabis businesses and schools to at least 600 feet, especially in light of the fact that recreational permits will likely be allowed soon. She worried that potential crime around cannabis facilities could be an issue.

"I urge you to put our kids first," said Grooms. "I understand there's a need for this activity, but the recreational use is very bothersome for myself as a parent and what it's doing for our community."

Currently dispensaries are required to be 600 feet from schools and other sensitive locations, but all other cannabis business types only call for a 200-foot buffer.

Grooms brought up cannabis facilities near Blosser Lane where she works, and also the one at the old Remco site, and questioned how it could be allowed to operate so close to Baechtel Grove Middle School.

"The portion of the Remco building that has been leased for cannabis use is for cultivation," replied Lance. "That portion of the building is 260 feet away from the middle school and outside of the 200-foot buffer. So it is permissible under state law and our ordinance to have indoor cultivation in that portion of the building, but not a dispensary," he said.

"The reason the council determined that a 200-foot buffer was sufficient was because of the enforcement abilities we have in our ordinance," Lance continued. "That if odor is detected outside the facility that permit can be revoked.... We have strong ability to make sure that there are no secondary effects to the community, to the school from this, and so we're talking about a building that will be sealed. You shouldn't be able to detect that cultivation is going on in there."

Rodriguez at one point pushed for looking at adding increased buffer zones to the list

of possible amendments, but Lance warned against it, especially without giving a separate public hearing on it.

"If the council desires to change the buffers, I think we should put that on an agenda so that those property owners who would be affected by such a change could have the opportunity to address the council, and the community alike," said Lance.

"We shouldn't be changing buffers after people have relied for two years on them and purchased property and leased property and paid investments related to decisions that were made earlier."

Councilmember Madge Strong felt the buffer zones were appropriately big enough given the rules and regulations cannabis businesses have to abide by, but that it would be fair if the council wanted to reconsider them after approving of recreational permits.

"I'm very comfortable with us continuing to have the same buffer areas," she said. "I'm just saying that I think it's fair to bring that up at the public hearing, it's fair for city council members to disagree about this. If so, we still have to consider the vested interest that people have already invested in our existing ordinance."

"But I feel like the change from medical only to both medical and adult use is really basic reality that the barn door's already been opened," she continued. "Adult use is already happening. It's legal statewide, and why shouldn't our businesses be able to compete in that market, and have that expectation if they're following all the rules."

In response to an email inquiry from Willits Weekly, Duley stated that "based on public comments at the last meeting, staff anticipates there will be further discussion regarding the buffer distance between cannabis activities and sensitive receptors such as schools."

In her last remarks Rodriguez explained why she continued to oppose much of the legal cannabis activity in Willits.

"The council has made decisions that has saturated our community with cannabis and for me that's the bigger issue," she said. "We know that cannabis has been out there, but we're making decisions that are further saturating our community and changing the culture of our community, and you have to acknowledge that that does have both positive and negative effects on our community"

"And when we step down from here, we can be friends, we can say 'hi,'" she continued. "We're going to differ on different issues, and I definitely differ with the rest of the council on this issue, but we also have to be able to work together on other issues."

"I appreciate you saying that Saprina," responded councilmember Greta Kanne, "and I think that you are right on that we don't all have to agree and we can continue to treat each other with respect."

"What I take issue with is the suggestion that if we don't agree with you on this issue we're not caring about the kids and the community," she added. "And I think that when we look at this issue, when we look at what some of these businesses have done to mediate the effects of their business on the community, we have to treat them like any other business. They're tax-paying citizens who are following the rules. They're following the letter of the law from our fire chief, from our code enforcement, from the ordinance that was crafted by the council you sat on.... We all care about this community, and we all care about the children of the community."

Three dispensaries chosen

Duley also announced later at the August 28 meeting the names of the companies and the locations for the three dispensaries that will open in town if the applicants continue to move forward properly in the permitting process.

Those applicants are Kure Wellness whose dispensary would be located at 1788 South Main Street just north of Muir Mill Road; Element 7 at 1795 South Main Street just north of Baechtel Road; and Leaf Holding at 175 North Lenore Avenue.

