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Supes OK cannabis 'transferability'

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On a unanimous vote, the board of supervisors on Tuesday approved a resolution adopting amendments to Mendocino County's cannabis cultivation ordinance, including language that allows for the transferability of cultivation permits to new owners of permitted parcels.

These amendments came out of meetings held by the cannabis cultivation ad hoc committee (Supervisor John McCowen and then-Supervisor Dan Hamburg) in the fall of 2017, and

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Supes to develop hemp cultivation ordinance

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On Tuesday the board of supervisors voted unanimously to direct county staff, including people from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Planning and Building Services, to work with the supervisors' Ad Hoc Committee on Cannabis Economic Development, to develop an ordinance regulating the growing of hemp for industrial purposes.

Mendocino County has
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Sheriff's deputies arrest Willits man for domestic battery

By Sgt. Joseph DeMarco, for the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

On September 7, 2019 at about 6:53 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a reported domestic violence incident in the 2600 block of Goose Road in Willits.

Deputies were told an adult female, 48, had reportedly been physically assaulted by her husband, and she was hiding in the woods waiting for law enforcement to arrive.

When deputies arrived, they contacted Tavion Johnson, 21, at the front

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Above, from left: The list of silent auction items at the 37th Annual Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival provided a wide array of options for interested bidders. Roots member Alexis Rutherford, left, listens as auctioneer Tylor Yadon takes bids from the crowd. Natalie Johnson happily poses with her family's new kid-sized picnic table won during the Roots auction. Below: Roots member Chris Baldo stands on the platform of the ex-Weyerhaeuser timber company Ohio Locomotive Crane at the club's Commercial Street yard.



Photos by
Maureen Moore

Below, from left: Jackie Cobbs, holding Marshal, smiles with Kale Haschak, holding Henry, as they enter the Mendocino County Museum during the free-admission day Saturday in conjunction with the Roots event. Tim King, left, and Willie England hold cups of Northspur Brewing beer, the first of the local brewery's inventory to be made available to the public. Blacksmith Tom Brown shows off some hand-forging techniques in the Roots hanger during the Roots of Motive Power's Steam Festival.



Above: Keeping another wonderful Roots of Motive Power tradition alive, Peggy Randrup prepared Greg's delicious portobello mushrooms on the grill, served with grilled onions and tomatoes. At right: Attendees enjoyed the meaty fare, too, including: tri tip, ham, beans, green salad, potato salad, tomato salad, and garlic bread.



A Weekend at Roots

37th annual Steam Festival 'a great success' and raises some \$13,000 for non-profit

If there was a weekend to be out enjoying one of Willits' special gems, last weekend was it. The weather was perfect, the activities were plentiful, the food was delicious, and the attendees were generous – all for the benefit of Roots of Motive Power.

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During the 37th annual Steam Festival held at the Roots yard and Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street last Saturday and Sunday, attendees could explore all the fun of our steam-powered past.

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Below, left: Roots of Motive Power "Emperor," Troy James, enjoying the "signature snack" of the Roots crew, a 50/50 bar, as he checks on event attendees around the yard. Below: Sally Rohlicek gives hubby Louis a test poke with a freshly forged pronged fork. At bottom, left: Roots' Eli Mosher takes a quick break between engine runs. At bottom: Willits Lions Club member Ken Bell pours a cup of Northspur IPA at the Roots event.



City council moves forward on water, housing plans

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The Willits City Council on August 28 voted unanimously to commit to completing a "Groundwater Management Plan," intended to give the city the capability to provide water to all residents should a drought or other emergency impact the city's surface water supply.

City staff will now have to complete the plan and submit it to the state by

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Henthorne Fire northeast of Covelo 65 percent contained

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As of the evening update on Wednesday, September 11, Mendocino National Forest Willows office announced the Henthorne Fire, 15 miles northeast of Covelo, was at 65 percent containment with 244 acres burned. The fire, located in the Yolla Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness near Henthorne Lake, is being managed under Unified Command by the Mendocino National Forest and CalFire.

The Henthorne Fire started Thursday,

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Supes to respond to 2016 Mendocino Redwood letter

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On Tuesday, the board of supervisors voted unanimously to direct outgoing County Counsel Katharine Elliott to collaborate with county CEO Carmel Angelo to draft a letter in response to Mendocino Redwood Company's July 6, 2016 letter to the county in which MRC Executive Vice President of Forestry Dennis Thibeault stated his company's position with regard to Measure V.

Measure V is the initiative

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HOW TO 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!

AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Babies' eating accessories
5. Charge on a coat of arms
9. Set of five
11. California town
13. One who cites
15. Elected official
16. Japanese delicacy
17. Couldn't be happier
19. Enormous
21. Hunter's tool
22. Georgia rockers
23. Cold wind
25. Beginner
26. Where you sleep
27. Without
29. We all have them
31. Spoiled
33. Platform
34. Drama and horror are two
36. In abundance
38. Turf
39. Inventor Musk

41. Negative answers
43. French river
44. Saps of energy
46. Type of sandwich
48. Sets apart again
52. Engage in a contest
53. Sufferings
54. Freestanding sculpture
56. Digs into
57. Fish have them
58. Speaks
59. Storage unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Spread over
2. Dyes
3. British thermal unit
4. Small city in Maine
5. Having an affection for
6. Welsh for John
7. Plays that ridicule
8. Not of your right mind
9. A way to get there
10. Hideaways
11. Relating to neurons
12. 'Family City USA'

14. Proof of payment (abbr.)
15. Flew high
18. Wreaths
20. Got rid of
24. Shortly
26. Confer
28. Monies given as support
30. German electric car
32. Objects of an earlier time
34. Flat-bottomed boats
35. Small waterbird
37. Willingness to please others
38. Military actions
40. Brooklyn hoopsters
42. Took to the seas
43. Romanian city
45. What the sun eventually does
47. Titans' DC Dean
49. Resentful longing
50. Ceases to live
51. Pouches
55. Humbug

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

September 2 to September 8

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **227 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 2

- 1:17 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.
- 9:40 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
- 11:30 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1200 block of Locust Street.
- 11:36 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block East Commercial Street.
- 11:59 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

- 1:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
- 2:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Central Street and East San Francisco Avenue.

September 3

- 1:11 am: ALLEN, Taj Eugene (19) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of Madden Lane. He was arrested on felony charges of burglary.
- 9:17 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.
- 11:39 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.
- 11:49 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of East Hill Road and Haehl Creek Drive.

- 3:42 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 200 block of South Lenore Avenue.

September 4

- 11:31 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.
- 12:06 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
- 3:33 pm: LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank (49) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

- 5:07 pm: ANDERSON, Tyler Lee (19) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury), 273 A (A) PC (Felony Child Abuse), and felony charges of willful cruelty to a child with possible injury or death.

- 10:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.
- 10:38 pm: SANDERS, Jennifer Renee (35) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 422 PC (Criminal Threats), and on misdemeanor charges of

assault and disobeying a court order.

September 5

- 8:42 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.
- 9:56 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
- 3:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Van Lane.
- 3:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of South Main Street.
- 4:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of South Main Street.
- 7:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

September 6

- 11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.
- 2:04 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 20000 block of South Main Street.



Taj Eugene Allen of Willits.

- 4:50 pm: BYRNS, Jordon Alexander (23) of Ukiah was contacted in the 200 block of West Mendocino Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.
- 8:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Main Street and East Mendocino Avenue.

September 7

- 9:04 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East Barbara Lane.
- 9:53 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1000 block of Poplar Avenue.
- 10:19 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.
- 10:55 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.
- 11:32 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 8

- 2:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.
- 3:10 pm: GALINDO Jr., Thomas Manuel (43) of Ukiah was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
- 8:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Lenore Avenue.
- 9:17 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

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DANCE WITH YOUR SPURS ON

TOUR 2019



Country Comin' Atcha

Willits Frontier Days to host late-summer outdoor concert with county music star Ned LeDoux on Saturday, September 21

Willits Frontier Days happenings are continuing to expand, branch out, and offer new opportunities as the Barry family (including president Fred Barry and vice-president Marcy Barry) brainstorm along with the board to utilize the rodeo grounds and offer new exciting community events.

The Barrys were a main catalyst in starting the Willits Frontier Days Truck Pulls, and they're hoping that the opportunity to hold an end-of-summer concert at the grounds will take off with as much excitement.

Helping to kick off the first annual event will be country music star Ned LeDoux. The son of professional bareback rider and '90s and '00s famous country music star Chris LeDoux, Ned LeDoux looks to

carry on the tradition of country music in his father's honor, and with his own twist, too.

During his "Dance With Your Spurs On" tour, LeDoux will be singing many of his own written works, and a few of his father's well-known classics.

Will those include "This Cowboy's Hat," "Whatcha Gonna Do with a Cowboy," or "Cadillac Ranch" be among those? Well, for a \$25 ticket, you can find out.

Tickets are available now for preorder online at www.BrownPaperTickets.com and locally at J.D. Redhouse. Tickets will also be available at the door. The show will start at 6 pm and local favorite Chad Bushnell will open the show.

LeDoux's newest album, "Next in Line" is also available for preorder now, and will ship in November. This is a follow up album to his 2017 release "Sagebrush."

As a teaser, LeDoux has already released a single "Old Fashioned" off of his new album, which is available online now.

