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Supervisor Williams seeks to revamp county budget approach

Mike A'Dair

Reporter

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On Tuesday, Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams proposed that the county explore adopting a "zero-based" budgeting process. In that process, the county would essentially abandon its current budgeting strategy, which consists of making small adjustments to its prior year budget, and would instead start from zero and build up a new

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Brooktrails board hears about a host of issues

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The Brooktrails board of directors covered a host of issues at their September 10 meeting, from litigation, taxes, and greenbelt foliage abatement to observing the new Indigenous Peoples' Day.

To begin the session Brooktrails General Counsel Chris Neary reported to the board that they were successful in winning the appeal in the Paland v. Brooktrails matter. Paland however has applied for a rehearing scheduled for later in September. At that time

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Supes to 'adopt' chief probation officer

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On Tuesday the board of supervisors directed county counsel to work with the CEO to draft an ordinance which would establish that the county's chief probation officer will be hired by and will report to the board of supervisors, rather than reporting to the presiding judge of the Mendocino County Superior Court.

The action was taken primarily in response to events that transpired in 2017, when previous Mendocino County Chief Probation Officer Pamela Markham was removed from office by the presiding judge. Although the judge removed her from

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Photo courtesy Leonard Lake Reserve



Photo courtesy Northern Aggregates, Inc.



Photo by Maureen Moore



Sweet Summer Sprinkle

Willits and surrounding areas enjoy quick dowsing of rainfall twice in last week

There's just nothing like waking up to the sound of rain falling on the roof. Recently, Willits residents have been able to enjoy the experience not once, but twice as fall feels closer and closer, with the cooling weather. Remember, all burn bans are still in effect, and care needs to be taken to keep fires at bay!

School board hears from Brookside Elementary teachers

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A sizable portion of the September 11 Willits Unified School District Board of Trustee's meeting was taken up by a sizable contingent of Brookside Elementary teachers sporting green Willits Teachers Association T-shirts. They were there to register their objections to a new directive informing them that textbooks were not to be provided equally to all their students.

Also at the meeting, the board approved funding for a community survey to gauge support for a bond measure, ratified a new three-year contract with the superintendent, heard reports from the superintendent and the president of the Willits Teachers Association, and were advised to pay particular attention to new state "comprehensive sex education" requirements.

The Brookside teachers used the occasion of a state-required public hearing on the "sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials" to express strong opposition to a new requirement that would result in withholding textbooks from

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City council looks at potential new revenue and savings

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At the Willits City Council meeting last week, the council's finance committee members led a discussion about tactics being considered to increase revenues and savings for the city in light of increasing costs and a projected budget deficit for the current fiscal year.

Some of the ideas they were looking into include a sales tax measure, increasing permit and impact fees, and refinancing bonds.

City Manager Stephanie Garbrant-Sierra said that the refinancing of one "redevelopment agency bond" owed by the city could result in an increase of \$25,000 per year to the general fund.

She said that insurance costs, which have already been skyrocketing, would likely go up again once the relinquishment of Main Street by Caltrans to the city happens.

Councilmember Greta Kanne reported that Caltrans representatives announced at a recent meet-

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

‘Courageous Conversations’ continues

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who joined us in our first night of “Courageous Conversations” on August 29 at Adventist Health Howard Memorial. We are continuing this conversation on Thursday, September 19 at 6 pm. We will meet in the back room of Mission Pizza. The topic is “Gun Violence in our Communities.”

We welcome diverse views, and everyone who can join us in a respectful dialogue about the many facets of gun violence in our communities. If you have any questions, please call Rosemary at 530-933-9963. “Courageous Conversations” is sponsored by Willits United Methodist Church

Rosemary Landry, Willits

Visioning the future of cannabis in Mendocino County

To the Editor:

In 2016, with the passage of Proposition 64 by voters, cannabis became legal to grow and for adult recreational use in the state of California. While this new law ended California’s prohibition of cannabis and freed millions of people from the taint of criminal convictions, it also sent a shock wave through the cannabis industry in Mendocino County which had always thrived in the illegal black market.

This newly created multi-billion dollar legal cannabis market immediately attracted the attention of venture capitalists who are always on the lurk for lucrative investment opportunities. They have swooped down on our three rural Northern California counties – Mendocino, Humboldt and Trinity – collectively known as the “Emerald Triangle,” where world-class cannabis has been grown for years.

The Emerald Triangle’s reputation for growing premier quality cannabis began over four decades ago when counterculture back-to-the-landers started migrating into the area in the 1970s and 1980s from the Bay Area to get away from the urban rat race. As the Emerald Triangle’s legend grew, so did the amount of cannabis dollars flowing into the region until cannabis supplanted the declining timber industry as the main driver of our North Coast economy.

Legalization of cannabis in California has brought multiple layers of regulation at every level of state, county and municipal government, which has created an impenetrable barrier for these small “legacy” farmers who built the cannabis

industry, to gain a foothold in the legal marketplace.

For its part, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has shown no inclination to support legacy cannabis farmers when drafting the county’s cannabis cultivation regulations. Instead they have crafted regulations that are so cumbersome, convoluted and confusing that only large corporate growers can comply. In fact, less than 300 permits have actually been issued by the county and most small farmers remain in the black market.

The latest proposed regulation by the board of supervisors would establish 10 “Enterprise Zones (EZ)” around the county where 10 acre industrial-size grows would be permitted and all requisite permits would be held by a few mega rich corporate owners. In effect, these large cannabis plantations would shift Mendocino County’s workforce from self-employed farmers over to low-wage farm workers.

It doesn’t have to happen this way. It is possible for small cannabis farmers in Mendocino County to compete in the statewide legal cannabis market without selling out our local culture to giant corporations. But small farmers cannot compete in this legal market alone: No matter how efficiently they farm, or how shrewdly they conduct business, or how hard they work, they will be squeezed in the vice of high production costs and low sales prices.

In order to survive legalization, small cannabis farmers (that is 10,000 square feet or under) in Mendocino County will have to change their business model from the individual farmer doing everything from sewing seeds to marketing products, to many small farmers working together in cooperative arrangements where there can be task specialization and shared production costs.

While the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors cannot establish cannabis cooperatives on its own, it can provide a regulatory framework that makes it easy for individual small farmers to join together into large-scale vertically integrated co-ops that will be able to compete against large corporations on the statewide cannabis market. Such a framework must also be structured so that no proprietorship, partnership or corporation can hold more than one cannabis cultivation permit in Mendocino County. This will ensure that no out-of-county corporate players can take over the industry.

Ultimately, there are two competing visions for the future of cannabis in Mendocino County. One is to have a few corporate mega grows clustered together in “Enterprise Zones” located in unspecified areas around the county, and the other is to

preserve our local cultural heritage of small cannabis farmers who have been the backbone of our resilient communities going on three generations.

In choosing a cooperative business model, Mendocino County has the opportunity to create a localized cannabis economy that is an industry-wide leader on the world stage.

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

Emandal’s ‘Cowboy Poetry’ to host silent auction to benefit the Art Center

Set for September 28 is the always fun, always fabulous Emandal Apple Pie Throwdown and Cowboy Poetry concert.

This year the silent auction will be a benefit for the Willits Center for the Arts.

Do you have a piece of art or interesting object you would be willing to donate? If so, you can drop it by the art center this week on Friday, September 20, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Be sure and have your name and phone number on your donation.

For more information email June Ruckman at jajabe@sbcglobal.net

Thank you for your support!

– Submitted by the Willits Center for the Arts

Global Climate Strike in Willits on September 20

Submitted by WCS Student Leadership

Willits Charter School’s Student Leadership invites everyone of every age to join us in the Global Climate Strike. This will occur on Friday, September 20 from 1 pm to 1:45 pm.

We will be at Babcock Park (1299 South Main Street in Willits) peacefully protesting for more recognition of climate change. With the UN’s climate change conference steadily approaching, we hope to have our voices heard, and to lend our voices to those already fighting to raise awareness on this issue.

As young people we are fighting for our future; we believe it’s time for the adults to join us. We have had enough!

It’s time to take action, because years of empty negotiations haven’t gotten us anywhere – so please join us in our mission to secure our future.

‘Child Training’ classes to begin at Grace Community Church

Submitted by Grace Community Church

The community is invited to join us at Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street, Willits (behind Flyer’s gas station), as we share in a video/discussion study of Reb Bradley’s Biblical Insights into Child Training. These sessions will begin on Sunday evening, October 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 and run for seven to 10 weeks. It is open to anyone interested in children, whether parents, grandparents, relatives, teachers, etc.

Reb Bradley has served “40 years as a pastor, church planter, pastoral instructor, radio counselor, talk show host, author and conference speaker. Drawing from mistakes as well as his successes, he works diligently as a writer and conference speaker to strengthen the family, conducting seminars internationally on issues related to marriage, child training, and manhood.”