Since only three dispensaries are allowed to operate in the city of Willits under the city cannabis ordinance, a competitive process was completed earlier in the month by four applicants, and a committee of city staff and appointed community members chose who would be able to move forward.

Their decision was based on a point system with eight criteria: the operational plan for the facility, the security plan, the neighborhood compatibility plan, the business plan, the final location of the facility, the adequacy of capitalization for the facility, the experience and knowledge of the operators, and enhanced product safety.

"They have been notified that they have 45 days to come in with a full application along with a fee," Duley said of the chosen applicants. "And we've told them that they need to make use of those permits, and if they don't that we'll give that spot to somebody else."

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Above, left: Parents and friends line up at the far end of the pool, hooting and hollering encouragement to their swimmers. Above: Willits swimmer Audrey Sherf takes a rhythmic breath of air while doing the freestyle.

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Below: Isaac Silva is speeding along with the backstroke in the Boys 12 and Under Backstroke.

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Above, left: Sculptures by Paul Reiber are admired by Tamara Steffen and her daughter, Kyana Walker. Above, right: The coast woodworkers at the WCA opening on Saturday night. From left, in front: Paul Reiber, Michael Steffen, Hans Bruner, Kerry Marshall, Joshua Sterns, Odis Schmidt; from left in back: Les Cizek, Lee Baker and Russ McNulty.



Above, left: Originally from San Francisco and new to the Willits art scene is Robin Coomer, who displays her unusual paintings made from painted reproductions of photographic strips. Above, right: Willits photographer and woodworker Michael Steffen joins the show with works made from burl redwood and other up-cycled wood. Below, left: Using straw, holly and parchment to create an abstract panel, Joe S. Amaral's "Rain Drops" are delightfully colorful and three-dimensional. Below, right: Hans Bruner's delightful humor is seen in his sculptural assemblage titled "Cow."



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‘Made in Mendocino’

Willits Art Center's annual show of countywide artists features 15 woodworkers from the Mendocino coast and more

Each year, for the past three years, the Willits Center for the Arts has curated and hosted an exhibit showcasing artists' work from greater Mendocino County. This year's "Made in Mendocino III" show focuses on 15 woodworkers, mostly influenced by the Krenov School of Fine Woodworking in Fort Bragg. Fourteen of the wood artists are from the Mendocino Coast Furnituremakers group. Also featured are almost architecturally constructed paintings by Willits artist Robin Coomer.

The show of the Mendocino Coast Furnituremakers was curated by WCA Curator Gary Martin and Mendocino Coast Furnituremakers member Kerry Marshall. It showcases a variety of pieces demonstrating fine art woodworking skills as well as some of the beautiful characteristics of wood.

Exhibited are finely made things ranging from highly lacquered and turned vessels – "Touch," by Joe Amaral – to Hans Bruner's quirky assemblages, "Odd is good." Krystine Graziano's white, modern-styled glass-topped tables speak to her preference toward simple design.

Right next to Graziano's display is Odis Schmidt's 1,000-piece, colorful and intricately assembled, exotic-wood wall hanging, "Where We Are."

The wooden art and furniture featured in this unique show all deliver visual treats,

from the more traditional and utilitarian styles, to abstract design.

The paintings by Robin Coomer featured in WCA's September exhibit begin as photographs. Some are her photos and were cut into strips and pieces, mixed up and put back together, and painted in strips on canvas. The re-assemblages were done in an almost-intuitive way. She also had her photographer friend, Kate McCabe, send her photographs McCabe had already cut up.

"I had to just fly blind through each strip," shared Coomer. "I had no idea how it was going to pan out. So it was like recreating photographs that had more movement, and it makes it more interesting.

"It was a concept," she continued. "And it's been a really fun process. It's all like choppy and weird." She played with different paints, some metallic, and others with matte or shiny finishes, to create the different strips that make up a whole painting.

Willits artist Michael Steffen's wood artwork is also featured in the woodworker part of the show. He told a story about the wonderfully grained walnut cutting boards he was displaying: "I bought these for firewood from Sparetime. It makes collecting fun when you find these pieces of gold once in awhile!"

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Before and after the dinner, The Ice Box, a new gelato trailer from Nicole Flamer and Laura Toomey was available to dispense their tasty gelatos and Italian ices in flavors such as salted caramel, strawberry cheesecake, and s'mores.