"I wrote eight of the 12 tracks on "Sagebrush," and nine of the 12 tracks on "Next in Line," LeDoux explained. "My

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At top: Ned LeDoux will make Willits one of the stops on his "Dance with Your Spurs On" tour when he plays at the Willits Frontier Days grounds on Saturday, September 21. At right, top: LeDoux's new album, "Next in Line," will be available in early November. At right, above: LeDoux's first album, "Sagebrush," was released in 2017 and is available now. At left: Singer Ned LeDoux, son of the late Chris LeDoux, will perform in Willits on September 21.



Big Bruno

My, what big ears you have, Bruno! This very handsome dog was surrendered to the shelter when his family could not afford his medical care. Bruno has a skin issue, but with treatment, it has already improved. Bruno lived with children and was house-trained in his last home. He was tolerant when meeting a playful male dog. During Bruno's Fido Field Trip he completely won over the hearts of the lovely couple who took him out. Bruno got to go on a drive to Lake Mendocino and did very well in the car. Later, he went to Willits and enjoyed time



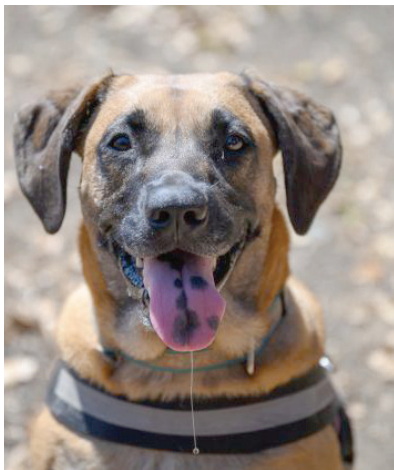
at Mariposa's 40th year celebration. Bruno is a 3-year-old neutered male, mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 72 pounds.

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

Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, this weekend on September 14.

Playful Maggie

Maggie is a 2-year-old hound mix in her prime who was returned to us due to no fault of her own, but rather to the owner's medical concerns. Unfortunately, this has been s o m e w h a t confusing to Maggie, but she is adjusting well. She is active, playful, and affectionate, so youth will win out! Maggie is waiting for that special person to come along. She has so much to offer. Come meet this sweet thing, soon!



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

which were approved by the board of supervisors in May of this year. The county's Planning Commission reviewed the amendments in July and August of this year.

A memorandum from the county's cannabis staff stated, "Some of the directed changes are being made at this time, while others will take additional time for staff to review and prepare for adoption, such as creating a use permit process for Phase Three."

The new transferability section allowing new landowners to acquire cannabis permits awarded to previous landowners is found in 10A-17.070 (K) and stipulates that there will be an application fee, a completed application form, and a copy of the existing permit showing that it has not expired.

There are also requirements that the new assignee does not have a criminal history that includes any of the conditions listed in section 10A.17-090 (M), which includes convictions for environmental violations, chemical extraction, chemical synthesis or possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, or if the assignee is subject to a condition of probation, mandatory supervision, parole or any other lawful order which prohibits the possession or cultivation of cannabis.

The new transferability section also provides that parcels that are in zoning districts that are subject to the sunset provisions of Section 10A.17.080 (B) (2) are not eligible for transferability of cultivation permits. An exception to that rule is that parcels the permits for which were due to expire under the sunset provision but which are in a cannabis accommodation district (otherwise known as an overlay zone) are eligible for transferability.

An addition at 10A.17 – .080 provides that new Phase II permits, which only apply to Limited Industrial, General Industrial and Pinoleville Industrial zones and which previously allowed cultivation under medium indoor and large indoor permit types, now also will allow cultivation under cottage indoor, cottage mixed light, medium mixed light, and large mixed light cultivation permits. The new language stipulate that the mixed light cultivation under these permit types must occur in a greenhouse equipped with a filtered ventilation system, and may not occur in a hoop house.

The new language extends the sunset provision from three to five years for indoor cultivation sites that are within 2 miles of the coastal zone boundary and which either had a cultivation permit, or had applied for a cultivation permit, by May 14, 2019. The expiration date for permits on these parcels is June 30, 2022.

In making a motion to approve the amendments, Supervisor McCowen acknowledged that he is starting to feel there may now be enough amendments to the cultivation ordinance.

"I think we are all aware there are further refinements that could be made," McCowen said, "and, in fact, we're kind of getting to the point where a complete overhaul may be in order, since we've amended this about half a dozen times and we're starting to get at risk of internal inconsistencies.... We do still have the cannabis cultivation ad hoc committee and the cannabis economic development committee. We'll probably be looking at some further changes, going forward," McCowen said.

Like McCowen, Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams agreed it might be a good idea not to make further changes, and also suggested that a complete overhaul might be in order. Williams suggested Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz might like to take a crack at streamlining the ordinance, making it easier and quicker for Planning and Building staff to interpret.

McCowen agreed with Williams. "I certainly welcome those suggestions, if staff has been flagging items that they think are ripe for streamlining, and they could send those to the cultivation ad hoc, I would think," McCowen said.

had a moratorium prohibiting the cultivation of industrial hemp since February this year. The original 45-day moratorium was extended until February 2020 in April.

The same board resolution directs the staff and the ad hoc committee to also work with stakeholders from the cannabis industry to make sure the new ordinance will protect the interests of the existing cannabis industry.

The members of the cannabis economic development committee are 4th District Supervisor Dan Gjerde and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams.

In discussing the item, county staff displayed a "we can do this" attitude, and members of the public urged the supervisors not to make a big deal out of the process.

"We don't see this as something convoluted," said Mendocino County Farm Bureau Executive Director Devon Jones.

A letter from Mendocino County Farm Bureau President George Hollister outlined some of the issues that the farm bureau feels the county needs to address with regard to hemp cultivation. These include "taint concerns" between hemp plants and wine grapes, nuisance issues over hemp odors, possible setbacks, pest management issues, and questions about enforcement of regulations.

"Since the California Department of Food and Agriculture is establishing state guidelines for industrial hemp, as is the USDA, it is anticipated that the county agricultural departments will be tasked with administering the industrial hemp program at the county level," Hollister wrote. "The Mendocino County Farm Bureau feels that the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture can take on this task, however, the county needs to provide the department with the support (financial, staffing levels, etc.) to do so."

A letter from the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance expressed support for the regulation of industrial hemp but urged caution. "We believe that the most efficient process would be for the county to start gathering stakeholder input prior to drafting proposals, particularly with an issue of this magnitude. We respectfully request that the county convene listening and/or troubleshooting workshops prior to asking staff to draft specific language," the MCA letter states.

Interim Mendocino County Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Donnally told the supervisors he imagined his department would have responsibility for three main areas in the regulation of hemp. First, inspectors from the ag department would have to inspect hemp crops about 30 days prior to harvest, to make sure that the plants contain only up to the threshold of THC, the psychoactive chemical that has made commercial cannabis such a popular substance. That threshold is 0.3 percent.

Secondly, Donnally suggested that the Department of Agriculture would be charged with registering hemp growers with the county and the state.

Thirdly, Donnally said his department would have to make certain that seed which is going to be planted has been "feminized." Male plants pose a danger to other cannabis crops in that they broadcast pollen; female plants grown from feminized seed are much less dangerous in this regard, he said.

Linda Grey, a county resident who has paid close attention to the process of developing the county's cultivation ordinance over the past three years, told the supervisors that she believes about 2 percent of female hemp plants can develop hermaphroditic characteristics and can broadcast pollen to surrounding crops.

Department of Planning and Building Services Senior Planner Jesse Davis told the supervisors his department would be tasked with determining what zoning districts would be suitable for hemp production, if there would be a parcel size limitation for hemp production, and what those will be, and the imposition of appropriate setbacks for hemp production in both residential areas and next to areas where commercial cannabis is being grown.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak asked Donnally if there was "a clamoring of people" who wanted to grow hemp. Donnally said he was receiving several calls a week from people who were wanting to know if it was legal yet in Mendocino County to grow hemp.

One such person was Brian White, who described himself at Tuesday's board meeting as a traditional wine grape grower with 38 years in the industry who was interested in growing hemp. "Recently our industry has been challenged with a lot of overproduction," White said, "and I am probably sitting on 60 percent of my crop that I can't sell this year. I want to diversify.... I see this as an opportunity for myself and for the county, and, it is legal."

Hemp production is legal both in California and nationwide. It became legal in California due to the passage of the California Industrial hemp Farming Act, which legalized commercial hemp production on January 1, 2017.

Hemp was removed from the federal list of Schedule I controlled substances and was declared to be an agricultural crop by virtue of the United States Farm Bill of 2018 which was approved on December 20, 2018.

door of the residence. Deputies noticed Johnson had a fresh scratch mark on the top of his lip and several fresh scratch marks on the left side of his neck. Johnson said the injuries were received during an argument with the adult female, 48.

The adult female walked up to the residence while the deputies were there.

Deputies learned the adult female and Johnson got into an argument regarding money issues. Johnson started screaming at the adult female and chased her around the house.

Johnson reportedly grabbed the adult female and prevented her from leaving the residence. He then choked her as she was attempting to get away from him.

During the incident Johnson punched the

adult female in the face, and she eventually broke free of his hold and hid in the woods.

Deputies observed some redness and scratches to the adult female's neck. Deputies also observed that her upper left cheek was lightly bruised and swollen.

Deputies had dispatch check Johnson for warrants and probation, subsequently discovering he was on active Mendocino County probation.

Johnson was arrested without incident on charges of 273.5 (a) PC [Domestic Violence Battery], 236 PC [False Imprisonment] and 1203.2 PC [Violation of Probation].

