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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Volunteers sought for Cowboy Poetry

To the Editor: One sign of a thriving community is the enthusiasm and constancy of our volunteers. For 17 years, Mike Griggs has volunteered with employees and equipment to move the thousands of books for Friends of the Willits Library's huge annual book sale. 281 volunteer hours made our March Book Sale a \$4,000 success. Throughout the year a team of about 12 faithful volunteers have fun sorting and boxing all the donated books. Thank you everyone!

The next exciting opportunity for volunteering will be the Emandal Farm "Not Just Cowboy Poetry" fundraising event scheduled for this Saturday, September 22. Tam Adams graciously provides a wonderful party that lasts all afternoon at the ranch. We will need people to sit at tables selling tickets, and serving soft drinks and beer and wine. Best of all, there is no charge to attend if you are volunteering.

If you love books, believe in community, and are looking for a way to contribute, email Janey at djmit@hughes.net or call Beth at 459-6453.

Friends of the Willits Library, Willits

Project Sanctuary help lines

To the Editor: For women who are experiencing domestic abuse in Mendocino County, you can reach Project Sanctuary's emergency help lines at the following phone numbers: Inland 707-463-4357, Coast 707-964 4357.

Please don't wait if you need help. Reach out right now, and get the help you need.

Bill Barksdale, Willits

John Haschak: A candidate who listens

To the Editor: I liked John Haschak, but now I love him. Here's why:

I host a radio show about cannabis, and I'm a former permitted cannabis cultivator who gave up last year when my little farm couldn't jump through all the regulation hoops Mendocino County and the state created. There are lots of people like me in this county, and in Humboldt, too.

That's why I was eager to attend an August 23 town hall meeting in Humboldt called "Community in Crisis." The standing-room-only crowd at the Mateel Community Center in Redway addressed what its organizers described as "the drastic and immediate economic decline to our county from the fees – and fines that have followed – with small cannabis farmers put out of

business."

Sound familiar? Have you driven through Willits lately? It's a ghost town. The bypass isn't the only reason. The collapse of the local cannabis industry is the other culprit.

On impulse, I invited John Haschak to go with me to the town hall in Humboldt because a friend had told me the candidate was eager to learn more about cannabis issues. On short notice, John agreed, kindly offering to drive when I confessed that I was nervous about navigating Highway 101 back home from Humboldt in the dark.

On the ride north, John told me about his 12-point position paper on cannabis cultivation, developed with input from many local cannabis farmers and residents.

He shared three points from his platform during the public comment period at the Humboldt meeting:

- Create regional banking so cannabis businesses can conduct safe, non-cash transactions like every other business;
- Allow farmers to sell directly to customers through farmers markets; and,
- Encourage farm cooperatives that will help small permitted farms compete with industrial grows.

The audience applauded John, as cultivator after cultivator shared devastating stories of loss of income, property values, and peace of mind wrought by falling cannabis prices, the costs of regulation, and Humboldt's draconian cannabis abatement program. A number of speakers said they were underwater with their mortgages, businesses and bills.

On the drive home, John told me about some of his other cannabis proposals for Mendocino County:

- Eliminate the county's costly trace and trace program, which duplicates the state's program;
- Keep cannabis inspections focused on cultivation compliance not on building code enforcement;
- Calculate fees and taxes based on cannabis that is sold not what is grown; and,
- Find a path toward transferability of licenses.

John is not a grower. Never has been. He's a Willits primary school teacher. Like all good teachers, he researches issues he needs to know more about. Most importantly, he listens. He listened to me, and he's listened to many of my friends in the cannabis community.

I'm sure he'll listen to you if you if you want to talk – about cannabis or anything you care about. Chances are, John cares about that issue, too, and will work with you to help solve it, whether it involves the environment, a rubberized asphalt plant on Outlet Creek (no! no! no!), children and families, affordable housing, jobs, fair wages, tourism or education.

John Haschak made the long drive to Humboldt with me. I feel sure he'll go the distance with you, too, whatever your challenge, concern or vision for Willits, Laytonville, Dos Rios, Covelo, Mendocino County or beyond.

A vote for John Haschak for 3rd District supervisor of our county is a vote for all of us.

Jane Rutter, Longvale

Larry Stranske, candidate for reelection to Willits City Council

Larry Stranske, 80, is a retired teacher and incumbent member of the Willits City Council. "I moved to Willits in 1964 to teach high school Wood Shop, while also working at a sawmill during the summer break," Stranske writes in his campaign brochure. "We [Larry and his wife, Virginia Stranske], purchased what was to become Kimberly's Jewelry in 1979, and I became a jeweler and jewelry teacher along with my Wood Shop teaching position.



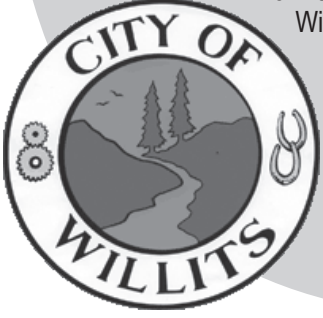
"I was elected head negotiator for Willits Unified teachers, and hired as Wood Shop instructor and Work Experience coordinator for Mendocino College. I am married, with two grown children and four grandchildren. I am a member of the Willits City Council."

In the brochure, Stranske lists his experience: "Teacher, school board member, salary and health negotiator, advisor, laborer, retailer, jeweler, business owner, college instructor and city council member."

Stranske's priorities are: "To help Willits business grow: helping the local businesses rebuild the business community; water capacity: two wells and the watershed; to work toward medium- and low-income housing; and to make Willits a destination."

Stranske also cites monitoring progress on "the budget, the upgrade of the water and sewer plant, and paving of the city streets and drains" as priorities.

Contact Larry Stranske at 459-2927 or at Kimberly's, 75 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.



– Submitted by Larry Stranske for Willits City Council

County seeks members for new Cannabis Facilities Working Group

In August 2017, Mendocino County developed several cannabis working groups. The working groups are designed to address specific issues around the county's cannabis programs and provide recommendations to the board of supervisors.

On August 21, 2018, the Board approved the creation of a new non-cultivation working group to address cannabis facilities. The new working group will be charged with providing recommendations on amendments to Chapter 20.242 – Cannabis Facilities and Chapter 6.36 – Cannabis Facilities Businesses.

Individuals interested in participating in this new working group should contact Cassandra Borgna with the Executive Office at 707-463-4441 or borgnac@mendocinocounty.org by September 30.

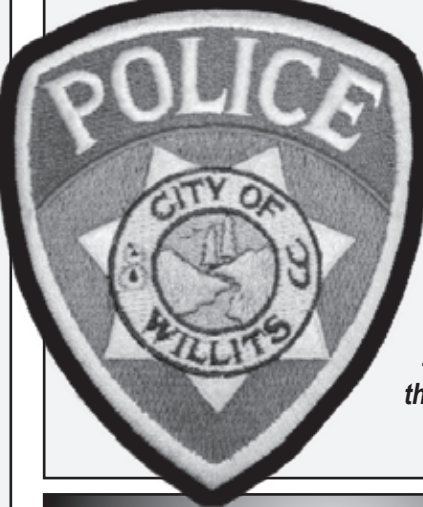
The first meeting for this group is scheduled for October 4, at 3:30 pm at the County Executive Office, 501 Low Gap Road, in Ukiah. Working groups meet the first Thursday of each month.