During the dinner service, Diane Cannon, president of the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, introduced the Diamond Sponsors who donated \$2,500 per table to support the organization: Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital, Sparetime Supply, Redwood Empire Lions Club, and NC Financial Group.

Cannon gave a quick history of the event's benefit to the program: "We put aside a savings account for our covered arena – phase one. We had \$40,000 because of you. Tom Allman was approached by a couple who said they had \$10,000 to contribute to a worthy cause. He thought of us. The only stipulation to that is that we match it.

"Mike Smith went out and found people," she continued, "to not only match it, but double it: Frank R. Howard Foundation, Adventist Health Howard Hospital, Phil and Cathy Shuster. We now have phase one complete. We have a covered arena that is totally paid for."

Erin Holzhauser, director of the riding program, shared some of the things happening: "We currently have over 70 students in the program. We have a lot of special programming that is coming up, including the continuation of our free program for veterans, and some new.

"At Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center," she explained, "we teach the skill of horsemanship to help with daily life, whether that is physical, emotional or developmental. The horse has an amazing gift in reaching us, to help in supporting us to reach our goals. We have some new programs that are exciting."

Holzhauser also introduced the new pediatric physical therapist who will be instituting a "hippotherapy" program that "uses the movement of the horse to help the rider to grow and improve themselves."

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman and local favorite Rachel Britten handled the auctions in a spirited and humorous manner, producing a great amount of funds for the program and providing an entertaining evening. In the middle of the auction, there was a pause for some of the parents and students to speak about how they have been affected by the program. Director Holzhauser told the crowd about what the program has on its wish list, including a portable ramp to use inside the arena, a horse cart that is wheelchair-accessible, and a multi-use office.

Auctioneer Britten then introduced the "Fund a Need" section. The giving started at \$1,000, which raised an immediate \$5,000, then \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$25 no-prize bids. Offering a gift for the "final bid" raised several thousands in additional funds.

It was an energetic and entertaining evening that left the generous attendees full of great food and drink as well as a satisfied feeling of having helped a very worthy program.

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Steffen also has had good luck finding beautiful cuts of wood at garage sales. "A farmer had dug up a redwood stump and milled it up. I was lucky enough to get a few pieces of it." Three of the pieces he's showing are made from that wood. One burl-grained object is the holder for sheet music on a music stand he crafted for his wife, Lydia. "This redwood is really hard, harder than regular redwood," he said, and reputed to be from redwood that's been buried underground in the Willits valley for eons.

The opening party was packed with locals as well as coastal followers of the Mendocino Coast Furnituremakers and WCA. Hope Sterns from Fort Bragg came to see the show. "It's a great thing for Willits to host art shows. It's fun to come inland to see it since all the artists are local." She was driving home after the show.

Kevin Meagher was driving home also, but to San Francisco. "I've known Robin Coomer for 25 years," he said. "She's a dear friend, and I drove up to see her and her work. I actually know her as a really good singer in the Bay Area." There were others from the Bay Area to see Coomer's paintings and also visitors from other parts of the state celebrating the WCA, the artists and their work.

In the back classroom / kitchen, yummy appetizers were served with wines, beers and non-alcoholic drinks. And the kitchen has a new look. Vern Morninglight installed much-needed cabinets and counter space in the room in honor of his wife, Cindy, who passed away in May. Cindy Morninglight was a premier volunteer in the community and the WCA in particular. She organized and served the food and beverages for years of opening parties while also volunteering several days a month as a gallery host.

"Made in Mendocino III" will be on display at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, until September 29. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more info, visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org, or call 459-1726. To find out more about the exhibiting artists, check out www.robincoomer.com and the "Mendocino Coast Furnituremakers" Facebook page.