Johnson was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$30,000 bail.



Salmon Awareness Festival in Covelo September 13-14

Submitted by the Eel River Recovery Project

The Eel River Recovery Project, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and Firescapes Mendocino are co-sponsoring the most ambitious Salmon Awareness Festival ever in Covelo on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14. Ceremonial dances, a traditional salmon feast, a watershed education fair, and a forest health workshop are all part of the event.

The Salmon Awareness Festival is an annual event to celebrate the return of the salmon that enter the lower Eel River at this time each year to stage for their spawning run. The event will kick off on Friday night at 7 pm at Hidden Oaks Park in Covelo with a new addition to the event, the Women Bear Dancers. At 10 am on Saturday morning, September 14 there will be a workshop entitled "Restoring Forest Health in the Middle Fork and North Fork Eel River Watersheds."

This is the third year in a row this event has been held, but this year will focus on the potential to win a CalFire grant to fund crews to do forest health work in the Mendocino National Forest. Upper Lake/Covelo Ranger Frank Aebly will be there with other MNF staff to discuss the possibilities and Mendocino Fire Safe Council Co-Coordinator Imil Ferrara will lead discussions. Call Ferrara for more information at 707-972-2115.

Starting at 2 pm there will be a watershed education fair at Hidden Oaks Park that will include displays by ERRP, the RVIT Environmental Protection Agency, Firescapes Mendocino, the Forest Reciprocity Group, and other community groups. Something fun has been added this year as the fantastic Cosmic Family Band has offered to play during the watershed education fair.

At 6 pm, there will be a traditional salmon feast with the fish cooked ceremonially on stakes around an open pit fire. The dinner will also feature corn, and donations for the meal are optional, but welcome. People are invited to bring their favorite side dishes for a potluck, but such contributions are not mandatory.

Those attending will have a special treat after the feast as the Round Valley Feather Dancers perform traditional dances at 8 pm to be followed by the male Bear Dancers, who will perform their ceremonies from 10 pm into the night. Camping at Hidden Oaks Park will be allowed on Saturday night after the event. Volunteers are needed to help put on the feed. For more information see www.eelriverrecovery.org, ERRP Facebook or call Ernie Merrifield at 707-983-8120.

‘Art is the Connection’ Gala fundraiser for Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah set for September 14

Submitted by the Sun House Guild

The Sun House Guild of the Grace Hudson Museum will have its Annual Gala Fundraiser from 5 to 8 pm on Saturday, September 14. Always 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."

The event will be held on the lawn in front of the Sun House, and will include silent and live auctions, entertainment with DJ Jerry Schultz, dinner, drinks, and a ceremonial poem.

"Art is the connection that brings everyone here together," elaborates Museum Director David Burton, "whether it's appreciation of Grace's paintings, or of Pomo baskets, or of exhibits featuring local artists, or of art from places outside of Ukiah."

"Whether it's hosting Writers Read [a popular monthly literary arts series], music, film screenings, and lectures – all these activities bring us back to the core principles of this museum: to provide a venue for the education and enjoyment of art and culture, and to inspire curiosity and creativity. Most of all, it creates a place where the community can come together to share its love of art in all its forms."

Wine and limited cocktails will be served as guests mingle and the silent auction gets underway. The 10 items in the live auction include a small plane flight for three above Mendocino County (includes lunch); a wild game dinner for eight at Magruder Ranch, featuring a private concert by Spencer Brewer and Alex de Grassi; a group pottery class with Ukiah ceramicist Jan Hoyman; and four mid-level box seats at Levi's Stadium to see the 49ers play the Arizona Cardinals on November 11.

At around 6:15 pm, Sun House Guild President Tom Liden and Museum Director Burton will make brief remarks, followed by a poem by Ukiah Poet Laureate Roberta Werdinger on the theme of "For the Love of Art."

Dinner will be served, catered by noted Hopland chef Beth Kieffer. Several different local wineries have donated wines for the occasion. Non-alcoholic and vegetarian options will also be available. The silent auction will end around 7:15 pm, with the live auction beginning shortly after.

"For the Love of Art" Fundraising Gala takes place at the Grace Hudson Museum, 431 South Main Street in Ukiah. Tickets are \$85 and are expected to sell out. To purchase tickets, call the museum at 707-467-2836 or go to <https://grace-hudson-museum-sun-house.networkforgood.com/events/14685-fort-the-love-of-art>



Willits Daily Bread

Soup kitchen upgrades facilities at indoor dining hall – but funds are still needed to purchase chairs

Willits Daily Bread creates approximately 15,000 meals each year. Under the guidance of Cindy Savage, director of the program since 2007, volunteers prepare around 70 healthy sack-meals each day to distribute to any hungry person. Currently, the organization is operating out of the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church's Fellowship Hall on East Commercial, located next to the church.

The meals are handed out at the back door of the building each day, but Savage would like to change that. Her wish is to create a space where people can come in, sit down, and socialize in an environment that is both clean and inviting.

To that end, the tile floor is being redone, ripped up, and replaced. The old tiles, although cleaned on a regular basis, continue to look stained and unappealing. With the help of some generous donors, amongst them the Episcopal Church, the Church of the Divine Lineage, and Adventist Health Howard Memorial, the program has been able to start on the tiles and purchase eight sturdy but lightweight and foldable tables.

Additionally, they are replacing the inadequate sink to allow for a more reasonable environment in which to work and create meals. The hot water heater is also being moved to allow for more space in the dining area, and the church has made their library area available for storage, thus, freeing up even more room for friendly dining.

Up until this point, all the meal prep was done utilizing what room they could find in the kitchen as well as much of the dining area. When the project

is completed, the recipients will be able to enter by the front door, sit down with their meals in a clean, pleasant environment for an hour, whatever the weather. It will be a meal that they will be proud to be a part of, rather than having to queue up at the back door, Savage said.

All that is needed now are the chairs: stackable Hercules titanium chairs, chosen for being lightweight and sturdy. Savage will need to purchase 65 at a cost of approximately \$2,375, plus tax and shipping. Savage is currently trying to raise funds for the purchase of the chairs through community awareness and tapping past donors. There will not be a fundraising event specifically for this need.

"We put a budget together with what we wanted, and I wanted more. I kept asking more people for more money," said Savage. "They were forthcoming, but now we need chairs." In addition to funds to pay for the chairs, Willits Daily Bread is always looking for funding to continue their work providing the healthy meals consisting of a sandwich, chips or cracker, fruit, some kind of dessert (cookies or Fig Newtons), hot soup, and a beverage.

When the sit-down facility is available, they might add an occasional tuna casserole, lasagna or spaghetti. The soup is created from donated excess food from the Willits Harrah Senior Center. They get

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At top: Betty Bird creates the sandwiches. Above, left: Volunteer Cathie Gernhardt and Willits Daily Bread Director Cindy Savage work in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, preparing meals for those in need. Above, right: The headquarters for Willits Daily Bread is located inside the brightly painted St. Francis Fellowship Hall on East Commercial Street. Below: The hall awaits the new tables and chairs that will accommodate the hungry diners.



At left: Some of the volunteers take time out from packing lunches to gather for a group photo: Scott Lundin, Cathie Gernhardt, Cindy Savage, Betty Bird and Darci Brueske. Above: A couple of Willits residents and their young cat stop by to pick up a meal. Below, left: Volunteer Scott Lundin stirs the soup. Below, right: Darci Brueske takes care of the desserts.

Photos by Mathew Caine





MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIR & APPLE SHOW

SEPT. 13TH-15TH, 2019

OPEN 9 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY!

FRIDAY, 9/13

- 8 am:** Horse Show
- 3 pm:** Junior Swine Show
- 5-8 pm:** Wine Tasting
- 7:30 pm:** Johnny Young Band

SATURDAY, 9/14

- 8:30 am:** Open Goat Show
- 9 am:** Open Beef Show
- 10 am:** CA Wool & Fiber Festival
- 12:30 pm:** Music by Stereo Chickens
- 1-5 pm:** Hard Cider Tasting
- 5-9 pm:** Wine Tasting
- 8 pm:** CCPRA Rodeo
- 9:30 pm:** Dance - Dean Titus & the Coyote Cowboys

SUNDAY, 9/15

- 8:30 am:** Church Servie
- 10 am:** Sheep Dog Trials
- 10 am:** Car Show
- 12 pm:** Parade
- 2 pm:** CCPRA Rodeo
- 7 pm:** Dance - Los Bondadosos

See full schedule of events online:
<http://mendocountyfair.com/>

SEPTEMBER 13 - 15 AT THE BOONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS



Thursday, September 12

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, September 12, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and summer fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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: Snaps For Sinners, "a saucy swing ensemble hellbent on making people dance and have a good time, while also delivering a powerful progressive message that inspires empathy and 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.

New Folk Dancer Class: Starting September 12. Every Thursday from 7 to 8pm. "Come learn dances from around the world with Willits Folk Dancers! Lots of fun and great exercise." No partner or experience needed. Willits Charter School. Ages 16 and up. Sliding Scale \$0 to \$5 per class. Info: Megan, megster1989@yahoo.com 530-647-6512.

Friday, September 13

Salmon Awareness Festival: The Eel River Recovery Project, Round Valley Indian Tribes and Firescapes Mendocino co-sponsor "the most ambitious Salmon Awareness Festival ever" in Covelo on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and

What's Happening Around Town

14. Ceremonial dances, a traditional salmon feast, a watershed education fair, and a forest health workshop are all part of the event, which kicks off Friday night, 7 pm at Hidden Oaks Park in Covelo. For more info, visit www.eelriverrecovery.org, ERRP Facebook, or call Ernie Merrifield at 707-983-8120.