The topics that will be covered are: Goals of Child Training; Establishing Control in the Home; Nurturing Children With Discipline Part 1; Nurturing Children With Discipline Part 2; Nurturing Children Through Instruction; Raising Respectful Children; How We Exasperate our Children; and Wrap up.

Some subjects within those topics that will be addressed include:

“Must parents speak harshly to their children to evoke obedience, or can children obey when spoken to calmly and only one time? How do most parents accidentally teach their children to disobey them? Can children be expected to accept gratefully and without complaint whatever food you set before them? Do your children really have to go through the “terrible 2s,” the “tough 3’s,” or the “trying teens?”

Child care and light refreshments will be provided. You may call 459-3106 for more information.

COLUMN | Firewise Tips

Fire season resources

By Doreen Blumenfeld, member Sherwood Firewise Communities

Even though this is September, and the nights are cooler, fire season is still not over. Sherwood Firewise Communities just completed a very successful three-part series of evacuation education and trainings. The theme, sponsored by CalFire, is “Ready - Set - Go.”

This evacuation education program is important for all. Most fires are house fires. Two fires were started in the local area last fall by residents disposing of hot ash from their wood stoves as the temperatures began to drop. Regardless of where you live, city or rural setting, these principles apply to you.

“Ready” applies to the defensible space around your home, which means removing clutter, leaves, and flammable bushes, out at least 60 feet from your home as well as taking other preventative measures. Home hardening refers to upgrading or being aware of and using home repair materials that are fire-resistant and will prevent flying embers from destroying your home.

“Set” training prepares families or individuals to have action plans for how, when, and where to evacuate. Assembling an emergency supply kit, that is already prepared and easily accessible is key. Do you have pet carriers close by? Do you have a plan with your family where you will meet

or who will be your out-of-area emergency contact person?

“Go” is training in pre-evacuation preparation steps, how and when and where to evacuate, and the meanings of evacuation warnings. If you have pets, children, disabilities or other issues that are of concern, pre-evacuation may be wise. Underlying all safe evacuation steps is registering for emergency communication with the Nixie/Everbridge County Sheriff systems.

Evacuation checklists

SFC has prepared helpful checklists to guide residents in each of the above steps. They can be located and printed from www.sherwoodfirewise.org. SFC recently tested SafetyNet, a system that gives Sherwood Road corridor residents an opportunity to register to receive notices of incidents that may affect them. The recent broadcast was a practice drill – giving residents 15 minutes to prepare to leave their homes. Fire drills are extremely helpful, as the more they are practiced, the more you can act quickly and responsibly, and are less likely to panic in an emergency.

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Above, from left: Adam dances with young Reza at the “Falling Out of Summer” music series promoted by the City of Willits. Corwin Zekley, fiddle player and Berklee College of Music graduate, creates sweet melodious tones and tells a story with each stroke. Bass player and spokesman Jay Drapes joins in on the harmonies. Michael Fierro sings and plays for the crowd. Below, left: The attendees enjoy each other during intermission. Below, right: Amanda Senseman enjoys dancing with Michael Hackleman to Snaps for Sinners’ high-energy country swing music.



Music in the Park

Willits is ‘Falling Out of Summer’ with first performance in free concert series

How to create magic: Pick the perfect day. Find the perfect venue. Hire the perfect band. And invite people who appreciate all of the above and are ready to enjoy the best that their town has to offer.

The first of four concerts in the “Falling Out of Summer” music series promoted by the City of Willits was a wonderful confluence of music, people, setting and weather, which became the optimal opening to this season’s series. A crowd gathered at Recreation Grove Park on Thursday, September 12 to listen to the free performance by Snaps for Sinners.

The remaining three concerts will take place on consecutive Thursdays at 6 pm, featuring local favorites The Real Sarahs on September 19, Funkacillin on September 26, and The Johnny Young Band on October 3.

Willits City Manager Stephanie Garabrant-Sierra, who is promoting the concerts, is understandably pleased with her creation and is grateful to the sponsors and volunteers who have made the concerts into successful

endeavors. “We made it to the second year of Music in the Park. This is now a thing,” said Garabrant-Sierra.

“This is the first week of our ‘Falling Out of Summer’ concert series. We’re starting later this time, so the people from the farmers market can attend, and so people can have a chance to get out of work and relax a little bit before they come out.

“The concert goes until 7:30,” she added. “That way the bands don’t typically take a break and two hours seemed a little long. People can go home and have dinner after. It’s just a little interlude of music. If the musicians want to play longer, it’s groovy.”

“The City of Willits is not paying for this at all,” Garabrant-Sierra continued. “Not one penny of taxpayer dollars. Our sponsors are wonderful. I sent out a few emails and got immediate responses.”

Of course, the most important aspect of creating a great concert is choosing the right band that people love to listen and dance to.

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Above: A couple grooves on their own dance floor.

Far left: Willits City Manager Stephanie Garabrant-Sierra, who is promoting the free concert series, watches as Michael Fierro signs her poster.

At left: Concert-goers wait in line to purchase tasty Mexican food from Taqueria Ramirez.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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SUDOKU

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

CAREGIVING WORD SEARCH

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- Study of sight
- Becomes less intense
- Juicy, soft fruit
- A great ape
- All-time NY Giants great
- Big Apple native
- Home of the Flyers (abbr.)
- People stand in them
- Automotive legend
- Iacocca
- Influential linguist
- ___ and Andy, TV show
- Wives (law)
- Discriminating
- Star Wars hero Solo
- Married woman
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Chinese dialect
- Angolan monetary unit
- A type of sheen
- 'Ash Wednesday' poet
- Nobel Prize-winning chemist
- Spoke angrily
- Separated with a tool
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Actors' group

- A type of ship (abbr.)
- Bar bill
- Romanian city
- Greek sorceress
- Small water bird
- Tropical Asian plants
- 'Unforgettable' singer
- Belonging to a bottom layer
- Potato state
- A toy that spins
- 'A-Team' character
- Ornamental molding
- Covers again
- Poets write them
- Appear

CLUES DOWN

- Popular mid-size Kia
- Image management (abbr.)
- Prongs
- Cools
- It produces milk
- Trends
- Concurred
- Chinese cabbage ___ choy
- Greek war god
- Straits along the Red Sea
- Railway
- Washing with water

- Supreme being
- Ductless gland
- Parts producer (abbr.)
- Not arranged in a straight line
- Red sweet peppers
- Famed protest yacht
- Drain
- Distributes
- Small, savory dishes
- Web of Things (abbr.)
- Defunct aerospace company
- Lacking consistency
- Type of retriever
- Barrier
- Senior officer
- Categories
- Call it a career
- Suitable for growing crops
- High jumping legend
- Iolanda
- Hairy
- Dish made with lentils
- TNT broadcaster Craig
- Used to align parts
- Cold, dry Swiss wind
- Water in the solid state
- A great play
- Atomic #45 (abbr.)
- Big shot lawyer (abbr.)

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

September 9 to September 15

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **226 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 9

12:20 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

7:59 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:18 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 76000 block of Henderson Lane.

3:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:12 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 27000 block of Fox Road.

6:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

7:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Alder Court.

7:25 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

September 10

2:49 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of South Main Street.

8:24 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

10:54 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

11:21 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of South Main Street and Gregory Lane.

12:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of West Valley Street and McKinley Street.

1:57 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

2:00 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

2:02 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

2:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:36 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:22 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CALLS

September 11 to September 13

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

09-11-19 (Ridgewood)

Vehicle fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a vehicle fire. Upon arrival the vehicle was fully involved and threatening structures. Utilizing the pump and tank off the duty officer's vehicle as well as E-5468, the fire was contained to the vehicle with no extension to the wildland. 4 firefighters responded for service.

09-12-19 (Highway 20)

Agency assist: Little Lake Fire assisted the Mendocino County Sheriffs Office with the disposal of a suspected bomb. Fire units at scene provided standby. 3 firefighters responded for service.

09-12-19 (Highway 101, mile marker 39)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire was dispatched and canceled en route by fire units at scene. 3 firefighters responded for service.



September 11

12:33 am: FERGUSON, Christopher Andrew (39) of Stockton was contacted in the 100 block of West Commercial Street. He was arrested on felony charges of carrying a concealed dirk or dagger.

8:20 am: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

8:47 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

9:16 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of Holly Street.

10:03 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 600 block of Coast Street and issued a warning.

11:45 am: Officers responded to a report of rape in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue.

2:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of North Main Street.

4:20 pm: ROELSE, Peter JohnWilliamMaxwell (44) of Eureka 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 failure to appear and violation of probation.

7:49 pm: GALINDO Jr., Thomas Manuel (43) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:40 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

September 12

7:37 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:25 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:33 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of North Street.

12:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of South Main Street.

12:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East Barbara Lane.

2:25 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Street.

2:40 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1900 block of Center Valley Road.

6:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of rape in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

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Bucket Challenge

Mendo Mill donates to Willits High School sports while offering customers a discount on items 'that fit' in buckets

Willits High School athletes did it again last Saturday and Sunday as they greeted Mendo Mill shoppers and encouraged them to fill a bucket in support of all the high school sports programs. Many people in the community made sure to get to Mendo Mill on the weekend to fill a 5-gallon Mendo Mill bucket with anything available in the store, except power tools, that fit into the bucket. Customers paid \$5 for the bucket at check-out and Mendo Mill gave them a generous 20 percent off of their purchases.

This year is Mendo Mill's 75th anniversary. The Bucket Challenge takes place at all five MendoMill

stores – Willits, Ukiah, Clearlake, Fort Bragg and Lakeport. Because of the anniversary year, the company partnered with Hi-Yield, one of their product suppliers, to give \$15 for every bucket sold at each store instead of the usual \$10.

That provides a nice sum to the Willits High School Booster Club's athletic account. They handle the money for the various WHS athletic teams, which covers everything from much-needed uniforms and additional equipment, to hotels and food at out-of-town tournaments.

The athletes themselves are responsible for

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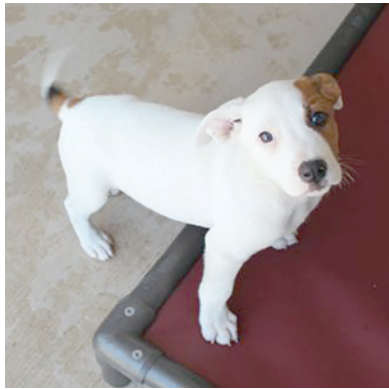


Far left: Willits High School athletes Zentery Henson, Beau Betts, Dominick Kzavnicka, and Martin Laughlin greet customer Matt Bozzo at Mendo Mill when he stops by during the Bucket Challenge to support sports programs at Willits High.

At left: Thinking outside the bucket got one customer 20 percent off a ladder.

At top: Just for fun, Gregg Stebbins stops to see if he could actually get one of the best Mendo Mill utility belts into a bucket.

Above: Lydia Sims and her husband, Michael Steffen, load their bucket with canning jars and a sprinkler and were still shopping while Alex Partida, who was squeezing two large boxes of contractor bags into his bucket, stopped to say hello.



Cute Hailey

This little jewel is Hailey. At 9 weeks old, she is a real looker with a heart tattoo on her hip and a song in her heart! She's ready for anything!

This cute cattle dog/McNab mix pup came in recently with her brother, Hugo, who has just been adopted, so she is by herself for the first time and would love to find a home of her own soon. Sweet, smart, and playful – what else is there to want in a puppy? Come meet her and see for yourself!

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: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

Regal Marble

Marble is a shelter gem! This regal and beautiful girl is easygoing and loving. Marble is a social butterfly with people and loves other dogs. Fido Field Trip report, 9/11: Marble got to go the Ukiah Hometown Heroes event today. She loaded like a dream into her human companion's car and enjoyed her morning outing. She met children and enjoyed herself. Marble is a 1-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 63 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.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.



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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. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and summer fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Willits 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.

Willits High School Lady Wolverines Volleyball: Willits vs. Fort Bragg: JV (Coach Julie Golley) at 5 pm; Varsity (Coach Jon Jessup) at 6 pm. Willits High School Gym, 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**, "skifful 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, 6 to 7:30 pm. Food from Taqueria Ramirez. Upcoming: September 26, Funkacillin; October 3, The Johnny Young Band.



The Real Sarahs.

"Courageous Conversations": The topic is "Gun Violence in our Society." "We welcome diverse views and everyone who can join us in a respectful dialogue about the many facets of gun violence in our communities." Thursday, September 19, 6 pm, Old Mission Pizzeria, 1708 South Main Street. Info: Rosemary, 530-933-9963.

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. Light refreshments. Thursday, September 19, 6:30 to 8 pm. Info: Nicole Bird, birdn@mendocinocounty.org or 459-5908.

Shanachie Pub: Tracy Hui. "New Age, Old Time, Good Time Freakery at its Finest." Thursday, September 19, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

What's Happening Around Town

Friday, September 20

Hog Farm Celebration 2019: "An intimate weekend gathering for our extended family and friends in the tradition of the Hog Farm in Open Celebration, and on the site where we did the Hog Farm Picnic. Family-friendly party and fundraiser! We are opening our beautiful home at the Black Oak Ranch to our community and aim to raise some money to help keep the Ranch in business and thriving and help with general upkeep. Great Music. Games. Bingo for prizes. Excursions. Costumes. Hog Farm Film Festival." Five miles north of Laytonville on Highway 101. Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22. Tickets, info & schedule: <https://www.blackoakranch.com/copy-of-2018-hog-farm-celebration-i>, or Park N Takit, Laytonville.

Art Program: Tape Block Painting, 11 am to 12 pm, at the Willits Library, 290 East Commercial Street on Friday, September 20. "Create a unique and colorful picture. We will be using tape on canvases as a kind of reverse stencil. Paint over the tape and see what happens when you peel it up." Supplies provided. Ages 4 and up.

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.

Rx Take-Back at WHS Football: Safe Rx is offering a drive-up Rx disposal option in the parking lot of Willits High School for a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs at the WHS football game. Friday, September 20, starting at 5:30 pm. Information booths. A project of Mendocino County Youth Project and Safe Rx Mendocino. Info: 707-472-2610.

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

Hog Farm Celebration 2019: Saturday, September 21, 10 am, Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

"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 in this year's Speakeasy lineup include: Margie Handley, Peter Smith, Nancy Nelson, Bill Herr, Emmy Good, Earlene Gleisner, Bill Barksdale, Linda Posner, Melinda Clarke, Pete Winslow, Divora Stern, Ursula Schlichting, Wolfgang Ronnefelt, Freddie Long, and Jane Camp. 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.



Shanachie Pub: Blake Ritter & Tai Evans, "Tai Evans' blues and rock-based guitar and vocal stylings serve as a dramatic backdrop for Ritter's incendiary melodies." Saturday, September 21, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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." Nashville recording artist Chad Bushnell will open the show.



Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, September 22 (and every fourth Sunday through October). "Best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Free breakfast for firefighters; one breakfast per official ID. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Sunday, September 22

Hog Farm Celebration 2019: Sunday, September 22. See September 20 listing for details.

Kermes Mexican Food Fest: Sunday, September 22, 11 am to 5 pm, Recreation Grove Park. Mexican Food Fest with authentic, handmade food. All funds collected will be for Elia



Speakeasy VI: Original Monologues September 21 & 22

Back for its sixth year running at Willits Community Theatre, "Speakeasy VI - An Evening of Original Monologues," Saturday, September 21, 7:30 pm and Sunday, September 22, 2 pm. The diverse and original monologues are performed on stage by local people who have written and prepared their own work for oral presentation. Participants in this year's Speakeasy lineup include: Margie Handley, Peter Smith, Nancy Nelson, Bill Herr, Emmy Good, Earlene Gleisner, Bill Barksdale, Linda Posner, Melinda Clarke, Pete Winslow, Divora Stern, Ursula Schlichting, Wolfgang Ronnefelt, Freddie Long, and Jane Camp. The themes this year run from love to the wages of sin, parental dementia to childhood memories of World War II to trying to get a cocktail in China. Info: Emmy Good, 707-367-7475. Tickets are \$10 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 S. Main St., Willits; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006, at the door until sold out.

Waldorf 100th Birthday Celebration September 19

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County celebrates International Peace Day and the 100th birthday of Waldorf education with "student performances and work, info on Waldorf education around the world, dedication of Peace Pole, birthday cake! A free celebration of education and peace, everyone welcome." The Waldorf School of Mendocino County, 6280 Third Street, Calpella. Thursday, September 19, 5:30 pm.

volunteers. "The goal of hospice is to provide compassionate comfort care for patients with a life-limiting illness: Enable the patient to carry on a symptom managed, pain-free life so that their last days may be spent with dignity and quality at home. The hospice volunteers are vital members of the interdisciplinary team that serves our patients and their families." Begins Thursday, September 26, 1 to 3 pm; continues each Thursday for seven weeks. Contact Jackie Beck prior to the first class, 456-3232.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, September 26, 3 to 6 pm. See September 19 listing for details.

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 Funkacillin, "a group of five Mendocino County musicians representing the edgier side of funk, incorporating rock and soul into their repertoire, while keeping the music fun and danceable!" Thursday, September 26, 6 to 7:30 pm, Rec Grove Park. Food from Taqueria Ramirez. Upcoming: October 3, The Johnny Young Band.

Tuesday, September 24

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" and "Hustlers." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

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

Willits High School Lady Wolverines Volleyball: Willits vs. Kelseyville: JV (Coach Julie Golley), 5 pm; Varsity (Coach Jon Jessup), 6 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street.