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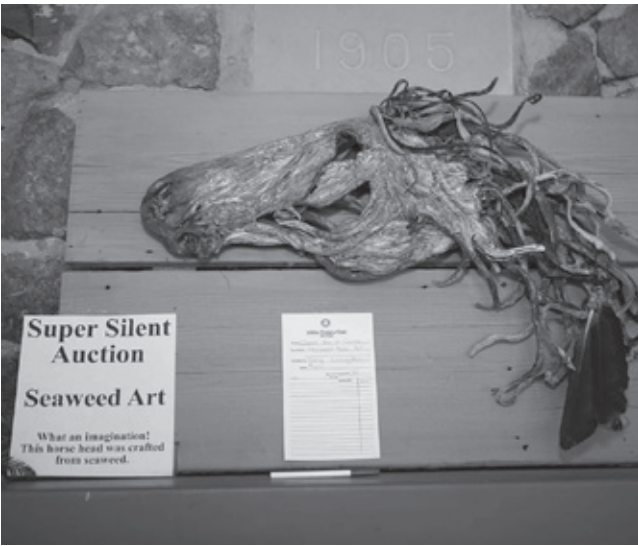


At left: Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center women are honored with flowers: Erin Holzhauser, program director; Diane Cannon, board president; Jill Scott, board member; Lydia Senter Leser, board member; Ellen Bartholomew, board member; Krystina Tollini, parent of client; and Barbara Burica, volunteer.

Below, left: Emily Scaturro and Melissa Baroni of Fetzer act as bartenders for the donated wine.

Below, right: A horse head crafted from seaweed is one of the intriguing Super Silent Auction items.

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Above, from top: Snaps for Sinners, Funkacillin, and The Johnny Young Band. Below: The Real Sarahs.



enchants and uplifts the spirit, they share their special gift of vocal synergy. This ensemble creates magic with voices in harmony, acoustic instruments, and the energetic connection between artists and audience. Embracing many genres of music, you are likely to hear threads of folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass, and country running through their songs. Singing from the stories of their own journeys and life experiences, their original music is honest, captivating and heartfelt. Visit www.thealsarahs.com for more info.

September 26 – Funkacillin

Funkacillin is comprised of a group of five Mendocino County musicians who wanted to represent the edgier side of funk. They incorporate rock and soul into their repertoire, while keeping the music fun and danceable. Like James Brown once said, "The one thing that can solve most of our problems is dancing," and Funkacillin aims to entertain with a mix of mostly "old school" funk by heavy hitters including The Isley Brothers, Curtis Mayfield, Chaka Khan, Aretha Franklin and Cold Blood, that will have you flashin' back to the days of paisley prints and platform shoes. Check out their Facebook page for more info.

October 3 – The Johnny Young Band

Country roots with a rockin' soul, The Johnny Young Band delivers a high-octane mix of country, rock and pop favorites guaranteed to set any dance floor ablaze. Based in Northern California, the band is made up of seasoned touring musicians, led by award-winning vocalist and guitarist Johnny Young. Check out their Facebook page for more info.

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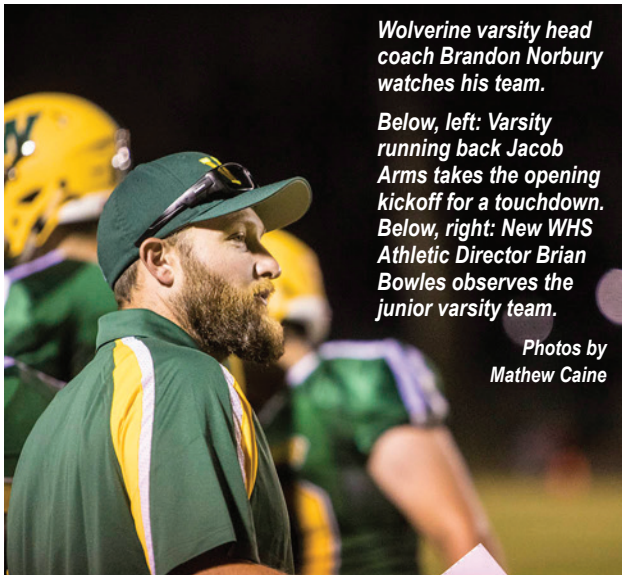
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Wolverine varsity head coach Brandon Norbury watches his team.

Below, left: Varsity running back Jacob Arms takes the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Below, right: New WHS Athletic Director Brian Bowles observes the junior varsity team.

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freshmen. We only have three or four sophomores. They're young, but they're good. They had a pretty successful season at the youth level, so this group has been playing together for a while.