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.

Salmon Awareness Festival: at Hidden Oaks Park in Covelo. Saturday, September 14, 10 am. Saturday schedule: 10 am, "Restoring Forest Health" workshop. 2 pm, Education Fair. 6 pm: Salmon Feast. 8 pm, Round Valley Feather Dancers. 10 pm, Bear Dancers. See September 13 listing for more details.

Sit n Sew: Saturday September 14, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 1 to 5 pm. Bring a project to work on, sewing machine, and tools. Free event. Info: Rachel, 707-354-0605.

Full Moon Spaghetti Dinner & Marinara Cook-Off: A fundraiser for the Laytonville Public Library Project. Spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, no-host beer, wine and dessert. Tickets: adults \$15, kids 10 and under \$10, available at Healthy Start and The Book Room. Saturday, September 14, 6 to 9 pm, Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.

Vinyl Vendetta: Music, Dancing, Art and Live Painting. Saturday,



September 14, doors 8 pm, music 9 pm. DJs: Sovereign Tree, Lunar Sound System, DJ Carla Starla, Vocal House, DablonD, VJ: Maladek with special guest Emcee Devi G; Live Painting by Nats Garu. Saturday, September 14, Leopold Collective, 109 North Main Street.

Sunday, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 17

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: "IT: Chapter Two," "Toy Story 4," and "The Peanut Butter Falcon." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.



Thursday, September 19

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, September 19, 3 to 6 pm. See September 12 listing for details.

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

Music in The Park: This week's concert in the "Falling out of Summer" free concert series at the Rec Grove hosted by the City of Willits features The Real Sarahs, "skiffily harmony singers and evocative songwriters with an organic sound that enchants and uplifts the spirit with threads of folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass and country running through their songs." Thursday, September 19 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Delicious food available from the Willits Lions Club and Taqueria Ramirez. Upcoming: September 26, Funkacillin; October 3, The Johnny Young Band.

Bike Night: Willits Wild Bunch hosts the last Bike Night of the year at Scoops Deli, 110 North Main Street. Thursday, September 19, 6 to 8 pm. "All bikes invited. A gathering for bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts to meet, greet and get to know one another. Good Food, Good Music." Burgers and dogs provided by Scoops at a minimal fee. Non-riders invited. A 50/50 raffle will help raise money for local youths.

Willits Library Open House: The Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, holds an Open House highlighting the library's many programs and services available to the local community. Free and open to all ages. "See what your local library has to offer!" Light refreshments. Thursday, September 19, 6:30 to 8 pm. Info: Nicole Bird, birdn@mendocinocounty.org or 459-5908.

Friday, September 20

Willits High School Football: Willits vs. Clearlake: JV (Coach Matt Moratti) at 5:30 pm; varsity (Coach Brandon Norbury) at 7 pm. Willits High School's Maize Field, 299 North Main Street.



Shanachie Pub: The Wyatt Act: "The quick changes and unusual instrumentation blend perfectly with Guinevere's slam poetry-derived lyrics." Friday, September 20, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, September 21

California Coastal Cleanup Day: Saturday, September 21, 9 am to 12 pm, meet at City Hall, 111 East Commercial Street. "You will be provided

with the equipment you'll need to take part in cleaning up our town." Info: www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html



"Speakeasy VI": This annual show at the Willits Community Theatre features "diverse and original monologues performed on stage by local people, who have written and prepared their own work for presentation." Participants this year include: Pete Winslow, Marge Handley, Nancy Nelson, Bill Herr, Emmy Good, Earlene Gleisner, Bill Barksdale,

Linda Posner, Melinda Clarke, Ursula Schlichting, Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, Jane Camp, and Wei Wei. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane. Saturday, September 21, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, September 22 at 2 pm. Tickets: \$10 at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, www.brownpapertickets.com, or 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Info: contact Emmy Good at 707-367-7475.

Ned Ledoux in Concert: Willits Frontier Days presents Ned Ledoux, Saturday, September 21, 9:30 pm, Willits Rodeo Grounds, East Commercial Street. Tickets \$25, available at www.brownpapertickets.com and J.D. Redhouse. "LeDoux is well respected for his high-energy live shows that mix his western roots with the rock and roll influences he acquired in his youth. He routinely headlines his own shows as well as earning coveted opening slots for Toby Keith, Aaron Watson and Garth Brooks."

Sunday, September 22

"Speakeasy VI": at Willits Community Theatre. Sunday, September 22, 2 pm. See September 21 listing for details.

AT THE MOVIES



'It Chapter Two'

The Story: Horror cinema sequel to "It." From the first flick: the troubled young heroes swear a powerful blood oath to come back if the homicidal cannibal clown Pennywise ever returns. Now, it's 27 years later. The monster clown with his red balloons, his irritating smugness, his drooling, and his thousands of enormous needle-sharp teeth reemerges to prey once again on the town of Derry – and children have gone missing. The troubled friends are all grown-ups. It's time to honor their blood oath no matter how hopeless their quest.

My Thoughts: The running time is 2 hours 49 minutes. Because each character is motivated by his or her unique emotional dilemma, a dilemma which must be resolved, the flick never feels long. Pennywise is an extremely effective image of horror. Clown Time is exceedingly creepy. Bill Skarsgård who plays the monster clown is over-the-top slimy and creepy. So, kudos for Billy S. (Spoiler Alert!) As an extra special feature of this feature: young children being devoured alive and screaming (no matter how briefly) has a special kind of "Eeeeeew! Gross!" going for it. Party on!

Parents: R rated, and deservedly so. Fer gawdsakes, do not bring your kids to a movie in which young children get brutally assaulted! Ignore their whining. Take them to see "Dora and the Lost City of Gold," it's a good flick.

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



Salmon Awareness Festival

September 13-14

The Eel River Recovery Project, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and Firescapes Mendocino are co-sponsoring the Salmon Awareness Festival in Covelo on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14. Ceremonial dances, a traditional salmon feast, a watershed education fair, and a forest health workshop. This is an annual event to celebrate the return of the salmon that enter the lower Eel River at this time each year to stage for their spawning run. Kicks off Friday night, 7 pm at Hidden Oaks Park in Covelo with the Women Bear Dancers. At 10 am, Saturday morning, September 14, a workshop entitled "Restoring Forest Health in the Middle Fork and North Fork Eel River Watersheds." 2 pm: Education fair at Hidden Oaks Park that will include displays by ERRP, the RVIT Environmental Protection Agency, Firescapes Mendocino, the Forest Reciprocity Group, and other community groups. Cosmic Family Band will play during the fair. 6 pm: traditional salmon feast. Bring your favorite side dish for a potluck, not mandatory but encouraged. 8 pm: Round Valley Feather Dancers and the Bear Dancers. Camping at Hidden Oaks Park allowed Saturday night after event. Volunteers needed to help put on the feed. Info: www.eelriverrecovery.org, ERRP Facebook or call Ernie Merrifield at 707-983-8120.

'Grab a Bite Night'

September 12

BARRA of Mendocino presents the final "Grab a Bite Night" of the season, featuring live music from The Easy Street Band and food from Taqueria Michocan. "Music & wine; food & friends." BARRA winery, 7051 North State Street in Redwood Valley. Drawing for the BARRA Beach Cruiser is set for 6:30 pm. Info: 707-485-0322. Thursday, September 12, 5 to 8 pm.

Spaghetti Dinner & Movie under the Stars

September 27

Screening of Disney's classic, "The Lady and the Tramp." Spaghetti dinner begins at 6 pm. \$10 per plate or \$30 for family of 4 (each plate comes with bread, salad, and 1 drink). Friday, September 27, 6 to 11 pm, Recreation Grove Park. A fundraiser for Blosser Lane Elementary School. Bring chairs and/or blankets.

Inland Mendocino Democratic Club Activities

September 12 & 14

The Inland Mendocino Democratic Club's next meeting is set for Thursday, September 12, 5:30 pm, Todd Grove Park Picnic Area, Ukiah. "Let's join together to make our county an oasis of Justice and Peace. Together, in coalition, we can take progressive action and protect our county. All are welcome." Info on Facebook and at <http://inlandmendocindems.org>. Also: Join Will Siegel and Friends, Saturday, September 14 for a benefit dance party to raise funds for the 2020 Democratic Headquarters in Ukiah, at Canova Records, 246 North State Street, Ukiah. The band's repertoire includes jazz, blues, and rock'n'roll. 7:30 to 10 pm. Food and wine included. Tickets: \$45, <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dance0914>.

American Legion Coffee Social

September 28

Are you a Persian Gulf/Post 911 veteran? A veteran who was not previously eligible to join the American Legion due to period of active duty? Are you a member of a veteran's organization? If not, why not? The American Legion, Willits Post 174 invites you to a coffee and doughnut social. An opportunity to interact with other veterans who have "been there, done that" during their military hitches. A place to socialize with other veterans. An opportunity to be involved, post and community. A chance to "give back" to those who need it most. A sense of belonging. Learn about the four pillars of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, Children and Youth. Saturday, September 28, Veterans Memorial Bldg. 191North Main Street, 8 to 11 am.

– Submitted by American Legion Post 174

Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 16 through September 20

Monday: Salmon Cakes
Tuesday: Ham & Cheese Stromboli
Wednesday: Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry
Thursday: Steak Dinner
Friday: Chicken Philly Sandwich

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.