"Challenged and Censored": Mendocino County Library is offering a countywide program highlighting Banned Books Week. Features 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. An annual event to bring awareness and celebrate the freedom to read. Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 pm, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: your local library branch, social media or www.mendolib.org, or contact the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency at 234-2875.

Wednesday, September 25

Eckhart Tolle class: at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Wednesday, September 25, 5 to 7 pm. "Video from a retreat in Copenhagen, Denmark from 2004 called 'The Art of Presence' which is not normally available to the general public." Info: Andrea, 707-513-8139. Free event.

Not JUST Cowboy Poetry: Enjoy pie, poetry and an afternoon on the lawn at the annual Emandal fundraising event. Saturday, September 28. Entertainers Doris Daley and Doc Mehl. The 7th annual Apple Pie Throwdown. Judging starts at 2 pm, sharp. Pre-purchase \$25 tickets at the Willits Senior Center, Willits Library or at the gate. Bring a homemade apple pie for the contest for free admittance.

Thursday, September 26

Hospice Volunteer Training: Adventist Health Certified Hospice of Mendocino County will be providing training for prospective hospice

admittance. Firefighters and their families get in free. Proceeds support Friends of the Willits Library. A silent auction will benefit the Willits Center for the Arts. Info: 459-9252, or www.emandal.com.



Shanachie Pub: PianoMania Night, with Wendy DeWitt & Barney McClure providing a night of blues, boogie, reggae, jazz and classical. Saturday, September 28, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, September 29

Tule Elk Tour: "Fall is a lively time for the elk as the rutting has started. We will hope to hear bugling and see bulls displaying." The tour will meet at the Mendocino County Conservation District office, 80 South Street or at the north end of the Safeway parking lot, on Sunday, September 29, at 8:30 am. Wear comfortable shoes. RSVP: mdsa1955@gmail.com or 707-841-7172, 15 person maximum.



AT THE MOVIES



'The Peanut Butter Falcon'

The Story: Heartwarming dramatic adventure with comedic moments. Zak has Down Syndrome. Zak's dream is to be a professional wrestler. He's in

an institution and needs to make a getaway. Tyler (Shia LaBeouf) is a troubled young man who poaches crabs from other crab fishermen who are quite justifiably furious. Tyler has made some enemies. He too needs to make a getaway. Two young men are on the run. Each has problems, each has dreams. This is the comedic recounting of how these two mismatched misfits become friends forever. Also, to make their ad hoc family complete, they are joined by a lovely and caring social worker named Eleanor (Dakota Johnson) who's been searching for Zak because she's afraid for him out in the big world. It's a kind movie.

My Thoughts: This movie celebrates following one's dream, and the joys of shared struggle—it gets a double A-plus. When folks make an alliance on their journey through the world, promises are made. This movie is about keeping those promises, even when promise-keeping seems difficult. Or pointless. Along the journey, the kindnesses of strangers are unexpected, even unusual blessings. Rottentomatoes.com bequeaths a rousing 95 percent positive. Traveling with Tyler, Zak and Eleanor is simply joyful.

Parents: As a general rule, "The Peanut Butter Falcon" is fine for children. There are a couple scenes of genuine violence which are too much and too real for the under 10 crowd.

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



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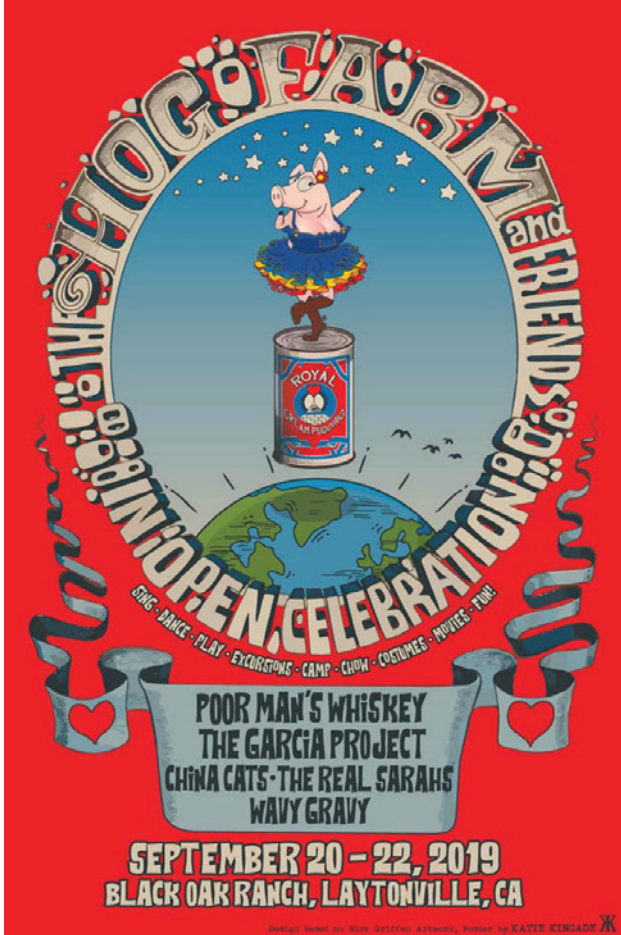
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Firefighters and their families get in free. Proceeds support Friends of the Willits Library (FOWL). A silent auction will benefit the Willits Center for the Arts. Info: 459-9252, or www.emandal.com. The categories in the 2019 Apple Pie Throwdown: 1. Most Delectable Filling 2. The Perfect Crust 3. Most Aesthetically Pleasing 4. Best Overall Apple Pie 5. People's Choice Award 6. Most Creative Apple Pie 7. Best Up and Coming (14 years and under). Info: Tam @ 459-9252, tamara@emandal.com.

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Above: Staff and volunteers of the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County, including, from left: Emma Compa, Suzanne Coffman holding Hailey, Becca Edwards, Heather Baarsch holding Oliver, and volunteer Kether Sprague pose with Stay and Play Dog Care owner, Donna Blake, who holds a check with her \$500 donation to the non-profit. Below: Donna Blake gets a Kitty smooch of appreciation for her donation from Cooper in the cattery at the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County.



Above: "Life Giver" is a painting by indigenous American artist Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya, who will be showing his work at Sherwood Valley Casino starting October 4. Below, are two more works by Montoya, below, left: "What Goes Around, Comes Around" and below, right: "Blessed Morning."




Funds for the Animals

Stay and Play Dog Care owner Donna Blake donates \$500 to help critters housed at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

With animals always on her mind, Donna Blake, owner of Stay and Play Dog Care located in the Willits valley, decided she wanted to raise money for the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County with a fundraiser. Blake created tote bags and T-shirts with the logo of her company and sold them to her customers and folks in the community.



Photos by Maureen Moore



Celebration of Life for Regina Girdauskas

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLITS AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.06, 17.22, 17.24, 17.26, 17.28, 17.29, AND 17.85 OF THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE TO (1) AUTHORIZE THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION, TESTING, RESEARCH, TRANSPORTATION, DISPENSING AND MANUFACTURING OF ADULT-USE (RECREATIONAL) CANNABIS; (2) ALLOW PROCESSING, TESTING, RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING OF MEDICINAL INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTS; (3) ALLOW FOR FULL TYPE-7 CANNABIS MANUFACTURING FACILITIES TO OPERATE IN INDUSTRIAL ZONED LANDS; (4) ALLOW FOR BOTH A CANNABIS INDOOR CULTIVATION AND NURSERY BUSINESS TO OPERATE ON THE SAME PROPERTY; (5) CLARIFY THAT AUTHORIZED RETAILERS MAY SELL CANNABIS PRODUCTS SPECIFIED FOR USE BY ANIMALS; AND (6) TO RETAIN THE EXISTING BUFFER ZONES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL UPON THE ADOPTION OF WMC 17.85.050 (3) (Ord. No 17-01, 9-27-17).

The City Council of the City of Willits shall convene at a duly noticed council meeting on September 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Willits City Hall Council Chambers, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, to consider the adoption of a new City ordinance amending chapters 17.06, 17.22, 17.24, 17.26, 17.28, 17.29, and 17.85 of the Willits Municipal Code to (1) authorize the cultivation, processing, distribution, testing, research, transportation, dispensing and manufacturing of adult-use (recreational) cannabis; (2) allow processing, testing, research and manufacturing of medicinal industrial hemp products; (3) allow for full type-7 cannabis manufacturing facilities to operate in industrial zoned lands; (4) allow for both a cannabis indoor cultivation and nursery business to operate on the same property; (5) clarify that authorized retailers may sell cannabis products specified for use by animals; and (6) to retain the existing buffer zones approved by the council upon adoption of WMC 17.85.050.