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

– Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

WPD: Theft from vehicles

During the evening of September 11, 2018 and early morning of September 12, 2018, an unknown person or persons gained entry into multiple vehicles in the areas of North Street and Maple Street. Several items were taken from the vehicles.



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– Submitted by the Willits Police Department

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Photos by Mathew Caine

Above, left: The cleanup crew meets in front of City Hall, from left: John Haschak, David Drell, Dustin Fredricey, Dee Ora Fredricey, Susanne Loutsis, Gary Owen, Louis Rohlicek, Stephanie Garbrant-Sierra, and Jerry Albright (seated). Above, right: A shopping cart overflowing with refuse is left behind Brown's Corner. Below, from left: Jerry Albright cleans up by the "Welcome to Willits" sign. Random pieces of trash are collected from nearby creeks. Susanne Loutsis and Dustin Fredricey fill their trash bag behind Mariposa Market.



At right: Trash carelessly left for someone else to clean up. Far right, top: An assortment of trash that Willits Coastal Cleanup volunteers collected on Saturday. Far right, bottom: Gary Owen cleans up near Brown's Corner.

Garbage Pickup

Local volunteers collect bag after bag of trash on Coastal Cleanup Day

The Little Lake Valley is a place of pristine beauty. There is life here. Things grow and flourish. Even in the winter, it is green and lush. Most people in Willits appreciate the beauty here and would not think of acting in a way that would tarnish the valley.

But then there are the others, the few who cannot see or appreciate what is right in front of them. These people would rather bag up their trash, "drive it out of town and dump it in a creek bed instead of going close to where they live and putting it in the dump for five bucks. There's just no pride in some people," laments Jerry Albright, one of the Willits volunteers participating in Coastal Cleanup Day this year, on September 15.

Mathew Caine Features Writer mathew@willitsweekly.com "Four years ago," continues Albright, "at one of the cleanups, I took a crew of three up Canyon Road and cleaned up all the turnouts where people take all their garbage and throw it off the cliffs into the creek bed. We filled up a 10 by 6 trailer and took it to the dump. Three days later you could see where people were dumping their garbage back into the creek again. It's just aggravating to think that they have no respect for the planet. They have no pride in themselves. The world is their garbage can."

Each year a band of volunteers takes it upon themselves to go clean up the creek beds and other more visible places in Willits. They come armed with trash bags, generously donated by local businesses: Mendo Mill, Safeway and Willits Power contributed bags, gloves, tools and water for this year's Willits cleanup.

The volunteers spend the day looking for items that others have just cast nonchalantly into streets and waterways, bagging them and taking them to Solid Waste of Willits, which has agreed to accept the refuse at no cost.

California Coastal Cleanup Day began in the mid-1980s under the auspices of the California Coastal Commission; however, beach cleanups started quite a while before that. One pioneering group was the Arcata Recycling Center, led by Wes Chesbro, then a county supervisor for Humboldt County. They were looking mostly for recyclable materials. Almost 2,500 California residents joined the first official Coastal Cleanup Day in 1985.

The annual effort has been growing each year as more and more people become aware of the effect that the trash has on oceans and ocean life. The Guinness Book of World Records dubbed the effort "the largest garbage collection" in history back in 1993, as over 50,000

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26. Of she  
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31. Large Irish castle  
33. Offer for a price  
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36. Free-swimming invertebrate  
38. A type of tale  
39. The middle of the month  
41. Christmas  
43. '\_\_\_ death do us part

44. Goes with Gomorrah  
46. Ethnic group of Thailand  
48. 'Grown Ups' funnyman  
52. A type of index  
53. A mass of rocks  
54. Splashed  
56. Kids' playground necessities  
57. Sears and London are two  
58. Strip of cloth  
59. Church

CLUES DOWN

1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth  
2. Deliberately contrary events  
3. Unit of mass  
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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

September 10 to September 16

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **205** incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 10

9:08 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Hill Road.

1:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

2:02 pm: CECI, Vincent James (48) of Leggett was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

2:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

2:51 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

6:51 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 11

12:27 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Alice Drive and Nancy Lane.

7:54 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of Poplar Avenue.

8:55 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

12:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Pearl Street and Humboldt Street.

1:42 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

7:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

10:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

11:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:56 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

7:25 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Maple Street.

8:24 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of North Street.

12:04 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 400 block of Coast Street.

2:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Maple Street and Pine Street.

September 13

10:13 am: NEWBERRY, Bryan Keith (52) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Valley Street following a pursuit. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 148 (A) (1) PC (Resisting a Police Officer), and misdemeanor charges of 11550

HS (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

11:22 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

5:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

7:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 700 block of South Main Street.

September 14

12:43 am: ANSON, James Ryan (30) of Willits was contacted in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 211 PC (Robbery) and 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury to a Spouse/Cohabitant), and misdemeanor charges of

battery.

7:55 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street.

11:51 am: Officers responded to several reports of vegetation fires in the 16000 block of North Highway 101.

1:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.

2:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1200 block of East Hill Road.

5:03 pm: WEBBER, Charles Lou (47) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of West Mendocino Avenue. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 207 (A) PC (Kidnapping), 236 PC (False Imprisonment), 459 PC (Burglary), and 182 (A) (1) PC (Conspiracy to Commit a Crime), and misdemeanor charges of 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery).

6:01 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of South Main Street.

11:20 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:22 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:24 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

September 16

8:53 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:24 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

11:44 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

2:27 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Creekside Court and Creekside Drive.



Paint the Town

Volunteers make progress on decorating k-rails around old Willits Cafe lot on Main Street

"We are getting ready to paint lovely pictures on these ugly concrete barriers and make them gorgeous," said Mayor Madge Strong, one of the organizers of Paint the Town, a project of WELL, otherwise known as Willits Economic Localization.

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"We expect to get through applying the base coat today," she said on Sunday, September 15. "That will already be a big improvement. Then we need to set the next work party to paint the beautiful pictures, possibly next Sunday. I'm hoping by the end of the day that we're at least going to get the primer and the base coat on the ones that we're targeting."

The once ugly barriers are located on the old Willits Cafe lot at Commercial and Main Streets. After receiving permission from the owner of the property, Rich Padula, and additional OKs on the proposed designs from the City of Willits, the Paint the Town volunteers undertook the cleaning of the k-rails, also known as "Jersey barriers," designed originally to separate lanes of traffic for the purpose of construction.

The Little Lake Fire Department helped to power wash

the barriers last week in order to prepare them for the application of a base coat and primer this week. Then about 16 volunteers lent their expertise and elbow grease to get the job done in preparation for the final artistic painting phase.

Two artists' designs have been chosen for the project. Ileya Stewart's work will be featured on two sections of the rails which face West Commercial Street. She will be offering a flower motif which will provide some bright color as motorists and pedestrians traverse the street.