Join the Willits Otters for the fall swim season

Do you love swimming? Join the Willits Otter Swim Team! The fall/winter season began September 3 and continues through the third week of January. Registrations are still being accepted. The Willits Otters practice Mondays through Thursdays, from 5 to 6:30 pm, at the Willits City Pool, 299 North Main Street. We have holidays off, including one week off in November and three weeks in December. All of this for \$240, less than \$4 per day. Registration forms and scholarship information are online at willitsotters.weebly.com. Visit the "Willits Otters Swim Team" Facebook page for more information, or call Willits Otters Head Coach Robert Chavez at 559-417-4157.

– Submitted by the Willits Otters Swim Team

Ned LeDoux in Concert

September 21

Willits Frontier Days presents Ned Ledoux on Saturday, September 21, 9:30 pm, Willits Rodeo Grounds, East Commercial Street. Tickets: \$25, at www.brownpapertickets.com and J.D. Redhouse. "One of the most incredible things about great music is that it has the ability to take the listener to a place they'd rather be. Ned LeDoux's music has that kind of power. He has a knack for bringing people, places and emotions vibrantly to life with his insightful lyrics, and warm, strong voice. LeDoux is well-respected for his high-energy live shows that mix his western roots with the rock and roll influences. He routinely headlines his own shows as well as earning coveted opening slots for Toby Keith, Aaron Watson and Garth Brooks."



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 Brighthouse 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 Cafe 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.nisnestersbotanicals.com.

Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr: Radio advice 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 8 pm. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club. Mondays, 6:30 upstairs garage of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sliding scale \$0 to \$5/class. 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/willitsjohnsplace/.

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 tour to view classic motors, 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.

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

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

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

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501



Fair starts Friday in Boonville

September 13 through 15

The annual Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show, set for this weekend, Friday, September 13 through Sunday, September 15, started in 1924. In Mendocino County's historic and picturesque Anderson Valley, it has remained an old-time harvest festival. This, in the face of a flourishing wine industry and greatly increased tourist traffic, is a cause for celebration. Once a year, Anderson Valley's biggest metropolis (the sign says "Boonville Pop. 715"), opens the fairground gates to crowds of local folks along with multitudes from out-of-county.

The fair board of directors, staff, and the Anderson Valley community have for many years always put forth a three-day wonder to showcase the bounty of Anderson Valley apples and other local produce. But that's just the beginning! Step into the June Hall and discover the amazing array of plants and flowers that grow in this region. Each year a competition is held for the best large, themed display, wherein contestants create an oasis with live plants. Stroll through the elegant floral displays that are bursting with color.

Over in the Home Arts Building is where you'll find racks of glistening jars of home-canned specialties, tables of tatted, quilted, and knitted crafts, award-winning home-baked goodies, along with photographs and paintings that are absolutely of the finest quality.

Just outside, is where you can view 4-H and FFA livestock, all beautifully groomed. Wander over to the Ag Building to find amazing displays of Anderson Valley apples and other award-winning produce, to include the giant pumpkins. This where you can taste locally produced cider and wines, to accompany a piece of freshly baked apple pie!

Live music each night at the Rodeo Arena includes the Johnny Young Band on Friday from 7:30 to 10:30 pm, Dean Titus and The Coyote Cowboys on Saturday starting at 9:30 pm, and Los Bondadosos on Sunday from 6:30 to 9 pm.

You can "Follow the Thread" from animal to fabric at the Annual California Wool & Fiber Festival, located in the Commercial Building. Add to all that The Apple Cup (Anderson Valley's high-school football game), C.C.P.R.A. Rodeo, Sheep Dog Trials, a Classic Car Show, and a Parade on Sunday.

Oh, and don't forget all the great food and beverage throughout the grounds – and, of course, the Carnival rides! There's something for the whole family at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show! See you there!

For schedule details, visit <http://mendocountyfair.com/county-fair/>



Call to Artists & Crafters

Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the 33rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, set for two days this year, December 14 and 15, at the Willits Community Center. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs who hand-make their own products, should request an application from Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com or by mail: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Dr. Willits, CA 95490 and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Acceptance is subject to quality of work and earliest postmark date. Applications accepted until October 15, 2019 or until all booths are filled.

Saint Anthony's Fall Fiesta

October 5

Come join St. Anthony's Parish Community for a fun-filled afternoon of food and fun for the whole family! Saturday, October 5, 11 am to 3 pm. Food served 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 58 Bush Street. A barbecue consisting of chicken and tri tip, marinated in delicious Mexican spices – served with rice, beans, salad, tortillas and a dessert! Soda, beer, wine and Cowboy Margaritas will be available for separate purchase. Also: music by Mariachi Arandas, dancers by Paquiyollotzin, Ballet Folklorico of Petaluma at 1 pm, games, raffle. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Info: 459-6588.

Send us your calendar items: willitsweekly@gmail.com

Willits Library offers Open House, Banned Books Week, and Library Card Sign-Up Month in September

Submitted by Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency

The Willits Library will hold an Open House on Thursday, September 19 from 6:30 to 8 pm. The Open House will highlight the library's many programs and services available to the local community. This event is free and open to all ages. Come on by 390 East Commercial Street and see what your local library has to offer. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please email Nicole Bird birdn@mendocinocounty.org or call the Willits Branch Library at 459-5908.

The Mendocino County Library is observing National Library Card Sign-up Month in September. National Library Card Sign-up Month celebrates the importance of having a library card, and reminds everyone that a library card can help achieve academic advancement and a lifetime of learning for all.

Mendocino County Library is encouraging county residents to visit their local branch or the library website at www.mendolibrary.org to learn about all the wonderful resources for learning which are free with your library card.

Also in September is Banned Books Week, which the county branch libraries will commemorate with "Challenged and Censored," a program featuring readings from selected adult banned books that will encourage the audience to guess which book it is, and why it is banned. Each reading will be followed by a lively discussion with audience participation encouraged. Banned Books Week is an annual event held at the end of September to bring awareness and celebrate the freedom to read.

2019 'Quilty Pleasures' show enjoyed a perfect Labor Day weekend

Submitted by Jody McGeen, for the Long Valley Quilters

What a wonderful weekend for an outdoor quilt show! (August 31 and September 1 of Labor Day weekend). Great weather and calm winds came together for a lovely outdoor event. Thank you to all of the friends, quilters, and the curious who traveled from Roseville, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Sonoma counties as well as S. CA, to see the Long Valley Quilters "Quilty Pleasures" show!

Paula Mulligan entertained us with her violin each morning, and Rabbit joined us for both days raising money for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women USA, aka MMIWUSA, with her lovely clay feathers .

All visitors to the show vote for their favorites in set categories. The votes were tallied and ribbons awarded to the following quilters: People's Choice - Sherry Keys; Best Use of Color - Linda Jacobs; Quilt Most Like to Sleep Under - Sherry Keys; Best Home Decor - Suzie Ingle; Best Wall Hanging - Sherry Keys; Most Whimsical - KayLynne Van Saun; and Best Bag - Sherry Keys. The final award winner was chosen by the Long Valley Quilters: Best Quilting - Trudy Molina. Congratulations everyone!

Raffle basket winners were Sue Gowan, Nancy Trumble, Jesse Carpenter, Carrie Gillespie, Joyce Johnson and Elaine Carpenter. Sharon Lau won the "Opportunity" quilt. Congratulations to you all!

Thank you to all of our generous volunteers who helped to set up/take down the show each day. We could not have a show without you!

We hope to see you at the show next year -- "Quilty Pleasures" is always the last weekend of August in Laytonville!



Signing up for a card at the Willits Library during National Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Photo by Ree Slocum

The "Challenged and Censored" program will be offered at the Coast Community Library on Sunday, September 22 at 1 pm, at the Willits Library on Tuesday September 24, at 5:30 pm; at the Ukiah Library on Wednesday, September 25 at 5:30 pm; and at the Fort Bragg Library on Friday, September 27, at 5 pm.

For more information, contact your local library branch, visit "Mendocino County Library" on social media or the website at www.mendolibrary.org, or contact the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency at 234-2875.



Quilter Sherry Keys with her multi-award winning quilt at the 2019 Quilty Pleasures show in Laytonville.



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September 2020 in order to receive \$550,000 of Proposition 1 funds from the North Coast Resources Partnership to help with the costs.

According to an agenda summary report from Project Manager Andrea Trincado, the plan for a backup water source had been previously discussed and budgeted for \$1.1 million over the next two fiscal years, and NCRP has indicated they will fund about half the project.

The city currently has two functioning groundwater wells – the "Elias Replacement" well and the "Long 20" well – but this project would significantly increase the available output from those wells to be able to provide water to the city.

As outlined in the report, the plan includes upgrading to a more powerful pump in the Elias Well (increasing from 30 to 70 horsepower); moving the old pump from the Elias Well to the Long 20 Well, and upgrading 3,650 feet of old PVC pipe.

These changes would allow the city to produce up to 1,140 gallons per minute – up from the current maximum of 330 – which "will give the plant the ability to produce enough water to meet demand (for the city) if necessary," as stated in the report.

Construction on the project, titled "Improving Willits Water Supply Reliability and Drought Resiliency with Groundwater and Conjunctive Use," is expected to begin in the summer of 2020, with some preliminary work prior to that.