The following summary of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code section 36933 which provides that a city council may publish a summary of a proposed ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the city council meeting at which the proposed ordinance is to be adopted. The full text of the proposed ordinance shall also be posted in the office of the Willits City Clerk for at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting of September 25, 2019.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE:

The proposed ordinance contains findings and declarations including the following:

- This ordinance amends Willits Municipal Code to authorize the cultivation, processing, distribution, testing, research, transportation, dispensing and manufacturing of adult-use (recreational) cannabis. It aligns the permitting and requirements for adult use cannabis with the existing medical cannabis requirements as provided under the Willits Municipal Code.
- To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is the desire of the City Council to modify the City Code consistent with the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), regarding the location and operation of Adult Use Cannabis Activities within the boundaries of the City.
- It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to processing, testing, research and manufacturing of Industrial Hemp in a manner that is consistent with State law and promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and businesses within the City, while limiting the negative impacts associated with such activities. Cultivation of Industrial Hemp is prohibited.
- To clarify that authorized retailers may sell cannabis products specified for use by animals consistent with State law.
- To allow both a cannabis nursery and indoor cultivation business to operate on the same property.
- Allow for full type-7 cannabis as well as industrial hemp manufacturing facilities to operate in industrial zoned lands;
- Operation of a commercial cannabis business requires approval of a Cannabis Activity Permit from the Community Development Department. Decision can be appealed to the City Council
- All commercial cannabis uses must be set back 200 feet from any school, public playground or park, or licensed child care or licensed day care facility. Further, no Cannabis Dispensary shall be established, developed, or operated within 600 feet of a school.
- Each cannabis business will be subject to City inspection and fees.
- Background checks will be performed by the City on all owners and employees of commercial cannabis businesses.
- A Cannabis Activity is allowed only within a Fully Enclosed and Secure Structure.
- Odors from cannabis businesses shall not be detectable from outside the facility

The proposed Ordinance will establish specific land use zoning and development standards for adult use cannabis and industrial hemp land uses.

/s/ Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
Publication Date: September 19, 2019

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0571

The following person is doing business as Lewis Landscaping & Garden Service, 427 McKinley Street, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: PO Box 1028, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: 427 McKinley Street, Willits, CA 95490.

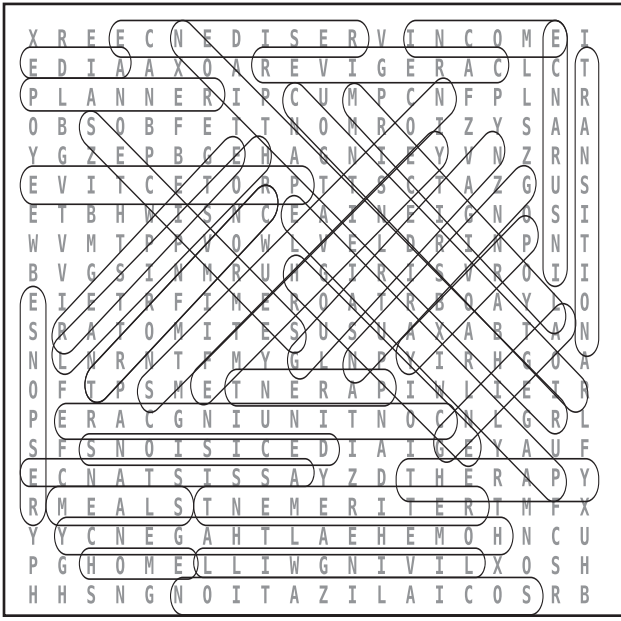
This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 12, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 12, 2019.

/s/ Benjamin Lewis

Publication dates: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 and 10/3/2019



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WW242
TS No. 5030200-8754833
TS No.100081984
APN: 097-265-11-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 1741 Hawk Lane, Willits, CA 95490 Block 58 Lot 3 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 31, 2016
UNLESS YOUR TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Friday the 18th day of October, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc. the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION.

And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino State of California, described as follows: Block 58 Lot 3, of Tract 86, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2, Unit No. APN: 097-265-11-01. If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: Jose Flores as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC. as Trustee, for benefit and security of Thomas H. Porter and Peggy A. Porter, dated July 31, 2016, and recorded August 11, 2016 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book n/a of Official Records at page n/a. Document No. 2016-10748

The Total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: \$23,754.23. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times to the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800)824-9809 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for information.

The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd., Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583. (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted, is: Peggy A. Porter, a widow 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525

Dated 8/29/2019

S/ Peggy A. Porter, President

Publication dates: September 5, September 12 and September 19, 2019



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Garage Sale

Giant, multi-family garage sale. Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22, 8:30 to 4 pm. 1250 Hearst Road. Exercise equipment, oak table and chairs, clothes, household misc. Come to the garage sale!

Two-Family Yard Sale

Two-family yard sale, 260 Haehl Creek Court, Willits. Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 am 'til 2ish. Needed to downsize: Furniture, tools, household items. Come find your treasure. Call/text Holly Madrigal for more info: 841-0612.

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Four-day yard sale at 101 Nancy Lane. September 19th - 22nd, Thursday-Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm. A big variety of items for sale! House and yard plants.

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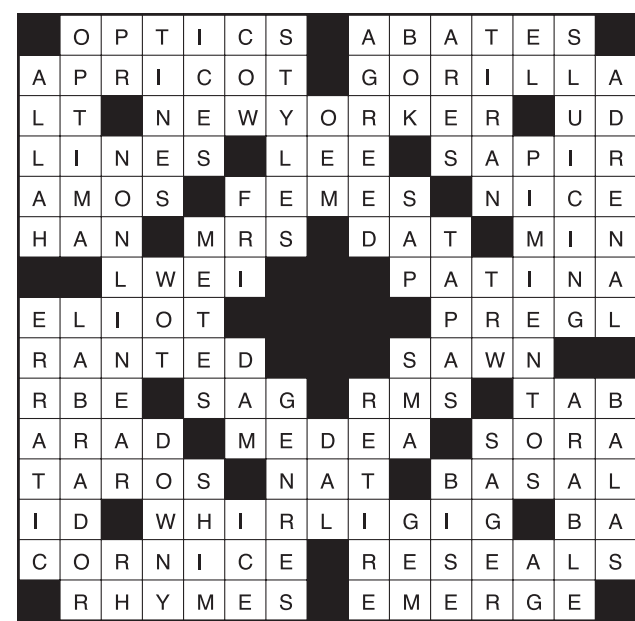


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students who had not reached a specific proficiency in reading.

Second-grade teacher Sandy Lucier presented the Brookside teachers' concerns.

"This is a public hearing to decide whether students have sufficient textbooks or instructional material in reading, language arts, math, and social studies ... that are aligned to content standards," she said. "I'm concerned, because they don't."

She cited a July email from the principals of Blosser Lane and Brookside elementary schools and Superintendent Mark West-erburg that "was sent to all K – 5 teachers telling us that we need to set aside the state-adopted curriculum and put it in a box for now ... we are only allowed to teach this curriculum with proficient and advanced readers ... and all students who are not considered to be reading at grade level at this time will not be allowed access to those materials."

Those less proficient students, she continued, "will only get 'unlocking the reading code' or 'unlocking the grammar code' ... which gives them access to only two of the standards for K – 2," she said.

"We have many other standards ... we teach ... [and restricting access to textbooks means] all students are not allowed equal access to all the standards.... We can only teach [the state standards] in small groups for proficient and advanced students."

Lucier assured West-erburg a number of times that teachers understood the validity and value of instructing students using "unlocking the code" methods.

"I understand the huge focus on phonics. We understand the brain research behind it.... I'm not questioning that at all. We all get that," she said. "It makes sense to supplement our state-adopted curriculum with 'unlocking the code.' But to throw it out all together until a child is reading 52 words per minute in second grade at this time of year is not doing what is best for our students."

"We have a duty as educators to ignite a love of learning and a love of reading in *all* students," she said ... to considerable applause.

West-erburg responded to the teachers, explaining the reasoning behind the decision and expressing an understanding of and agreement with their concerns, and also a willingness to work it out.

"The issue with the Common Core is it wants application and deeper thinking," he said. "But in order to do that you have to have basic skills. That's the crux of the problem."

"The issue is our performance is not showing improvement, especially if you use the state standards ... the Common Core standards," he said.

"I don't disagree with you at all," West-erburg told Lucier. "I want the kids to have a rich curriculum. I understand your perspective on wanting to use the benchmark curriculum for everybody, [and] I'm open to suggestions ... would be glad to meet with a group of you to talk about this."

Board president Alex Bowlds supported the superintendent as well as a group effort to "work out a compromise," he said.

"What it still boils down to is our test scores are poor, and they've been poor for a very long time. And as a board, our marching orders for our superintendent from day 1 was to improve test scores.... I have to put a certain amount of faith in the superintendent to drive this bus and push it in a direction we want it to go ... to improve test scores."

The board voted to approve the "sufficiency of instructional materials" resolution. Three voted in favor and trustees Paula Nunez and Robert Colvig abstained.

"I think there's some unanswered questions," explained Colvig.

At the meeting the board also voted unanimously to ratify a new three-year contract with West-erburg.