The remaining rails will be a panorama of the Little Lake Valley, designed by Rebecca Daun-Widner of the Willits Elementary Charter School. Her plan is to paint a series of hills and creeks on the rails to create "a panorama of the valley." Daun-Widner's art will face Main Street and will employ a black base in order to "enable us to do dry brush and give the painting some interesting depth," she explained.

When the time comes to do the final painting, the artists will chalk-in the designs with Read the rest of Paint Over on Page 6 notifications



Above, left: Ree Slocum's photo of artist Darryl Carpenter at work hangs in the window of the empty storefront next to Buster's Burgers and Brew as part of the Paint the Town project. Above, right: Rebecca Daun-Widner's designs are for the k-rails facing Main Street.



Above, from left: A fire hydrant across from the Little Lake Fire Department was recently painted with a whimsical, code-compliant design by Brian Weller. The volunteers of Paint the Town gather around a k-rail for a group photo. The painting crew is hard at work. Below: Madge Strong and Claudia Wenning, two of the organizers of Paint the Town, work together on their project. At bottom: Ileya Stewart displays her designs for the k-rails on Commercial Street.



At left: Rebecca Daun-Widner prepares the k-rail with a base coat. Photos by Mathew Caine

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volunteers participated in California alone. Coastal Cleanup Day has grown to become a worldwide phenomenon.

Unfortunately, although it also creates awareness, the Cleanup Day is only a Band-Aid approach. The creation of and the haphazard distribution of trash is a 365-day-a-year activity, while Coastal Cleanup Day is only one day a year. What is needed is education about the problem at an early age.

“Next year there’s gonna be some changes with the cleanup that I want to promote,” said Albright. “We want to get the high school students involved more and start on the ground floor,” he said – in order to promote respect for the planet and especially the Willits valley.

The trash that is strewn in the valley gets into local creeks, especially during the rainy season when the valley floods. The creeks flow into the Eel River, designated a “wild and scenic” river by the federal government, and eventually into the ocean. This is why it is so important that Willits continues its efforts and cleans up the waterways prior to the rains.

This year, the cleanup effort is being spearheaded by Willits’ new city manager, Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, who noted in the press release about the cleanup, that although there are now more than 1,000 inland chapters of the California Coastal Cleanup, “the City of Willits was the first Inland chapter.” Garrabrant-Sierra, who came to her Willits job via the Bay Area as of March 15, has already demonstrated her willingness and desire to create improvements in the community and to preserve the beauty that is so easy for newcomers to see.

This year the crews concentrated on the creek behind Mariposa Market and the hill around the “Welcome to Willits” sign just south of the Best Western, the place visitors from the south first see when they enter Willits. We only get one chance to make a first impression.

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## Fall market news

It’s mid-September, and the farmers market is overflowing with summer’s bounty. From tomatoes and peppers to sweet corn and melons, from potatoes to kale and chard, from sweet prune plums to pears and apples, the farmers market has produce for the fall table in abundance. With just six more weeks outdoors, Willits Farmers Market is thriving.

The market moved to its new location downtown in May. Aside from two or three broiling days on hot pavement, vendors have loved the new market, located where passers-by can stop in and downtown shoppers and business-people have ready access.

When the city made clear that Willits Farmers Market could not return to City Park, the market vendors and manager began looking for a spot closer to the heart of Willits. Downtown merchants urged relocating to Main Street. The parking lot in the first block of South Main seemed to fit the bill. Vendors have come back to market, and sales are up by a third over last year, so the move has proven its worth.

And as the market hopefully grows over the next couple of years, it will have the option of locating on Main Street itself once the road work is complete and Caltrans relinquishes control to the city. Many downtown merchants look forward to a downtown festival each Thursday right on Main.

New faces at market have added to the success of the new location. One of the most popular additions is Shewolf Coffee, with Krista Pickens’ vegan donuts and sweet treats. Though you can have all the sugar you want, Pickens also bakes sourdough donuts with just enough sweetness. And her turmeric lemonade gives a healthful twist to what would otherwise verge on sinful indulgence.

Maci Rodrigue’s Yokayo Roots Farm is also new to market this year, bringing Rodrigue’s Southern charm and a wide array of greens to market from just outside Ukiah. Unusual crops for our area include Rodrigue’s mini-celery, fennel, and salad greens with edible flowers.

It’s pepper season, and the New Agrarian Collective has piles of delicious peppers – sweet, mild, and hot. For those who like to can and preserve, it’s time to stock up on the peppers for canning, pickling, and fermented hot sauces.



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of colors that will go in the various sections, reminiscent of a giant paint-by-number piece. Mayor Strong estimates the last painting party might take place next Sunday.

Paint the Town has an ambitious agenda to beautify Willits by painting various standard fixtures and items in order to lift the spirits of residents who have had to recently deal with fires, a bypass, loss of business, an empty-looking downtown, uncertainty about cannabis regulations, and other challenges.

According to Paul Jacobson, one of the Paint the Town organizers, there have been many rules and regulations and hoops to traverse in order to make this project a reality. “The city has different people that are involved in approving or vetoing our designs for the trash receptacles. Chris Wilkes, fire chief, has been instrumental in helping with the fire hydrants.

“The fire department has coded colors based on the pressure of the fire hydrants,” Jacobson noted, “so we have to keep that in mind when painting the caps so the fire people will know where to hook up when needed. There are approximately 300 hydrants in the valley. We would like to paint almost all of them. And there are around 20 of the trash receptacles. I would also like to get permission to paint the electrical boxes.”

Below, left: Rebecca Daun-Widner begins to sketch her designs. Below, right: Paul Jacobson does some of the detail work.



Most of the proposed designs have met with “positive feedback, but there’s always someone that will complain,” Jacobson said. “We are trying to pick designs that will be pleasing to everybody. We will consider any designs that people would like to submit. We’re hoping to get some kind of rodeo cowboy designs. Eventually we will put out a call for designs.”

Another Paint the Town project is to place giant photo blow-ups in empty store windows in order to create a walking gallery in the downtown area. This project, proposed by Joe Dowling and Bill Barksdale, has seen its first iteration in the empty storefront next door to Buster’s Burgers and Brew. The two photos installed, by Ree Slocum, depict local artists Darryl Carpenter and Sue Ellen Parkinson at work, along with an explanation of the project and the artists involved.

Paint the Town is an ambitious undertaking, but one that hopefully will provide dividends in improving the look of the downtown area and, eventually, beyond, and provide an impetus to other projects expressing pride in Willits.

To volunteer or to make a tax-deductible contribution, email mstrong@willitsonline.com or 4paulj@gmail.com, visit www.well95490.org (Paypal), or write WELL, P.O. Box 42, Willits, CA 95490.



Photos by Mathew Cairne

Goleman will also be bringing his fabulous chocolates.

Jesse Taaning’s Inland Ranch produces certified organic vegetables, meat and eggs, and has recently brought back lamb. Brother Mike is usually behind the table at market. Ask about sausage choices and available cuts of pork or lamb.

Amanda Fairall can be counted on for creative jams and jellies, sweet baked goods, and savory hot wraps, drinks and produce. and Green Uprising Farm brings fresh greens every week, along with a changing array of produce. Pears and sugar-sweet prune plums are the fruit of the month, but apples are also coming in.