In addition to giving the city a fully functioning backup source, the report says that the changes to the groundwater system "also gives operators the ability to use the surface Water Treatment Plant in conjunction with the Groundwater Treatment Plant to manage water quality and reservoir levels, as well as reduce treatment costs and reporting requirements."

Rod Wilburn, a former city engineer now working with the city as an owner and vice president of LACO Associates, gave details about the plan and its history at the council meeting.

Wilburn said he had originally presented to the council the idea for a backup water plan in 2014, following two bad years of drought.

"So in early 2014 the reservoir started to reach a very critical level," said Wilburn, "where water was at a shortage and the city was in an emergency situation with respect to their ability to provide safe and sanitary drinking water to the city residents. So from that came this groundwater project and this is the next step."

In addition to droughts, Wilburn noted that other disruptions which could affect the surface water availability include fire, vandalism and seismic events.

He also said that keeping the surface water reservoir more full in the hotter, drier months would help reduce the risk of algae blooms – a problem the city has had in the past.

Wilburn added that an important part of the plan will be to monitor other wells in the vicinity to make sure they won't be negatively impacted by the city's groundwater activities.

"I know there are a lot of questions about how the valley would be impacted, and who are the stakeholders in a project like this," said Wilburn. "And this process would involve those stakeholders. And it would require public participation and transparency, and everybody would be on board. And it would also provide a mechanism to do monitoring, and obtain data from various wells in the valley that are currently monitored."

Trincado's report also spoke about the monitoring that will be involved, saying "[the Department of Water Resources] will require the management plan to discuss the geology of the Little Lake Valley, the aquifer storage and rate of recovery, historical precipitation records, and groundwater level data in conjunction with the city's water use. The groundwater management plan is intended to be an ongoing living document that should be updated periodically as additional data is collected."

Housing Element

Also at the August 28 meeting, the council adopted a resolution to approve the Draft Housing Element

for Willits covering the years 2019-2027, allowing it to be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for compliance review.

As stated in the agenda summary report from Community Development director Dusty Duley, the housing element "describes housing-related needs and resources in the community, particularly the availability, affordability and adequacy of housing, and establishes a strategy to address housing needs for community members across the economic and social spectrum."

It's one of seven topics, or "elements," required by state law to be addressed in a jurisdiction's General Plan.

At the meeting, Duley highlighted to the city council some of the statistics from the city's housing element that stood out to him.

"Eighty-four percent of our housing stock is over 30 years old," he pointed out, "and that's alarming. What that tells us is we're not doing a good enough job of building new housing, but it also tells us we have an aging housing stock that's going to deserve attention."

"One of the concerns that staff has is that some of the folks that have some of these aging houses, may not have the resources to fix it up themselves. And so what ends up happening is that the house falls into some sort of disrepair."

Duley also said that "too many people in Willits are overpaying for their housing," referring to households spending more than 30 percent of their salaries on housing costs alone.

According to Duley, 40 percent of lower-income households in the city are spending more than 30 percent of their salaries on housing, and 24 percent are spending more than half their income. Overall, about 20 percent in Willits spend more than 30 percent of their pay on housing.

One positive aspect Duley brought up is that the city easily met its Regional Housing Needs Allocation – the number of housing units determined by state and county officials that each jurisdiction is required to provide opportunity for the development of, through zoning and other factors.

For Willits, the RNA number was 111 housing units – 59 of which are required to be either "low income," "very low income," or "extremely low income" units.

"We then went and looked at vacant land for the city that was zoned to allow residential uses by right," explained Duley. "We determined that there was an opportunity to build 684 units within the city limits. So the good news is that we met our RHNA numbers. So what that means is we don't have to go looking throughout the city to rezone land."

Duley added that city staff have also made considerable efforts to reach out to developers to inquire about building in the city.

"We are very much looking forward to supporting housing projects, and we do have a number in the queue that should be in front of this council for potential approval sooner than later," he said.

"Also staff has tried to reach out to developers, both from the low-income group side as well as major developers that would do bigger housing," he added. "Just to see [if they're] aware of Willits and the opportunities that exist."

"Other jurisdictions might have issues with water, sewer supply – they might have a number of fees that drive up the cost of housing. We don't have any of those things. There's essentially zero constraints."

He acknowledged that in the end it's really up to developers to decide to take on projects in the city, but said there were some encouraging signs recently.

"I'll tell you this, there's been a lot more action in the last six months than I've seen in like three years here," said Duley. "So things appear to be trending in the right direction, but we need more."

Duley said that the housing element will likely be back before the council sometime in October for official adoption.

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September 5, at around 8 am and had increased to 291 acres by the September 6 update (later adjusted down to 237 acres after crews completed a precise assessment of the perimeter). Burning in timber and brush in a remote location in Trinity County, firefighting ground crews had limited access into the area.

On September 7, Mendocino National Forest reported that crews were making "good progress" containing the fire. "There are 532 resources on the incident," the update said, "including 13 crews, 39 engines, four helicopters, five dozers, and eight water tenders. The crews are working on very steep, rugged terrain and dealing with numerous dead standing trees or snags in the fire area."

By the September 8 update, the fire had "stopped spreading and is mostly creeping and smoldering. There are 475 resources assigned to the incident including 38 engines, nine crews, two helicopters, two dozers, and eight water tenders. Crews are focused on reinforcing fire lines and extinguishing burning vegetation near the containment lines."

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approved by 62 percent of Mendocino County voters in the June 2016 election. It declared the practice of leaving trees which have been intentionally killed and allowed to stand for more than 90 days in the forest a public nuisance.

The fact that the letter has not yet been answered is because of a number of very slow-moving political processes, including the contention, which was expressed in the 2016 MRC letter, that under California law the practices of the timber company cannot be declared a public nuisance, and the previous board of supervisors' decision not to answer the MRC letter until it had received an opinion from the California attorney general on MRC's claim.

The board sent a request for an opinion to the state Office of the Attorney General in February 2017, but the letter was not answered. Current Attorney General Xavier Becerra was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown in January 2017, to replace former AG Kamala Harris who had won the 2016 election for U.S. senator.

The board of supervisors waited until two new supervisors, Third District Supervisor John Haschak and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams, were elected to the board.

In April of 2019, both supervisors were in Sacramento for a training and, while there, pressed AG Becerra for an opinion on the Measure V question.

In August, the attorney general's office finally responded to the county's 2017 request, informing it that it had a conflict of interest on the issue and therefore would not be rendering an opinion.

The 2016 letter from MRC's Thibault explained why MRC believes it is exempt from Measure V. In brief, MRC's argument is because California state law, the California Forest Practices Act, and the Mendocino County Code provide that agricultural practices, including forestry, cannot be considered public nuisances in California.

Pertinent sections include California Civil Code Division 4, Part 3, Title 1, Section 3482.5 (a) (1), Section 3482.5 (d), Section 3482.5 (e); Mendocino County Code Chapter 10.13.020; and Public Resources Code sections 4516.5(a) and (d).

Thibault's letter also mentions that California's Timberland Productivity Act of 1982 states that forestry is a valuable agricultural practice. As quoted: "The legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following: (a) The forest resources and timberlands of this state, together with the forest products industry, contribute substantially to the health and stability of the state's economy and environment by providing high-quality timber, employment opportunities, regional economic vitality, resource protection and aesthetic enjoyment; (b) The state's increasing population threatens to erode the timberland base and diminish forest resource productivity through pressure to restrict or prohibit timber operations when viewed as being in conflict with non-timberland uses; [and] (c) A continued and predictable commitment of timberland, and of investment capital, for the growing and harvesting of timber are necessary to ensure the long-term productivity of the forest resource, the long-term economic viability of the forest products industry, and long-term stability of local, resource-based economies."

The letter from MRC continues: "The above-referenced laws and ordinances clearly demonstrate the knowledge and anticipation of measures such as Measure V. State and county laws have been enacted to specifically limit future attempts to declare timber operations a public nuisance. For these reasons, we conclude the specific silvicultural treatment referred to as "hack and squirt" or "frilling" is exempt from a public nuisance determination

As of September 9, the Mendocino National Forest update reported: "Crews on the Henthorne Fire continue to improve fire lines and increase containment on the fire. The fire is at 244 acres and 35 percent containment."

Incident Commander Tony Arendt said: "We thank all of the resources that are assisting with the management of this incident. The interagency cooperation has been outstanding."

Firefighters from Willits and Brooktrails covered CalFire Howard Forest and CalFire Covelo stations, so CalFire crews could fight the fire, and Little Lake Fire Deputy Chief John Thomen was participating in a local government strike team at the Henthorne Fire.

Crews were starting to be released as of September 10, though firefighters will continue to reinforce fire lines, remove hazard trees, mop up the fire, and do suppression repair.

This report was primarily based on incident updates on InciWeb, the interagency all-risk incident information management system, at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

and the county lacks independent authority to adopt any ordinance restricting its practice."

In voting unanimously at the September 10 meeting to direct county counsel and CEO Angelo to answer the 2016 letter, the supervisors were not explicit about what they wanted the letter to say.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said, "I think that MRC and the other companies that are practicing this probably want to move on beyond this practice, too, and to move into something that is economically viable for our communities, and that really supports the use of these trees in a more productive way."

Second District Supervisor John McCowen said he supported sending the letter, but did not give any direction on what the county counsel and the CEO might include in the letter.

"I too support the sending of this letter, and I think it should focus, with the help of county counsel, on the legal issues involved," McCowen said. "I think it should also accept the invitation of MRC to work closely with them in looking at the other options that may be out there."