Ratification of the contract is not to be confused with approval of the contract, and trustee Nunez cast the lone opposing vote on the latter subject.

Then, fulfilling a legal requirement to publicly state the basic content of the contract, board president Bowlds disclosed that West-erburg was "under contract for 255 days, a full 12 months, [with a] salary of \$160,000 a year, and health and welfare benefits the same as the Willits Teachers Association."

He added that the "only anomaly is [the addition of] a 5 percent per year annuity, intended to offset a difference in retirement benefits" resulting from California law.

California "puts a cap on what I can invest" that doesn't affect other employees, West-erburg explained.

He also said he wanted "to emphasize that [he] took out merit pay because it was problematic to talk about," he said. "I'm basically at the same wage I have been for the last three years and next three years."

When questioned by trustee Nunez about whether he took "maximum vacation time" and knew that there was a cap on the number of vacation days he could accrue, West-

erburg responded that he had "never even come close to taking my vacation; I'm here all the time."

In other remarks to the board, he reminded everyone that the district now has an app ... Willits USD, which "80 percent of people are going to use instead of our webpage."

And he updated the board on the district's fire safety efforts at Sherwood School.

"I met with [Little Lake Fire Chief] Chris Wilkes and the fire chief from Brooktrails. We're making sure we have a fire plan in place," he said. "It's a very open area, very defensible space; it's an extra good place to do shelter in place, and we're looking at creating more defensible space around the building."

In her remarks to the board, WTA president Tessa Ford expressed concern over the removal of teachers' "personal appliances [think coffee pots] ... from rooms at Brookside because of electrical issues."

West-erburg assured her that the removal "had to do totally with the draw that happens in a room" and would not happen at other school sites, only Brookside – because "the issue is the building is really old" and rewiring too costly.

How to pay for that and other significant fix and repair projects at district schools was also on the board's agenda in the form of whether to approve funding for a survey to determine community support for a new bond offering.

"Nobody in our community will probably dispute the fact that our facilities need to be fixed and repaired. Our issue is [whether] the community is willing to do a bond to make that happen," West-erburg said. "The only way you know is to ask them. You ought to be in favor of at least asking the question."

"When the results come back, we're ultimately going to decide as a group. If it comes back and 80 percent are 'yes, let's do it,' we ought to do it. And if 80 percent say no, we're stuck with what we got," he said. "But let's ask the question. We have an obligation – both you guys and I – to provide the best we can."

The board voted 4 to 1, with trustee Nunez voting no, to authorize funding a survey.

And finally, upcoming changes to board policy and regulation with respect to "sexual health," scheduled for a vote at the board's next meeting, prompted a very concerned response from trustee Jeanne King.

"Board member King has talked to me," said West-erburg. "I want to make sure that everybody reads [the new requirements]. It's significantly different than previous, and it's about required instructional things that we have to do."

King elaborated on some details of the new state comprehensive sexual health education requirements.

"Comprehensive sex education is not your old-fashioned ... 'this is what happens in puberty and sexual intercourse.' It ... teaches everything," she said. "And they can't discriminate between different people in the way they identify themselves.... It's highly controversial."

"I always thought that the state board of education made up curriculum. But what happens is that groups that have an agenda sponsor bills and sponsor legislation and sponsor curriculum," she continued. "And in this case, the comprehensive sex education was sponsored by California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, Forward Together, Equality California, and Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California ... all who have sort of a political agenda."

"When I ran for school board, the reason I ran is I really care about kids and always ask myself, 'is this in the best interest of kids?'"

"And what I've come to understand about this curriculum is, it's way too much, way too soon. And it sexualizes children, and I'm really unhappy with it," she said. "I'm asking for the board to look into comprehensive sexual education and see what you think."

Trustee Robert Chavez wondered if the board had to vote on it at their next meeting, and West-erburg assured him they "didn't have to make a decision right away."

"There's always latitude to make changes. What you can't do is have board policy that is not in step with state law," said West-erburg, adding that he would "find out our parameters."

"There's been a lot of upheaval about this," he continued. "Please make sure you read over the part about what is required to be taught and pay close attention at what grade level it's requiring that, and also look at what is a parent's 'opt out' option if they're not interested in it."

Trustee Nunez wanted the board to "re-member how much work people went to [in order to] get to this point ... and how many protests and how much struggling went into waking up the state to make those things issues that are going to be covered in education."

Nunez speculated that she held opinions on the issue that were probably the "extreme opposite" of King's.

"Probably you do," agreed King.

Asked where to go for more information on the subject, King replied "google comprehensive sex education."

ing that the final relinquishment construction – the Sherwood Road intersection project – should be completed by October 4. At that point city staff will do a "walk through" with Caltrans to assess the work.

Kanne also said that Caltrans advised the city to put aside \$180,000 per year for repaving, striping and general upkeep of Main Street following relinquishment. Garrabrant-Sierra estimated that the total costs could actually be closer to \$260,000 per year.

The repaving of the Main Street section – which goes from the Highway 20 turnoff to the north end of town – is not expected to be needed for 20 years, but the annual allotment would include money to cover it at that point.

"Hopefully the public will understand when we have to tighten our belts to pay for the upkeep of Main Street," said Kanne.

Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, a finance committee member, expressed frustration that it took Caltrans so long to tell the city what the costs would be, despite frequent requests for the information.

"Those questions were asked even before I was on the council," he said. "Councilmembers up here kept saying, 'OK, how much do we need to plan for? What's the deal?' I think if I had been at that meeting I would've probably yelled at them because it was brought up at so many times."

The city is also looking into getting reimbursed for landfill cleanup costs the county owes them. Garrabrant-Sierra explained that the city should have been billing the county for half the landfill costs since 1990. The city has spent over \$3 million on cleanup since that time.

"I'm not sure why it didn't happen, but it didn't happen," she said of the billing. "So the county is working with us to at least pay for half the cost this year and then work slowly going backwards and reconciling what they will owe us for previous years. It's very challenging."

She added that going back through the city's financial records is tedious due to the city's "antiquated" financial system, which often involves going through boxes in storage by hand.

Councilmember Madge Strong, also on the finance committee, said that upgrading the city's financial tracking system was another idea being considered which could lead to cost savings over time.

"It would cut down on staff time," she said. "Because right now, many many things have to be done by hand and painstakingly.... And a lot of this could be really streamlined if we had a proper program."

Drain replacement

The council last week approved a resolution authorizing additional funding for the "North Maple Street Improvement and Storm Drain Replacement Project" in order to replace a 300-foot steel water line with a larger plastic one.

City assistant engineer Susanne Loutis explained that plastic is now the standard kind of pipe used, since steel pipes can be culprits for leaking and causing brown water.

She said it made the most sense to replace the pipe now, while construction was already taking place there.

"I think a lot of people would be really disappointed if we paved the road and then we had to go in there and start digging it up and fixing the water line," said Loutis.

The resolution authorizes an additional 25 percent of funding, though Loutis said the waterline should increase the costs by only 15 percent, as a 10 percent change order was already in the original contract, and would be around \$35,000.

counsel Neary will ask the court to declare David Paland a vexatious litigant. If Brooktrails succeeds in that declaration, Paland would need to appear before a separate judge to get special permission to appeal and post a \$40,000 bond to proceed in the appeal process.

Director Tony Orth wanted to point out that the Firco Road had been fairly cleared and was passable to the airport, for evacuation, if Sherwood Road was blocked in both lanes. Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea alerted the board that Parks and Recreation had finalized trails maps for Brooktrails. Maps will be shortly available at the Community Services office. The map includes a legend pointing out the difficulty of each trail for easy reference.

September 22 through 28 will be "Special Districts Week." Director Orth told the board that the Local Agency Formation Commission, aka LAFCO, would provide all the local information for the public.

Brooktrails General Manager Tamara Alaniz showed a piece of service line that had been completely enveloped by a tree root. These roots go searching for water – this case wasn't within 50 feet of any standing tree, illustrating the difficulty the township faces with water line maintenance.

Alaniz also was pleased to report that the township's chipper problem had been resolved. Almost from day 1 the previous chipper had been in and out of service. This problem had slowed down abatement work throughout Brooktrails. The solution was a new chipper, which has put this work back on track. To date PG&E has taken out roughly 200 trees along lines in Brooktrails. Their ambitious plan is to do 10 years of work in a scant 18 months.

During the public comment period, Jordan Laughlin, a new Brooktrails resident, complained of trees and other brush encroaching on his property. His backyard runs right up to a greenbelt designated area and clearing greenbelt areas was a problem. Director Orth said that Brooktrails had been dealing with this issue for 20-plus years. Homeowners could apply for an encroachment permit that would allow them to clear trees and vegetation 100 feet out from their property line. Of course, with the proviso that the abatement was done safely and properly by the property owner.