Willits Farmers Market’s outdoor season is May through October. In the first week of November, the market will be moving back into the Little Lake Grange on School Street. In the meantime, it’s an outdoor market, rain or shine, from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday. The market accepts EBT and participates in the Market Match program, doubling EBT dollars.

Michael Foley is a partner in Green Uprising Farm and market manager at the Willits Farmers Market. Michael can be reached at foley.mw@gmail.com or 707-216-5549.

indeed happened to that once-thriving tomatillo. They’ve got your back, and man, is it great that they do.

Willits has two great options to connect with these talented folk: on Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm at the Willits Farmers Market and on Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm at the Commonwealth Garden.

### The Willits Farmers Market

The Willits Farmers Market has been held at the parking lot just north of Main Street Music all summer, and the general consensus from frequent attendees and vendors has been nothing but positive.

The small lot makes for a cozy and full market regardless of the usually plentiful vendor count, and the Main Street visibility has been unmatched in getting new faces browsing the market stalls. Those looking to let their kids enjoy some time playing can incorporate City Park just down the street before or after a great downtown shopping trip.

The market will continue at the parking lot until the first Thursday in November when it moves back indoors at the Little Lake Grange and converts to winter hours: 3 to 5:30 pm.

Remember, the Willits Farmers Market accepts EBT and participates in the Market Match program, doubling EBT dollars. Stop by the Green Uprising Farm booth and speak with market manager Michael Foley about Market Match.

### Commonwealth farm stand

The Commonwealth Garden offers the community a second day to pick up fresh local produce: Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm at the garden located in the Haehl Creek subdivision on Marcela Drive by the new Howard Hospital.

The produce is grown for use at Howard’s kitchen and Roots restaurant, serving patient meals, employee cafeteria options, and public dining, too. Extra veggies are then offered at the farm stand on Fridays, with suggested donation prices.

Offerings include everything from melons to basil to tomatoes to onions to pears to cucumbers to garlic to pumpkins ... and lovely flower bouquets, too.

While all the harvest is at its peak, try and steal a chance to pop by either the Thursday farmers market or the Friday farm stand and enjoy the literal fruits (and veggies!) of local farmers’ labors.



### Cross Country Logan Simms, 16, Junior

How long playing the sport: Just this year.

Breakfast of Champions: Bowl of Cheerios with honey. Then bacon.

Love of the sport: “Love that we get to push ourselves more and more each day. And the team aspect.”

Other sports played: Soccer, track.

This weekend, newcomer Logan Simms ran a sub-12-minute 2-mile at the Viking Invitational cross country meet in Santa Rosa. Logan, who comes to Willits High School this year from Yucca Valley, placed 41 in a highly competitive group of 41 junior boys.

– Coach Liz Roripaugh

### Football

### Christian Pedersen, 17, Senior

How long playing the sport: Two to three years.

Breakfast of Champions: I don’t eat breakfast. Straight air with no milk.

Love of the sport: “Love the strategy.”

Other sports played: None.

Christian has been a true leader for us, especially with his effort. He is at football practice every day, takes notes on the playbook, and asks meaningful questions for the whole



team. It has paid off greatly for him, as he is our leading tackler, with 30 tackles in the year thus far. We look forward to continuing to lean on Christian as the year progresses.

– Head Coach Chris Bickford



Above, from left: Beau Betts paints sealant on one of the freshly cut limbs on the old cherry tree out at the Willits High School ag farm. Jasmarie Steffen shows off one of the pumpkins that will be for sale at the upcoming pumpkin sale at the end of October. William Duncan hangs out in the farm’s cherry tree, and gets a higher-up cut painted with tree sealant. T-post pounding is an excellent skill, and tall youthful kids are prime students for that skill, as Devon DiFazio shows, here. Below: Becky Bowlds’ Environmental Horticulture class poses together at the farm, including, left side of tree, standing, from left: Michael Grimes, Enrique Cisneros, Ryan Rodriguez, Logan Simms, Sam Heller and Kelci Hernandez, front. Right side of tree, back row, from left: Amarah Potter, Lathem Hulsey, Beau Betts and Devon DiFazio. In front, Jazzy Carrigg and Mari Calderon. Kneeling, in front, from left: Kristan Frost, Jasmarie Steffen, William Duncan, and a friendly, curious goat.



Below, from left: Ryan Rodriguez holds up the spilling-over tomato cage so Jose Soto can pound in a T-post to help support the cage. Kelci Hernandez, left, Bee Tellez-Ballon and Valeria Valasco smile in front of towering yellow flowers at the farm. Sam Heller, left, and Logan Simms show off the growing corn stalks at the Willits High School ag farm.



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## Ongoing Events

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Howard Memorial Hospital:** Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591

**“Made in Mendocino”:** The September show at the Willits Center for the Arts, with more than 20 Mendocino County quilters, featuring the work of Holly Brackman. The show runs through September 23 at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org. Gallery hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm.

**Brooktrails Golf Course:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 am, Senior League, Age 50 and over. Lifetime membership \$10. Green fees extra. Thursday, 5 pm, Working Man's Scramble with \$12 green fees, \$5 buy in, cash prize for 1st place. Drink and snack provided. Saturdays, 8 am, “Sweeps” utilizing NCGA handicaps. Sundays, 5 pm, free golf for kids, 5 to 18, with paying adult. For times and information: 459-6761. 24860 Birch Street.

**“Art in the Plaza”:** Saturdays and Sundays through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: [www.artintheplaza.com](http://www.artintheplaza.com). Contact Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

**Intentional Community:** Creating ideas for serving the community with gardens, art and other concepts. Meeting Wednesdays at 7 pm, Willits Hub (Willits Environmental Center), 630 South Main Street. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: general meeting, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays: FOCUS meetings, 5th Wednesdays: pot luck. Info: [janae@heartful-living.net](mailto:janae@heartful-living.net) for vision statement.

**Social Dancing:** Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. No partner required. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Club atmosphere in which the participants teach each other swing, salsa and other types of partner dancing. Collaborative playlist.

**Ridgewood Ranch Tours:** The Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation Saturday tours include: vintage Seabiscuit film footage, stud barn, mare barn, carriage house and Howard House (built in 1905). Reservations suggested but not required; children under 11 free, \$20 for non-Mendocino residents, \$10 with proof of Mendocino County residency. Reservations or info: [seabiscuit@instawave.net](mailto:seabiscuit@instawave.net) or 707-391-3872.

**Willits Summer Farmers Market:** Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm at the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video. Summer veggies, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

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

**Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group:** Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-9141.

**German Conversation Class:** Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive.

Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

**Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group:** Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or [honemann@yahoo.com](mailto:honemann@yahoo.com).

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

**Willits Library Activities:** Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am “Play Group,” and 3:30 to 5:30 pm “Lego Day” (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am “Story Time.” Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Willits Seed Lending Library:** Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

**AI-Anon Meeting:** Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. \*AI-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

**Drop-In Knitting Circle:** Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. “Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in.” Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or [lotusb3@earthlink.net](mailto:lotusb3@earthlink.net).