McCowen was likely referring to a commitment that was made at the August 20, 2019 board meeting when Thibault appeared before the supervisors to talk to them about the MRC Vegetation Management Plan, copies of which the company had recently sent to the supervisors. While speaking, Thibault mentioned that MRC's position on the applicability of Measure V to it remained the same. He also noted that the new vegetation management plan detailed the company's efforts to develop practices which would reduce the company's use of herbicides over both the short and long term. He said the company is also taking steps to reduce the risk of fire in high fire-risk areas, and that thus far the company had addressed the issue on more than 700 acres.

As Thibault was leaving the podium during the August meeting, Supervisor Williams asked him if he would be interested in meeting to look for alternative methods that might help the company reach its goals.

Thibault said he would do that. "Absolutely. I'm aware and appreciate that you reached out to [MRC Director of Forest Policy] John Andersen yesterday on this. We look forward to participating. We always look forward to looking to ways to meet our objectives in a way that is compatible with our neighbors," Thibault said.

At the September 10 meeting, in discussing the MRC letter, Williams suggested that it might be helpful to hold a public meeting on the Measure V / MRC question.

"We could hold a forum," Williams said. "We could invite Mendocino Redwood, the Farm Bureau, other small timber companies, and people who are concerned about the practice, and see what we can hash out. And I think giving MRC a chance to explain the financials of why this is difficult for them to implement, and to work with the people – maybe we will come up with a compromise."

Supervisor McCowen did not embrace the forum idea, nor did he want to send it to a supervisors' standing committee or another ad hoc committee. He pointed out that the best way forward might be to wait for results in Williams' dialogue with MRC.

"Supervisor Williams is in dialog with MRC, so we are told," he said. "I think initially maybe that's a good approach, and let's see what comes of that, and we await further recommendations."

The supervisors then voted unanimously to direct county counsel and the CEO to draft and send a letter to MRC.



Above, left: Ready for some Roots-filled fun, Ashtan Bloomquist, left, smiles with Tanya Whitehurst and her daughter, Skyler, Jake Whitehurst, Dede Whitehurst and Aybrie Whitehurst, in front. The Herreshoff family smiles and waves from the open-air passenger car on the free train rides being offered by Roots of Motive Power. At right: Young Roots member William England drives the Springfield Road Roller during the Roots event. At right, below: Greg Dills of the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association makes rope on a machine from the 1900s. At right, bottom: The "Welcome" sign at Roots of Motive Power notes that if the gates are open, the public is welcome to come in, but please observe the rules: be careful, let someone know you're there, and have a great time! Below: Lots of antique equipment was on display and running for the delight of event attendees.

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As usual, the free train ride line was packed both days; Roots member Alexis England noted there were around 850 tickets taken on Saturday and around another 450 taken on Sunday for rides around the Roots loop, and the donation boxes located by the station and around the property were filled with over \$2,000 in donations.

"We were amazed," said England. "Usually \$800 or so in donations makes us happy; this was an amazing year."

Attendees (and donors) were generous at the auction and raffle, too, raising around \$11,000 for the group with some 85 businesses, individuals and families donating items to the raffle.

Between the train rides and bidding, folks who attended the Saturday barbecue were able to enjoy a delicious meal, too. While many people purchased \$10 tickets, England noted that with the \$35 yearly Roots of Motive Power membership fee, two tickets to the Steam Festival's barbecue are included, allowing many attendees to show up with tickets already in hand.

The Cooley and Goss families prepared tri tip; Willie England, Fred Barry, Dave Schwarm and Bill Herrera cooked a 300-pound hog; and a few lucky ones were able to snag a garlic-filled portobello mushroom and roasted veggies from the secret recipe of Peggy and Greg Randrup. Kemmy's Pies made the cobbler that finished the meal.

The Willits Lions Club not only prepared a green salad, a potato salad, garlic bread and beans, but they were also in charge of prepping all the tomatoes for Chris Baldo's "World Famous Tomato Salad." They were also pouring wine from Testa Vineyards and cups out of the first two kegs of beer made by Northspur Brewing Co.

"Northspur donated those kegs to us," said England. "Those were the first two they had, and they still haven't



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sold any beer!"

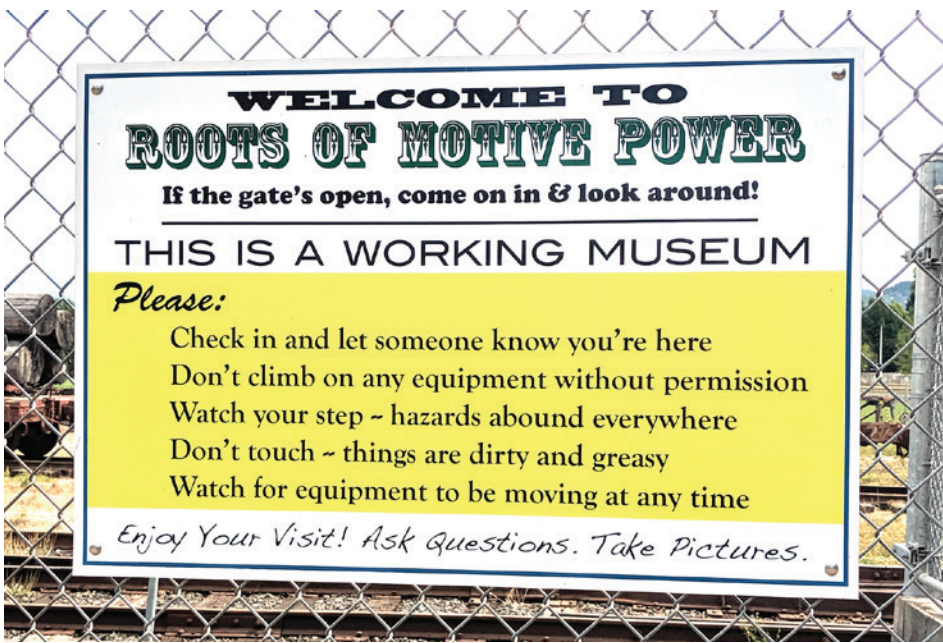
The beer was received by a grateful crowd, and this reporter heard nothing but good comments (in addition to my own and official beer-tasting boyfriend's thoughts!) about the first-batch brew.

Members of the Willits High School senior class were also out selling hot dogs, cookies, sodas and chips throughout the day, and Rosella's Italian Ice & The Ice Box food trailer had tasty cold treats available during the event, too.

Sunday also had a great turnout according to England, and many enjoyed participating in and watching the steam printing event.

"Some people came to the event with linoleum blocks already carved, and you could tell they spent some time making those," said England. "I hope next year we can get some blocks to the Willits High School's art class or something and let them get some ready, too, in time for the festival."

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makes all the difference.

"It's pretty easy to see that landowners, homeowners, businesses, agencies, PG&E and CalFire have done a lot with abatement. Firewise-type groups and fire-safe councils have done a wonderful job of cleaning up the areas they serve. I think we'll see those preventative efforts keep going.

"We're in this spot where we need to get this firehouse built," Wilkes continued. "Once that happens, we're at ground zero again. We won't know where we're at with our financials until that happens. Then we can make a good 10-year financial plan.

"We're looking forward to getting that stabilization back so we can re-evaluate where we're at and how we're going to move forward. Our city has a ton of development right now, so it's important for us to keep our level of service up with the additions." Wilkes also acts as the fire marshal for the City of Willits, so is responsible for fire inspections throughout the city.

According to the chief, the new firehouse is a few months behind schedule, due to having to rework plans with the architect in order to meet city regulations and other technical considerations.

"I'm antsy," he said. "I want to get going and get it done. Our architect said to me all these little bumps and hiccups we're running into on the road right now, we need to fix them now, because once construction starts, all those little bumps cost quadruple what they cost in the planning phase."

Once the final set of drawings is completed and approved, the project can go out to bid, including a bid on demolition of the old firehouse, which Wilkes expects to be completed by the start of the new year. The new building will be built on the footprint of the East Commercial Street firehouse plus a lot next door.

The Little Lake Fire District covers a vast area including 43 miles of state highway. They answer many medical calls and traffic accident calls, too, not just fire calls. They are down to 35 volunteers from the usual 40, and the call volumes are way up, partially due to problems with availability of ambulance service in the area.

If anyone out there would like to become part of this efficient, courageous, and all-out helpful group of volunteers, you can contact Chief Wilkes at 459-7777. Applicants need to have lived in the area for at least a year, have a valid CA driver license, be a high school graduate or pass a GED equivalent, and pass a background check and a physical which the department will pay for.

Mendocino County Cannabis Cultivation Phase I deadline: October 4

Submitted by the Mendocino County Cannabis Cultivation Program

The Mendocino County Cannabis Cultivation Phase I deadline is October 4, 2019. The Cannabis Cultivation Program will not accept Phase I Cannabis Cultivation Applications after October 4, 2019. All Phase I applications for cultivation must be submitted via drop box located at the Department of Planning and Building Services prior to 5 pm on October 4, 2019.

Application packets submitted to the Cannabis Cultivation Program will undergo a preliminary review to determine completeness, and the applicant will be notified in writing as to whether the application packet is incomplete or complete. Notifications for complete applications will include instruction on how to complete the submission of their applications, including payment of required fees. Incomplete application notifications will be sent with details on how to pick up the incomplete application package should you wish to retain it.