Frank Sanderson wondered if the board could do anything of the numerous cars parked along many of roads making passage difficult. In case of any emergency it could be problematic for emergency vehicles or evacuees. These vehicles constitute abandoned, illegally tagged, or negligent parking on the roadway. With no real enforcement apparatus the township relies on the county and CHP to execute traffic enforcement. This was a problem during the Oakland Hills fires several years ago. The CHP routinely canvasses Brooktrails roads at least twice a year to identify these problems. Director Orth, at one time a firetruck driver, explained that one of the first things you learn as a driver was how to push cars clear of the road.

Last year Brooktrails board member Tyler-O'Shea listened to a presentation at Willits High School on why Columbus Day should be rededicated as Indigenous Indian Peoples Day. After talking to tribal leaders she agreed. In Brooktrails there are two locations known to have been Indian villages. Their locations are not disclosed to prevent souvenir hunters from desecrating the sites.

Therefore Resolution 2019-13 observing October 2, formerly Columbus Day, to be observed as Indigenous Peoples Day was passed unanimously by the Brooktrails board.

of \$20,000 with tickets for \$5 each or six for \$20.

"We're happy that tickets have been coming in ahead of schedule in comparison to where we were last year," said Baker. "But if anyone didn't receive the envelope or wants additional tickets, we've already got your name on some down at the front desk! Just come by and get them!"

Prizes for the raffle range from everything from tickets to the Botanical Gardens in Mendocino to a dozen bagels to a cord of firewood.

A list of over 30 prizes up for grabs was included with the tickets in the mail, and at the center for perusing.

"I think a lot of people would be really disappointed if we surprised? The drawing will be on November 8, and ticket holders need not be present to win.

"We have so many generous donations from the businesses and individuals in the community," said Baker. "We've even had some

Meals on Wheels customers bring in tickets and donations which is really great."

As a non-profit, donations to the senior center and purchases can be used as a beneficial write-off on income taxes.

Another generous community member made a great difference for the center: Last week a person, wishing to remain anonymous, came in and wrote a check for the remainder of the total needed to purchase the emergency generator wanted by the center.

"The donation brought us up to the \$35,000 goal we needed to get the generator ordered from Gayle Clark of North Coast Refrigeration & Electric, Inc. on the coast," said Baker. "We already have the pad built and the trenches dug, we just have a little jackhammering left to do, but we're basically ready for its arrival."

To learn more about the drive or how you can help at the center, call 459-6826.

budget every year.

"I think we should look at every department, every position, every expenditure," Williams said. "It's been a long time since the county has just tweaked the budget from year to year...."

"By making a clean sweep and a deep dive into making sure that every expense is in line with public expectations, I think it would address some of the concerns that were addressed by the grand jury report. I think that what the grand jury was getting at is, there's this disconnect between public priorities and what gets translated into a budget," Williams said.

The county's budget for 2019-20 is \$313 million. The county currently has 1,150 employees.

Williams said that he is dissatisfied with the budgeting process and also with the 2019-20 budget. He mentioned the fate of the Information Technology Master Plan, the five-year blueprint for a \$18.5 million technological upgrade of county facilities which the board accepted in November 2018, but then failed to fund. According to the IT Master Plan, the county was to spend \$4.5 million to fund the plan in the current fiscal year. During the budgeting process, the county allocated zero to the plan, although the supervisors did allocate \$1 million to the plan in November 2018.

The other board members seemed supportive of Williams' idea, and agreed with him that zero-based budgeting needed further exploration.

CEO Carmel Angelo mentioned that attempting to draft a budget using zero-based budgeting had two drawbacks: the amount of time involved in doing it, and also, the fact that some departments could come to the budgeting process with some very large departmental requests for money.

Angelo said she had been aware that Williams was going to bring the proposal to the board for several days, and that she had spoken to her staff and to the county auditor about it. "My team, and the auditor, thought that it would be extremely challenging," Angelo said. She proposed directing her staff to do a presentation on what adopting a zero-based budgeting strategy would entail in January. She said that, if the board decided it wanted to switch to a zero-based approach, that it could be implemented for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

The board voted unanimously to further discuss zero-based budgeting at its November 5 meeting, and also to discuss the public's priorities for county government at that meeting. In January 2020 the executive office staff and the supervisors will hold a workshop on zero-based budgeting.

The Information Technology Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde and Supervisor Williams, will work with the executive office on devising ways to upgrade the county's budget tracking capacity, so that the executive office can keep the board more quickly apprised of how the county departments are faring with regard to their departmental budgets. And the board affirmed that each supervisor should be holding public meetings in their districts to address questions pertaining to the budget and the county's delivery of services.

A look at the hiring freeze

CEO Angelo reported on the impacts of the soft hiring freeze that she implemented with the consent of the board of supervisors at the close of the board's budget making process in early June.

She told the board that when a request for a position comes in and it is for a position that is non-general fund, that is, is paid by the state or federal government or by a grant, she will almost always approve filling that position. She said she almost always approves positions that are related to public health and safety, for example, in the Health & Human Services Agency or the sheriff's office.

When the request is for a position that is funded out of the general fund, she holds those positions to a higher standard of review. Nevertheless, she will almost always fill a request for positions in the Department of Planning and Building Services, or from code enforcement, which is a division within Planning and Building. She is also more inclined to fill positions if they are for satellite offices on the coast. She said she will generally fill positions if a job has already been offered, or if the applicant is in the process of doing a background check.

For general fund positions, Angelo asks if the position is mission critical. She also asks if the position has been vacant for more than 12 months. She said if the position is not mission critical, or if it has been vacant for more than 12 months, she generally will not fill it.

Since July 1, Angelo has received 49 requests to fill positions that are paid for out of the county's general fund. She told Willits Weekly that, of those 49 requests, she has denied 9 and filled 40. She mentioned to the supervisors the dollar value in wages and benefits for those 40 filled positions will amount, over a year's time, to \$3 million. She said that she estimates that the dollar value of the 9 positions that she has denied would've amounted, over a year's time, to approximately \$1 million.

Supervisor Williams asked how many employees the county currently has, and was told by Interim Director of Human Resource Cherie Johnson that the figure is 1,150. Williams asked Angelo, "How long before you get to 900?"

Angelo said it would take at least a year to do that and that, if she did do it, it would cripple some departments. Supervisor Gjerde and Supervisor John McCowen advocated that the county not adopt a kamikaze strategy to cut county jobs.

"1,150 is down about 25 from 1175," Gjerde said. "A flexible freeze is a good way to get the numbers down, over time."

McCowen advocated for a plan to "identify efficiencies, which would allow us to reduce the number of employees without reduce the level of service."

The board discussed various strategies to reduce general fund expenses, including contracting out to outside companies, who would do the same work at presumably a lower cost.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said he didn't support using the 900 number as a target. "You know, it's easy to say, we're going to get down to 900 or something, but that's not realistic," Haschak said. "We just can't arbitrarily say we're going to get down to 900. I think that contracting out, I'm not in favor of it. We've contracted out in our mental health services, and a lot of those services, \$25 million or \$30 million are being contracted out, and I think the public wants to know, are we getting our money's worth out of that? I would just like to keep those jobs in the county. I want to make sure we're watching over them, and we're as efficient as possible," Haschak said.

Nevertheless, Williams persisted in advocating for a major shift. "If we don't make significant changes, if we don't restructure, if we don't reconsider the way we do business, we're going to continue the status quo and next year, a year out, we're going to have what we have today," Williams said. "And the feedback I get from the public is, they're expecting more significant changes."

After the discussion ended, the board directed CEO Angelo to present the board with a list of five or more strategies to reduce general fund expenses. The list is to be presented at the November 5 board meeting, the same one at which the board is expected to discuss zero-based budgeting. That motion was approved unanimously.

the position of chief probation officer, Markham remained a county employee, and the county had to jump through many hoops in order to sever its ties with her.

"It was a very odd situation," said Second District Supervisor John McCowen. "As is currently the situation, the presiding judge determines who shall be the chief probation officer. The county hires them, and yet this person was only hired to be the chief probation officer. The courts, after a very protracted process, where the county had done an investigation, determined that it was appropriate to not have that person be the chief probation officer; the court insisted on its own lengthy process and investigation, and then ultimately took that person out of their position and then said, 'County, they're your employee. It's up to you to terminate them.'"

"It was not only a convoluted, drawn-out and confusing process but it resulted in a significant waste of taxpayer resources," McCowen said.

County CEO Carmel Angelo told the supervisors she had spoken with Presiding Judge Ann Moorman, and that the judge "was fine with this." Angelo told the supervisors, "At least a third of California counties have done this."

Outgoing County Counsel Katharine Elliott told the supervisors that her office was planning to base its ordinance on an ordinance that was adopted by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors in 2014. That ordinance states "the position of the chief probation officer shall be filled by the appointment of the board of supervisors."

The relevant item on the board's September 17 agenda states that the object of the item was to "transition the chief probation officer to report to the board of supervisors."