**Soroptimists International of Willits:** Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza in reserved room, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. However, there are NO MEETINGS in July or August. Meetings will resume in September. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

**Life Changes:** Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Smoking Cessation Program:** Free “Freedom from Smoking” class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHM's R-Zoots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today. 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAI programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySherrifsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySherrifsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. “Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable.” Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. “An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Laytonville Farmers Market:** Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

### Thursday, September 20

**Willits Farmers Market:** At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, September 27, 3 to 6 pm. Summer veggies, including heirloom tomatoes, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, strawberries from Redwood Valley, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Music in the Park in Willits: The “Falling Out of Summer” concert series, presented by the City of Willits, is set for every Thursday from 5 to 7 pm, in the Rec Grove from September 20 to October 11. Tonight's act will be Willits native, Palmer Runberg, local country talent who now plays in Nashville. He will be opening for Sam Williams, grandson of Hank Williams, Jr., Americana, ballads and blues. “This is Willits' first Music in the Park event. Bring your own chairs, sweaters and blankets!” Hamburgers and hot dogs served by the Willits Lions Club, Taco Ramirez Mexican Food Truck, and a churro cart.**



### Saturday, September 22

**Willits High School Lady Wolverines Volleyball:** Willits vs. Lower Lake: JV 5 pm, Varsity 6 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (JV Coach Julie Goyke, Varsity Coach Jon Jessup)

**Willits High School Soccer:** Willits vs. Lower Lake: Girls 5:30 pm, Boys 6:30 pm. Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street. (Boys Coach Martin Rodriguez, Girls Coach Tatiana Cantrell)

**“Tomorrow”:** Tonight's screening in the Now & Then Film Series, is “the beginning of a movement seeking to encourage local communities around the world to change the way they live for the sake of our planet.... The documentary ‘Tomorrow’ sets out to showcase alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy and education, and offers constructive solutions to act on a local level to make a difference on a global level.” Thursday, September 20 at 7 pm; trailers and short films at 6:30 pm. Donation: \$5 or more. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with organic butter.

**Shanachie Pub:** Ricky Montijo, out of wine country, playing Soul, Rock, Latin, Blues, Reggae, and world beats. Thursday, September 20, 8 pm. Visit [www.rickymontijo.com/home.html](http://www.rickymontijo.com/home.html). 50B South Main Street.

### Friday, September 21

**International Day of Peace in Willits: “Gather for International Day of Peace, Friday, September 21, from 4 to 6 pm, at Recreation Grove Park. A bilingual gathering (Spanish and English) including song, dance, and prayers for peace with Wallace Clark, Elder of the Konkow band of Maidu, Tap Dance by Sandy Wake and Leslie Hines, Emandal Choral and Nuestra Alianza Baile Folklórico.**

Food will be available for purchase, provided by the women of Nuestra Alianza. Other refreshments provided by the Willits High School Art & Travel Club (donations accepted). Bring your own chair or blanket. Presented by the City of Willits, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, WHS Art & Travel Club, Willits Interfaith Council, Willits Rotary Club



Tap dancing duo T42, Sandy Wake, left, and Leslie Hines, will perform an original tap dance at the September 21 Peace Day event.

# What’s Happening Around Town

and other peace-loving groups and individuals. This year's theme is “The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70.” This is a free event.

**El Dia Internacional de la Paz:** “El viernes 21 de septiembre estaremos celebrando el Dia internacional de la paz en el parque Rec Grove de 4 a 6 pm. Este festejo será Bilingüe en inglés y español e incluirá canciones, baillables y oraciones por la paz, con Wallace Clark, Mayor de Konkow Banda de Maidu, el Coro de Emandal y Nuestra Alianza Baile Folklórico. Habrá comida por Parte de Willits High School Art and Travel Club, donaciones serán aceptadas. Este evento es gratis. Favor de traer su propia cobija y silla.”

**Willits High School Football:** Willits vs. Cloverdale: JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7 pm. Willits High School's Maize Field, 299 North Main Street. (JV Coach Josh Husarek, Varsity Coach Chris Bickford)

**Shanachie Pub:** The Cult of Ours: “Come on out for a fun time with music from many of our locals!” Friday, September 21, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**“Art in the Plaza”:** Saturday, September 22, 9 am to 4 pm. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Weekends through September. Info: [www.artintheplaza.com](http://www.artintheplaza.com). Umbrellas are permanent on site to provide shade and backdrop. Spaces are available for artists to sell their handmade goods. Info: Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.



**Not JUST Cowboy Poetry:** this year's event features Kristyn Harris and the 6th annual Apple Pie Throwdown at Emandal - A Farm on a River. A benefit for Friends of the Willits Library (FOWL). Bring a pie, get into the concert free! Features Kristyn Harris, multi-award winning guitarist, singer, yodeler. Silent Auction by and for the Willits Senior Center. Dinner with artist/whiskey tasting reservations. September 22, 2 pm. \$25 per person. \$10 for apple pie tasting. Bring a picnic if you like. Info and reservations: Tamara 459-9252, [tamara@emandal.com](mailto:tamara@emandal.com). More info: [www.emandal.com](http://www.emandal.com)

**“Fancy Dinner in a Field”:** Farm to Table Dinner for Laytonville Skate Park Project. Saturday, September 22. Bar/Appetizers 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:30 pm. An evening of friends, family, fun and food featuring a gourmet feast of locally sourced ingredients benefiting the Laytonville Skate Park, 351 Harwood Road. Tickets, on sale now: \$30, available at The Big Chief and Healthy Start in Laytonville. If you would like to reserve a table for your group, or learn more about the Laytonville Skate Park Project, call Laytonville Healthy Start at 707-984-8089. This event will sell out.

**Shanachie Pub:** Forrest & Friends: “Good friends led by Forrest Glyer of Schindig come together for a night

of heartfelt original and familiar songs, playing their unique brand of folk Americana.” Saturday, September 22, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

### Sunday, September 23

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** “Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, September 23 (and every fourth Sunday through October). Free breakfast for firefighters! (one breakfast per official ID). \$8 buys you a plate of the best ‘scratch’ pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods”: 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. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street).

**Laytonville Third District Supervisor Forum:** candidates for Third District supervisor John Pinches and John Haschak are featured at this forum, Sunday, September 23, from 2 to 4 pm, at Harwood Hall, Laytonville. Sponsored by 12 local community groups.

### Tuesday, September 25

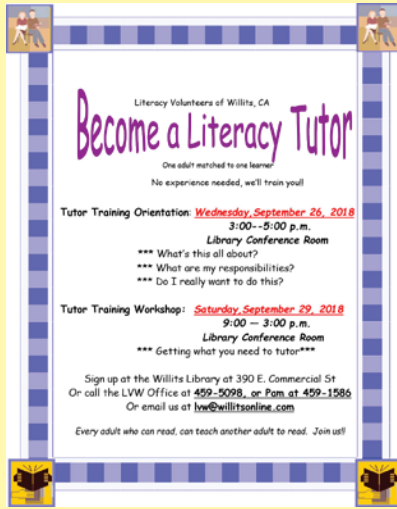
**Willits Library:** Flower Crowns and Headbands: Create a beautiful flower crown to wear! Supplies provided. Ages 6 and up. RSVP on Facebook or by calling the Willits Library at 459-5908. Sign up for a library card while you're here. All ages. Tuesday, September 25, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** 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 movies, “Alpha” and “

The Predator.” For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

### Wednesday, September 26

**Literacy Tutoring Workshop Orientation:** Literacy Volunteers of Willits seeks tutors: “If you can read, then you can teach someone else to read, write and speak English. We'll train you and furnish you with all the tools you'll need.” Training Orientation: Wednesday, September 26 from 3 to 5 pm at the Willits Library conference room. Basic Tutor Training Workshop: 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, September 29 at the library. For reservations call Pam at 459-1586, leave a message on the office answering machine, 459-5098 or email [lw@willitsonline.com](mailto:lw@willitsonline.com). “We have learners patiently waiting for a tutor.”