All application submission packets must be placed in an 8.5 x 11 inch manila envelope labeled with the date of submission, applicant name, phone number, mailing address and cultivation site address. Please include the following documents in this order:

- At least two forms of Proof of Prior cultivation (photographic and additional piece of evidence)
- A dated photograph of current cultivation activities on the proposed cannabis cultivation site location
- Cultivation Permit Application
- Completed Cultivation and Operations Plan
- Completed Building Structure List
- Relocation Worksheet, Remediation Plan, and Water Availability Analysis for relocation applications
- Completed Property Owner Consent form if applicable
- Color copy of valid identification of applicant and all listed employees/workers
- Site plan
- Copy of Live Scan fingerprint form for anyone engaged in cultivation of cannabis
- Business organizational documents if applicable



Above, left: Raffle tickets wait to be pulled in the drawing to win prizes generously donated by local businesses and individuals. Above, right: Chief Chris Wilkes explains some of the firefighting equipment to a couple of attendees to the open house. Below: Two of the fire trucks on display for the public during the open house.



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donations from Safeway every couple years by grant, but not the regular produce donations they used to get from the store. Grocery Outlet sells loaves of bread for \$1, which helps the budget.

Willits Daily Bread has an annual event which helps to defray some of the costs of the program. The very popular "Sip Some Soup" competition event is one of the highlights that people of the town look forward to.

However, the soup kitchen's annual budget of \$60,000 to \$70,000 is a constant struggle to maintain. They rely on funding from various government grants and donations as well as the Sip Some Soup event.

This year, donations from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, which is an organization that receives funding from both the public sector and private entities such as United Way and Red Cross among others, were cut drastically from \$11,000 annually to \$4,000, making it even more difficult for Savage to maintain the budget.

At right: Healthy, tasty food is always appreciated. Below: One of the 65 chairs needed for the dining room.

Photo by Mathew Caine



Caltrans: \$34 million in sustainable transportation planning grants available

Submitted by Caltrans Sacramento HQ

Caltrans will award more than \$34 million in transportation planning grants for fiscal year 2020-2021 to successful applicant local agencies and their efforts to plan more sustainable communities, reduce transportation-related greenhouse gases, and adapt to the effects of climate change. A significant portion of these grant funds is available thanks to Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

"Our current transportation system needs innovative strokes to help reduce congestion and protect the health of our communities and our planet," said Bob Franzioia, acting director of Caltrans. "We are all in this together, and these grants will help our communities address the effects of our changing climate."

New numbers show that vehicle tailpipe emissions accounted for 37 percent of California's 2017 GHG emissions, so Caltrans is aiming to help Californians walk, bike and use transit more often. The available sustainable transportation planning grants include:

- \$29.5 million in Sustainable Communities Grants: to encourage local and regional planning that furthers state goals and help achieve California's greenhouse gas reduction targets.
- \$4.5 million in Strategic Partnerships Grants: to identify and address statewide, interregional, or regional transportation deficiencies on the state highway system in partnership with Caltrans. The transit component will fund planning projects that address multimodal transportation deficiencies with a focus on transit.

Grant announcements are anticipated in spring 2020. Applications are due October 11, 2019, at 5 pm.

Grant applicants are encouraged to contact Priscilla Martinez-Velez, Caltrans Grant Management branch chief for the Division of Transportation Planning at 916-651-8196 for the fiscal year 2020-2021 Grant Application Guide, application forms, and required templates, and to ask questions and receive help developing applications.

Senate Bill 1 invests approximately \$54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges and puts more dollars toward transit and safety. Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1 visit www.rebuildingca.ca.gov.

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songwriting mentor Mac McAnally has produced both albums. I'm excited to come and play a high-energy show in Willits and wrap up summer with some originals, some of dad's classics, and brand-new stuff, too!"

LeDoux has a good handle on some of Chris LeDoux's classics – he played drums for his dad from 1998 until his passing in 2005.

When he's not out on tour, LeDoux enjoys spending time with his wife, Morgan, and their children, Bronson, 9, and little Haven, 2, who will be celebrating a birthday this weekend.

"I really love to just stay home and enjoy the precious time I have off with the family at our home in the northeast hills of Kansas," LeDoux said. "But I'm excited to also head back to California and do our three-stop show run, leading up to the Willits event."

LeDoux will be in Fremont at the Saddle Rack on Thursday, September 19; at the Tackle Box in Chico on Friday, September 20; and then here in Willits at the Willits Frontier Days grounds on Saturday, September 21.

Three shows will finish LeDoux's tour after Willits: A performance is planned at the "Farmer Strong" benefit concert in Gearing, Nebraska on October 5; and his final two shows will be on December 5 and 6 at the Silverton Casino Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

For more information, log on to www.NedLeDoux.com, or get tickets at www.BrownPaperTickets.com. An event page is also set up on Facebook under "Willits Frontier Days Ned LeDoux Concert."



From left: The iconic California Poppy is easy to grow and often lasts for several years from one sowing. It loves well-drained soil, often growing in gravelly areas. For a quick start to your fall garden, fine-quality, locally grown starts are available at Mariposa Market. Remember to put some greens and herbs in a tub near the house, so you can find dinner ingredients fast on rainy evenings. Crimson clover is a cover crop that looks like a spring wildflower and adds nitrogen to the soil. Undersowing clover beneath your crops now will make soil prep easy next spring. Be sure to chose an annual clover, like crimson or rose clover. Perennials like White Dutch or Red Clover should only be used for lawns, pastures, orchards, paths, and other permanent applications.



At right: Mustards come in a wide variety of colors, sizes, and degrees of spiciness. They are low-maintenance, and a good choice for a semi-wild meadow garden. Far right: Calendulas get their name because they can bloom any month of the year. Start some now for winter bloom.



Above, from left: A bit of kelp meal sprinkled around your plants – especially perennials that are marginally hardy, like citrus – can make a difference in their winter hardiness. Our native Showy Milkweed is one of the important host plants for monarch butterflies. For bloom next summer, plant now. Mildew often starts on squash vines in September. Leaves develop a gray/white powdery coating; this is a fungus that weakens the plant. Head it off with compost tea and lactic acid sprays. Basic seed-saving can be done with household items and a bit of knowledge. The public library can give you the information you need.

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COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

September: Return of the Ninja

The days are shorter now, and there are many demands on our time. On the other hand, temperatures are more pleasant for working outdoors, and a new garden season is starting. That situation led to last September's column on "Ninja gardening" – focused jobs you can do in an hour or less. Here are more Ninja projects:

Winterize: Get your perennials and fall crops ready for winter with seaweed. Besides potassium, seaweed contains plant hormones and sugars that increase hardiness. You can use dried kelp meal or soluble seaweed powder. These are easy and fast to apply – kelp meal can just be sprinkled around your plants. (To me, that means run by and throw some around.) Soluble seaweed powder is mixed into water (1 teaspoon to 4 gallons) and dumped around your plants. Both will help harden new growth and thicken the sap so that they don't freeze. Don't give nitrogen fertilizers from now on – they promote the kind of sappy growth that freezes easily.

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Save Some Seeds: I just timed myself, and it took 3 minutes to locate a bucket, cut some dead cilantro plants, and stuff them in. It took 6 minutes to strip off the seeds, shake the chaff to the bottom, and pour the round seeds out into a bowl. It took 1 minute to use a kitchen strainer to get out the dust and little leaf crumbles. See what I'm getting at? Saving seed sounds more daunting than it is. Sure, some seeds are rare and difficult. Most aren't.

Plant Some Glory: California wildflowers are spectacular, and most are winter annuals. They sprout with the fall rains, make a rosette of leaves over the winter, then bloom in spring. That means two things: One, you need to plant them in fall – spring is too late. Two, they will act like a cover crop and hold your soil over the winter. Seeds can be hard to find. At Quail Seeds I've just listed several kinds: www.quailseeds.com

Bug of the Year: Suddenly everyone seems to have aphids. I find that the beneficial insects can keep the aphids under control *if* you have a lot of small nectary flowers like alyssum, *if* you don't spray poisons, and *if* you prevent ants from carrying new aphids up your plants. So, aphid control is really ant control. Use diatom dust. For larger plants, paint a mixture of coconut oil and mint essential oil in a band on the trunk. Ants won't cross it.

A Semi-Wild Garden: A few edibles can be planted haphazardly, left unthinned, compete with weeds, and (usually) survive. They overwinter in my garden, and bloom very early with edible flowers that attract aphid-eating beneficials. I plant them together as

a "meadow garden." Mizuna, Cilantro, Arugula, Turnip, Miner's Lettuce, Texel Greens (Ethiopian Kale), Italian Dandelion, Mustard Greens, and Escarole.

Mildew Prevention: September is mildew month, when the air gets cooler and moister. You can't change the weather, but you can change the pH of your plants. You can also coat the leaves with mildew-eating microbes. Do both at once by spraying with compost tea or LAB (lactic acid bacteria – yogurt for plants). You can find information on these probiotic brews at www.quailseeds.com/how-to#/

Undersow: Most of us know that cover crops do good stuff, and most of us put planting off too long. This year, do it fast and early. It doesn't matter that your tomatoes or whatever are still in the ground. Throw seed for clover, vetch, or rye all around and under those tomatoes. Rake it in or cover with a light layer of straw. If you can rough up the ground and pull some weeds before you start, so much the better. It's called "undersowing," and it allows you to get those cover crops going while your summer crops are still in place. Takes about 8 minutes to do 100 square feet. A real Ninja move.

To see last year's Ninja garden projects – including some that take less than 10 minutes – go to www.quailseeds.com/blog#/

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