When Willits Weekly asked County Counsel Katharine Elliott if the intent was to ensure that the chief probation officer would be appointed by the supes, or would be merely report to the supes, Elliott said: "The two usually go hand in hand. If he's appointed by the board of supervisors, then he has to have civil service status. Or, there could be an MOU [memorandum of understanding] with the courts. There are lots of ways of going about this,"

neuter education to develop awareness in the community and promote responsible, humane treatment of all animals."

Knowing that \$200 would help, but \$500 could help more, Blake decided to up the donation to the society out of her own pocket.

Blake presented the donation check to the group last Saturday and was pleased to hear the money would be gratefully used to help cover the some \$12,000 to \$15,000 a month in vet bills the society needs.

Donations of money – along with blankets, pet food and more – all help the non-profit run their vital service to the community.

In addition to housing animals at the grounds, receiving help fostering and placing animals is another large ongoing task for the group.

Blake has also helped this way, too, taking over a dozen dogs up to her home and business where she has successfully found loving homes for the critters.

With her extensive knowledge and training in socialization, behavioral problems and obedience skills, Blake is able to train and connect the right owners with the right dogs.

Coming to enjoy a stay at Blake's "bed and breakfast for dogs" also gives the pups a needed break from the shelter, freeing up more space for incoming animals, as well as a chance to socialize and receive training at Stay and Play, making a more adoptable dog, and a win-win situation for all.

Stay and Play welcomes socialization and doggy day care clients, as well as overnight kenneling and one-on-one training sessions as well. To learn more about Blake and her business, call 459-1377. To learn more about the Humane Society or how you can help volunteer or donate, call 485-0123.

Route updates

Supervisor John Haschak presented updates of emergency access routes at the SFC meetings. Work has been done and continues to be negotiated to increase access over private property routes that can be used in an emergency, as deemed needed by the Sheriff's Office and Cal Fire. Supervisor Haschak's communication with Caltrans has resulted in vegetation cut at the intersection of north Sherwood Road and Highway 101 (south of Laytonville), to make the turn onto

Elliott said.

The county counsel was directed to work with the CEO to "draft an ordinance and other appropriate documents regarding transitioning the chief probation officer to report to the board of supervisors, and to bring that ordinance back to the board of supervisors." It was approved unanimously.

Haschak will fly to DC

The board of supervisors unanimously approved sending Third District Supervisor John Haschak to Washington, D.C., so that he can lobby lawmakers and bureaucrats for more disaster recovery funding for Mendocino County.

Haschak is expected to talk to officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to members of the congressional transportation committee.

According to Rebuild North Bay Foundation board member Larry Florin, the immediate goal is to secure the release of some \$200 million which had been previously allocated for disaster recovery but which is currently stalled in the U.S. Senate.

Haschak said that he also plans to talk to people in Washington about securing funding to address Brooktrails' second access needs.

According to board Chair Carre Brown, supervisors from Lake and Napa counties are making the trip. Brown had been asked to attend but was unable to go. Because Haschak is vice chair of the board of supervisors, she asked him to go. Brown thanked Haschak for agreeing to travel to Washington and said she believed he would do a fine job representing Mendocino County.

New contract with confidential employees

Supervisors approved a new, three-year labor agreement with the county's confidential employees bargaining unit. The agreement calls for a 3 percent cost of living adjustment every year and for salary increases each year for three years, in order to bring those employees to within 90 percent of market for their job classification.

September 13

10:37 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

10:57 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:49 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

6:02 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

6:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of West Van Lane and Catherine Lane and issued a warning.

8:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of Blosser Lane.

September 14

10:50 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

5:33 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:08 pm: McCAIN, Diamante Charles (24) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of East Valley Street and

Railroad Avenue following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

7:56 pm: GALINDO Jr., Thomas Manuel (43) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

8:16 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 21000 block of Locust Street.

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To kick off the partnership, the WCA's board of directors selected the designs of a Native American artist to be featured for the next quarter: Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya.

Montoya was born in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1956. At the age of 9, his family moved to San Francisco. His artistic abilities have been with him since his youth. As he made his way through school, this creativity was encouraged by his family and instructors. He lived in the Bay Area until his move up to Humboldt County where he attended College of the Redwoods.

It was there he entered the Native American Studies Program and began his involvement with other native peoples in securing their culture and history. "It was at this time," explained Montoya, "that I fully understood how much the native people in our family's history was important in creating the foundation for my own life."

He also began to paint using acrylics, his work making the most of ideas and inspiration from the native environment he was now a part of. His art, from its inception, represents the evolution of immersion in native teachings as it traced its way through ceremonies and the everyday parts of his own personal life. Montoya has never had any formal art training. "I was born with my artistic abilities and my elders, the sweat lodge and

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The Board is seeking candidates who have the ability and time to fulfill the responsibilities of being a member of the board. To be eligible, an individual must be at least 18 years old; must be a resident of the district and reside in Trustee Area No. 1; must be a registered voter; and must not be disqualified from holding civil office by the Constitution or any law of the state. In addition, candidates may not be an employee of the district.

Those interested are invited to contact the Mendocino College President's office at 468-3071 or visit www.mendocino.edu/college/board-trustees/board-trustees-members to obtain an application.

Completed applications are to be addressed to the Board of Trustees, c/o Superintendent/President, Mendocino College, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah, CA 95482 and must be received no later than Thursday, September 26th at 4:00 PM.

The selection will be made at an open meeting of the Board of Trustees which will take place on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Ukiah campus located at 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah.

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Snaps for Sinners is such a band. Their obvious joy in playing and their high energy is infectious and was responsible for getting the attendees to dance, smile, and tap their feet to the mostly country swing music.

Corwin Zekley, a Berklee College of Music graduate, continuously made the fiddle his servant, creating sweet melodious tones and telling a story with each stroke. His ability to play around and through the music served as a driving force for the group in their helter-skelter, but totally coherent, style.

At one point, Jay Drapes, the electric standup-bass player and group spokesman, threw out a challenge to Zekley. He gave him various locations, and Zekley had to come up with music that was reminiscent of that place. Starting with Ireland, through Scotland, New Orleans swing, and ending in Istanbul, the fiddle player interpreted each flawlessly, on the fly.

Michael Fierro, the virtuoso guitar player, also serves as the group's lyricist, creating clever and right-on-the-beat emphases that drove the vocals. Although he performed most of the vocals, he was joined by the other members of the group in tight harmonies. Not content with singing and playing his instrument, Fierro put his other appendages to work on kick drum and kick tambourine.

Drapes, an excellent bass player, joined in on many of the harmonies and lent his edgy sense of humor to the patter between songs, spinning salty tales and explaining that "this is a song with no political or social importance or meaning, it's just a song about a dirt-brown pig."

Snaps for Sinners, their name having something to do with "the biblical parable, 'let those among us free of sin cast the first stone. Judge not, lest ye be judged,'" according to Drapes, have been on the road seven of the last nine months.

the fundraising event. At Mendo Mill they become greeters with friendly smiles, laughter, and a bit of hawking. And it works! Some customers shopped especially to support the athletes, while others stumbled upon the event and quickly got on board.

Matt Bozzo has children in middle and grade school. He was busy collecting merchandise for a project and stuffing things in his bucket. "I know all these boys, and they're good kids. I want to support them and the other athletes," he said.

Another customer ended up buying a ladder she hadn't planned on purchasing. Amid lots of laughing, and a bit of creative thinking, she got enough of the ladder to fit in the bucket and enjoyed the fun. "I'm happy I was here to participate, she said. "I like supporting my community and the kids. And have fun interactions with them to boot!"

"I always enjoy this event," Mendo Mill employee Jacqueline Oates said as she was checking out a customer. "It's fun and we get to see how people 'think outside the bucket!'" she added amid chuckles.

According to Willits Mendo Mill manager, Bob Doty: "It was a huge success. This year there were well over 400 buckets sold and filled."

Willits Mendo Mill, located at 305 East Commercial Street, 459-4631, is open Monday through Friday 7 am to 6 pm, Saturday 8 am to 6 pm, and Sunday 8 am to 5 pm.

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Other Sports Played: Tennis and football

This is Angel's senior year, and he is one of our team captains. Angel is a true leader. He inspires his fellow teammates by example, and I am very proud of him. He has taken it upon himself to teach everything he knows to our upcoming goalkeepers.

– Submitted by Varsity Soccer Coach Martin Rodriguez

How Long Playing the Sport: "Since second grade."
Breakfast of Champions: Eggs, bacon, and toast
Love of the Sport: "It's always been something I do for fun, and I like playing with my team because I've known them so long."
Other Sports Played: Softball and basketball

Lily leads by example, playing with tenacity and using the skills she has learned, as well as her athleticism, to unnerve her opponents. She has dedicated herself, both on and off-season, striving to give her best efforts for this team. The result of her dedication is, very simply, a player beyond her years.

– Submitted by Varsity Volleyball Coach Jon Jessup

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