### Thursday, September 27

**Willits Farmers Market:** At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, September 27, 3 to 6 pm. Summer veggies,

including heirloom tomatoes, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, strawberries from Redwood Valley, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Book Launch Party and Talk with Jed Diamond:** Local author Jed Diamond hosts a talk and book launch party for his latest book, “My Distant Dad: Healing the Family Father Wound,” on Thursday, September 27, at 6 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. “I'll share my experiences and clinical research over the last 40 years about the impact the father wound has on our lives growing up and on our relationships as adults.”

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

### Friday, September 28

**The Hog Farm and Friends in Open Celebration:** The Hog Farm in Laytonville invites extended family and friends to this “Hog Farm in Open Celebration” event and rent party at their home on the Black Oak Ranch. Great music, games, bingo for prizes, excursions, costumes, Hog Farm Film Festival. Delicious meals provided, daily cocktail hours, beer and wine. Friday, September 28, 2 pm to 1 am; Saturday, September 29, 8 am to 1 am; Sunday, September 30, 8:30 am to 2 pm. Info: [www.blackoakranch.com/hog-farm-celebration](http://www.blackoakranch.com/hog-farm-celebration). Tickets at Eventbrite; weekend adult \$150, weekend youth \$75, Saturday only adult \$75.

**Willits High School Football Homecoming:** Willits vs. St. Helena: JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7 pm. Willits High School's Maize Field, 299 North Main Street. (JV Coach Josh Husarek, Varsity Coach Chris Bickford)

**Revelation's Path to Hope:** Finding Peace in a World of Chaos: “Learn stunning truths of peace and love from the Bible that will give you assurance for these troubling times.” Series topics include: The Antichrist & 666, The Mark of the Beast, The Seal of God, Revelation's Lake of Fire, The USA in Prophecy, Armageddon, more. Children's program (ages 4 to 10). Speaker: Daniel Hudgens. The free 10-part series begins Friday, September 28 at the Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church Auditorium, 399 West Mendocino Avenue. Continues through October 13. Register in advance at [www.ProphecySeminars.com](http://www.ProphecySeminars.com). Info: [www.willitsdsda.com](http://www.willitsdsda.com)

**Shanachie Pub:** Sharkmouth: “They've been compared to the Cramps, Marc Ribot, Devo and Kendrick to name a few. The boys have some new material in the works and a mean new outlook on the apocalypse.” Visit [facebook.com/mouthshark](http://facebook.com/mouthshark). Saturday, September 28, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

### Saturday, September 29

**The Hog Farm and Friends in Open Celebration:** See Friday, September 28 listing for details.

**ERRP Field Trip to the Redwoods:** Eel River Recovery Project teams up with the Institute for Sustainable Forestry (a project of the Tree Foundation) for a free day-long field trip to visit a demonstration sustainable forest, at the Redwood Forest Foundation's Usal Redwood Forest. Saturday, September 29; meet at 9 am at the Willits Environmental Hub, 630 Main Street to carpool. Info: Robin 459-0155 or RFFI or ERRP websites.

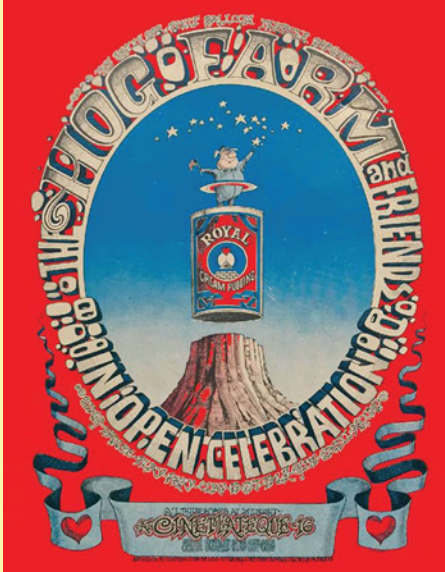
**Literacy Tutoring Training Workshop:** See Wednesday, September 26 listing for details. 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, September 29 at the Willits Library.

**Shanachie Pub:** Gypsy Thorns: “This local duo features Danielle ‘Feather’ and JoeTucky playing folk mixed with Southern blues rock with a good dash of Appalachian Soul.” Visit [facebook.com/GypsyThorns-1501412736828198/](http://facebook.com/GypsyThorns-1501412736828198/). Saturday, September 29, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

### Sunday, September 30

**The Hog Farm and Friends in Open Celebration:** See Friday, September 28 listing for details.

**“Paint the Town” Work Party:** Help paint the k-rails at the site of the old Willits Cafe, Main and Commercial streets, as part of an effort to beautify the downtown Willits area. Sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization). Sunday, September 30, 11 am, to paint the final designs. For info and to get involved, contact Paul at 4paui@gmail.com or Madge at [mrstrong@willitsonline.com](mailto:mrstrong@willitsonline.com) or 459-1493. To contribute to expenses, send tax-deductible donations to WELL, P.O. Box 42, Willits 95490 with “Paint the Town” in the memo line.



AT THE MOVIES



## ‘The Predator’

**The Story:** The alien big game hunter is back, and the killing continues. It seems that the Predators want human DNA. Why? Something to do with making themselves more perfect, more deadly. Regardless, there's lots and lots of killing. Amid the car chases and explosions, dismemberments are featured. The human race may be completely wiped out if the macho guys can't stop the alien. And yes, did I mention that lots and lots of folks are butchered? There's even a spine-yanking nod to “Mortal Combat.” I liked it.

**My Thoughts:** The movie had a plot of sorts. Mostly, the flick is a series of high-action set pieces. Some of the action is cool, explosions and shoot-outs. The uber males in the flick are fun to watch. All the guys talk tough. There are some good macho lines. Olivia Munn plays an exo-biologist. She's macho too. I must confess, and a confession it is, that I had some fun watching this silly flick. I didn't always know what and why guys were doing what they were doing, or what the aliens were doing, but they were fast and loud so the whats and the whys didn't really matter all that much. I'm thinking that the aliens probably are coming here because they want our jobs.

**Parents:** “R” rated picture, “R” level violence. Not for little kids. 12 and up.

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







From far left: The sign greeting guests to the 2016 the annual Not JUST Cowboy Poetry fundraiser at Emandal Farm. MC Tamara Adams. Some of Emandal's famous apple pies waiting to be served at the 2016 event. Below: Auctioneer Rachel Britten takes bids for a miniature Calistoga wagon made by the late Mac McClellan who made toys for kids.