"It's a whole new system," he continued, "so we have that learning curve. This is supposed to be a tough McKinleyville team. We've watched them on film, and they're big, fast and aggressive. The few sophomores that we have are our primary runners. We hope that they step up and set the tone for the rest of the team."

The varsity game began much like the JV game, with the opening kickoff being run back for a touchdown by senior standout Jacob Arms, who was effective on both offense and defense. The ensuing extra point kick was missed by a usually excellent place-kicker, leaving the score at 6-0 for the remainder of the first half.

The WHS players scored 14 more points in the second half, to end up with a 20-0 final. As good as the offense played, the defense showed a toughness not previously seen in recent past teams. If they continue to grow and learn and keep focused, the team has the ability to prevail over most teams in the league.

Lohne summed up her feelings about both teams' chances, "I think they're going to play with a lot of heart this year."

The Wolverine varsity and JV football teams are scheduled to compete against the St. Vincent teams this Saturday in Petaluma. The following week, they have another "away" game against Arcata. The Wolverines' next home game will be on Friday, September 20, against the Clearlake Cardinals.

At the September 20 game at WHS, Safe Rx Mendocino and the Mendocino County Youth Project will be offering a drive-up prescription drop-off in the parking lot to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs from 5 to 8 pm. For more info about the drop-off, call 707-472-2610.

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WILLITS HS **CLEAR LAKE HS**

Safe Rx is offering a drive-up Rx disposal option in the parking lot of Willits High School for a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs from 5-8 PM.

FRIDAY, September 20, 2019 AT 5:30PM

FOOTBALL NIGHT

Rx Take-Back & Community Awareness Booths

For more information: 707-472-2610



Above: The Wolverine varsity team takes the field for the first game of the year. Below: The Willits Wolverines face off against the McKinleyville Panthers.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN,
ALREADY!
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2019 #FALLIDAY
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AND LET'S GET YOU ON THE BOOK!
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next 20 years, we have to pay attention to how we use our bodies."

"We're definitely working on having a year-round flower business," said Hanson. "It means we need to be more ingenious about where we need to go and find our niche, because there is one. And we're kind of there because we're needing more flowers than we have."

Besides the U-pick and farmers markets for the public, they also provide flowers for the hospital, for special events and private customers. This fall and winter they'll be making dried-flower wreaths for the holidays and other special occasions. There's a plan to start a community-supported agriculture program next year.

Since their flowers are locally grown and seasonal, if you want irises in the middle of December, unless they're grown somewhere in California, Forget-Me-Not Flowers won't be able to provide them. They will, however, help you determine alternative flowers that are dried or currently growing in the state.

"We do have to source outside of our own flowers if we want to sell flowers year-round, at this point," Hanson said. The flowers and seeds grown in California are from small farmers who grow with compatible farming practices. "We like to get seed from our surrounding counties because they'll probably be more adapted to our area. And we use open-pollinated seeds versus hybrid since saving that seed [has unreliable results]," stated Chiniaeff.

Both women enjoy arranging bouquets, and have an artistic flare when doing that creative task. It's fun to watch them at the farmers market as they sort through the flower types and start rearranging or arranging them in vases.

"You start out with a couple of things and you add this, and you add this," Chiniaeff gestures with her hands, "and then it's 'Whoa!' Sometimes it knocks my socks off!" Hanson added: "I love doing that with you. Sometimes it's, 'Let's put these five flowers together and put that sunflower on top and, oh my god! It's so beautiful."

"My most favorite part of all this," Hanson continued, "are the stories people tell me about what the flowers did for them. I've heard things like, 'I had a horrible relationship with my neighbor, and we were fighting for months, and I got this big bouquet from you and gave it to them, and now we're talking again.' That's just amazing!" Hanson exclaimed. She also described how happy the people at the Willits Senior Center are to have the flowers – that it brings them so much joy. "I'm doing community work just doing flowers," she said.

Catch Forget-Me-Not Flowers at the Willits Farmers Market during the summer months on West Mendocino Avenue in downtown Willits from 3 to 6 pm. The market moves to the Little Lake Grange on School Street starting in October.

Hanson can be reached at 707-357-5085 and Chiniaeff can be reached at 707-972-4918.