Photos by Ree Slocum

# Cowboy Poetry 2018

Enjoy pie, poetry and an afternoon on the lawn at annual Emandal fundraising event this Saturday

This year's Not Just Cowboy Poetry event is shaping up to be another wonderful experience for those who make the trek to Emandal - A Farm on a River this Saturday, September 22. Headlining the event will be Kristyn Harris, a guitar-playing, yodeling, singing young musical powerhouse from Texas, and this year will also be the return of the Apple Pie Throwdown contest.

Anyone interested in attending the event which starts at 2 pm, can pre-purchase \$25 tickets at the Willits Senior Center or Willits Library or get them at the gate for the same price on the day of the event. However, if you bring a pie for the contest, you can get into the event for free! Emandal is also extending free admittance to firefighters and their families, too.

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to the public and inviting them to come see the school's pumpkin patch the weekend before Halloween. On Saturday, October 27, students will be at the farm from 1 to 5 pm, and then starting Sunday through Halloween, they'll be offering pumpkins from 3 to 7 pm.

"We've planted 12 varieties of pumpkins," said Bowlds. "Everything from Cinderella to Howden and everything in between; we've got some for carving, decorating and even eating."

In addition to the pumpkin sale, students will also be holding two raffles next Friday, September 28, during Homecoming. The students are hoping to raise enough funds to purchase a forge for the school's welding class. Currently, they're using a torch only.

"We've made two 4-foot-long horseshoe coat racks that will be raffled off during the half-time part of the varsity game for homecoming," said Bowlds. "There will be two winners who will each receive a rack, plus 10 percent of the monies raised from each raffle."

There's two chances to win: \$2 tickets will be entered together, and one winning ticket will be drawn at Homecoming; the second chance includes a \$10 ticket: The winner of the \$10 ticket raffle will be determined by a "chicken plop" system.

Chickens will be let out onto an area with flooring made of sheets of plywood with different areas painted different colors and numbers. Wherever the first chicken decides to poop, the ticket that matches that space's color and number will be the winning ticket.

If you're interested in purchasing a ticket for either raffle, contact Becky Bowlds at 292-5156 or reach out to any Ag Mechanics student for tickets.

Homecoming will be held all week next week, with the football game against the Saint Helena High School Saints on Friday, September 28 starting at 5:30 pm with JV and varsity to follow at 7 pm. All athletic games are now free of charge to anyone who wants to attend.

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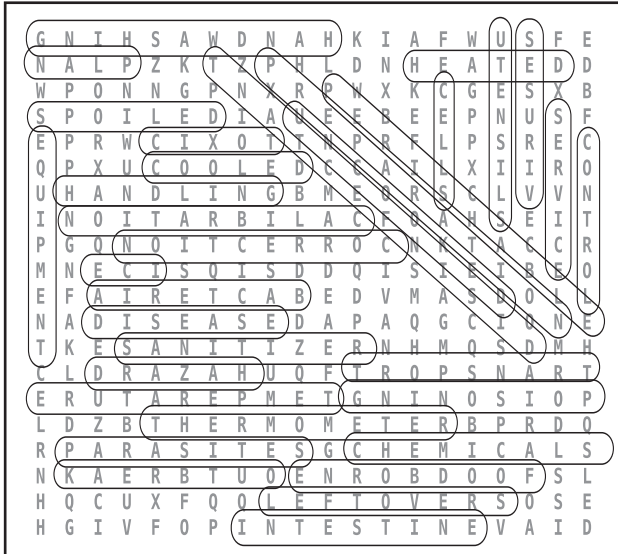
Monies raised from the event will go to support the Willits Library, and there will also be a silent auction, funds from which will go to benefit the Willits Senior Center. Tickets are still available; for more info, call: 459-9252.

### Pie Categories

Winners will be selected in all the below categories in the 2018 Apple Pie Throwdown contest:

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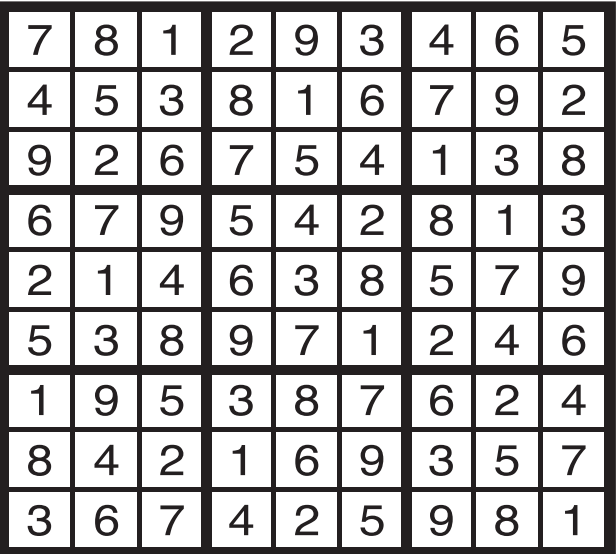
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### Fictitious Business Name Statement

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Above, left: Sequoia helps her dad, T.J. Jones, fill his bucket. Above, right: Monty and Kayo Levenson with their very full bucket. Below: Nomiah Britten, Carrie Andrade and Marian Lohne greet shoppers with buckets. At bottom: Nomiah Britten, Daisy Barrett, Jon Jessup, Emerald Waters and Lily Barrett show team spirit.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: Members of the WHS girls volleyball team display the buckets: Daisy Barrett, Nomiah Britten, Lily Barrett, Coach Jon Jessup, Sequoia Jones, Emerald Waters and Amara Potter.



# Bucket Challenge

## Mendo Mill supports high school sports with unique fundraising sale

It was a win-win weekend for Willits Mendo Mill shoppers and Willits High School sports teams.

Shoppers got a nifty Mendo Mill \$5.99 5-gallon bucket for \$5 and 20 percent off everything they could fit inside (except power tools) – with “inside” including over the top as long as an item was freestanding.

High school sports teams got a \$10 donation from Mendo Mill for every bucket sold.

Joanne Moore And everyone had fun. A rotating crew of students and their coaches from different sports – soccer, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, cheerleading, tennis, football, baseball – took shifts at the store, welcoming shoppers and selling buckets.

Happy student voices filled the front of the store Saturday morning. “Mendo Mill, yay! Bucket Challenge, hoo-rah! You need a bucket!”

This is the fourth year for this successful fundraiser, the inspiration for which came from that first bucket challenge. You know, the one where people had buckets of ice and water dumped on their heads to raise awareness about ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s disease.

“It morphed into our own idea,” said Mendo Mill owner Mike Mayfield. “During the recent great recession, we knew ancillary programs were going to be negatively impacted financially, and we came up with the idea to supplement local high school sports programs.”

The event takes place at all five Mendo Mill stores – Willits, Ukiah, Clearlake, Fort Bragg and Lakeport.

Willits outsold them all, selling 364 of “about 1,200 buckets sold” in total, said Mayfield.

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“Willits has historically been the leader thanks to the students at Willits High School,” he said. “Willits has more kids hanging out on Bucket Challenge Day than in any other location.”

In fact, last year, Willits students sold so many buckets that store floor manager TK Warner said she “had to go to Ukiah for more buckets.”

“What’s cool about it is kids taking care of themselves – actually working for it,” said Mayfield.

“The kids do the work,” agreed Willits Mendo Mill store manager Bob Doty, who added that store employees are also “very enthusiastic, and put a lot of time and effort into the display.”

The kids do the fundraising because the school district does not pay for their uniforms or extra goodies.

For example, last year some of the Bucket Challenge money bought an AcuSpike machine for the volleyball teams.

“It helps you with your spike attack,” said Elsa Jessup, wife of volleyball coach Jon Jessup.

Most of the money though, gets spent on uniforms.

The funds go to the Willits High School Booster Club, and “we buy uniforms on rotation for different sports teams,” said club president Bonnie Riley. “But the students have to fundraise themselves.”

Remember that the next time you see a high school student selling a cupcake or cookie ... or bucket.

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Jr. – has an eclectic style, bringing elements of blues and Americana into his sound. Yet he doesn’t shy away from his heritage, as shown by his single, “The Lost Grandchild’s Plea,” an ode to his famous grandpa and others in the family.

Runberg graduated from WHS in 2014 and moved to Nashville to pursue a country music career. He is currently being produced and published by Grammy-winning producer Jacquire King.

City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra said there was a lot of enthusiasm for pursuing an outdoor concert series when she brought up the idea to others in the community. As far as she knows it’s the first of its kind in Willits.

“One of the reasons I came to Willits is because I heard it was a great music town,” said Garrabrant-Sierra, a big music fan who described herself as “an aspiring fiddle player.”

“We just have a lot of people here who are interested in music – music inspires them.”

While the shows are organized and planned by city staff, they are funded by donations from local sponsors, including local LuLaRoe consultant Michelle McCoy. Garrabrant-Sierra, who is also a sponsor, said McCoy was the first to donate, and around a dozen others soon followed.

“I’m so happy they were [enthusiastic],” she said. “They just jumped right in and said, ‘Oh yeah, I would love to do that. It’s time Willits did something like that.’”

Garrabrant-Sierra also talked about how many city staffers became excited about bringing music to Willits and were eager to help out, including City Planner Dusty Duley and City Clerk Cathy Moorhead.

“This idea sort of happened at a staff meeting where I said, ‘Hey, we need to do a concert series – we’re just going to do it.’”

She said Duley told her: “‘You know what, Willits is ready to party. We’ve had some hard years and things are looking up – and now’s the time.’”

Part of staff preparations this week included power-washing the stage and dancing area at Rec Grove and adding some fresh paint.

Garrabrant-Sierra said if these first shows go well, they are already planning a “Springing Out of Winter” series in the spring of next year.

“For our next concert series, hopefully we’ll attract a whole different variety of music,” she said. “We’re going to have some Latin music, we’ll have some bluegrass, we’ll have a mixture of things.... Sky’s the limit. It could lead to a whole lot of fun.”

She encouraged everyone to come out and show support for the shows so Willits can continue to have them in the future.

“The more people show up, the more likely it is we’re going to have sponsors for next time. We want to keep this momentum going, so just invite everyone to come on out.”

The event will also will include food offerings from Taqueria Ramirez, a fresh churro cart, and hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by the Lions Club. Attendees also are invited to bring their own food and beverages.

Ron Runberg, Palmer’s father, who helped coordinate getting both artists to perform for this first show, will MC the event.

The other three shows in the concert series will feature local blues rock band Double Standyrd on September 27, Sonoma County blues guitarist Levy Lloyd and friends on October 4, and local funk favorites Funkacillin on October 11.

In addition to McCoy and Garrabrant-Sierra herself, Falling out of Summer sponsors include Adventist Health Howard Memorial, Willits Super 8, Willits Frontier Days, Mendocino Transit Authority, Willits Weekly, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Willits Police Officers Association, Bill Barksdale, Main Street Music, Shanachie Pub and Yokum’s Body Shop.

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had seen a 20 percent increase in social media followers on its platforms during the last year, and had 134,502 online views for members’ website business profiles during the year – an average of 747 for each business member.

Roshan Patel, manager of the Old West Inn and a member of the chamber’s board of directors, explained how the program “Chamber Master,” a service offered free to members, helped link customers to businesses online.

In addition, Findley said some 3,402 travelers had come through the chamber’s visitor center in town throughout the year, and an average of 130 monthly calls had been received requesting information about the area.

City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra thanked Findley for the work she and the chamber did for Willits.

“The chamber acts as our economic development partner because the city does not have an economic development department,” she said. “And I really appreciate the work Allison has done. It’s been very pleasurable working with her bringing programs to us and bouncing economic development ideas [off] her.”

Findley also talked about several upcoming events the chamber is helping coordinate, including the Harvest Festival version of the Hometown Celebration, which will be held in downtown Willits on Thursday, October 19.

That will lead into the Wild Willits Festival weekend on October 20, being organized by the Visit Willits Tourism Board, which will feature multiple long-distance foot races, a local food competition, music, art and many other activities (www.wildwillitsfest.com) (www.raceroster.com/events/2018/19208/wild-willits-fest).

Findley also told the council Willits will be an official stop for The Great Race in July 2019. The event will bring drivers of over 100 classic cars into town for the day. The vintage car race (open only to cars made prior to 1973) travels from Riverside, California to Tacoma, Washington.

The council also heard from Mary Anne Petrillo, CEO of West Company. The Mendocino County-based nonprofit economic development organization works to help develop local businesses, including offering free business consultations for interested persons.

Petrillo spoke about a visit from nationally renowned consultant Marc Wilson that West Company and the chamber coordinated for Willits businesses on May 3. Wilson gave a seminar to 25 Willits business owners that day, with an extended one-on-one session at five of the businesses. He also explored in and around town to assess the overall business friendliness of the area.

Some of the advice that Wilson recommended for Willits that Petrillo highlighted for the council included heightening the online presence and visibility for all local retail stores, improving signage for the city, striving to have more “destination” locations for visitors, and improving downtown walking areas so they are more defined and alluring.

### New WPD K9

The council also authorized the purchase of a new K9 police dog and its associated training costs for the Willits Police Department.

According to an agenda report by Willits Police Chief Scott Warnock, the dog will be “dual purpose,” meaning that in addition to being used for “backup, personal protection and tracking,” the K9 also will be trained to detect narcotics.

As stated in the report, under United States law if a K9 dog indicates to its handler it has detected narcotics, no warrant is required to initiate a search.

Warnock also noted the K9 will be useful for tracking purposes, in attempting to find suspects and missing persons.

The report also reads: “The dog we will choose will have the demeanor to be an ambassador for the police department and city and will often be used in the schools.”

To properly handle the dog a WPD corporal and the dog will train at a five-week academy through Novato-based CJ’s Police K-9s, and then undergo local training twice a month.

The \$14,200 funding for the K9 dog will not come out of the city’s general fund, but rather from the DA 11470.2 Health & Safety Code Restitution fund. That funding resulted from a program set up by Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster in 2011 which allowed certain alleged felony offenders of state and county marijuana laws to reduce their charges to misdemeanors after paying “restitution” for their law enforcement costs. All marijuana restitution funds go to the law enforcement agencies involved in the enforcement action that resulted in the restitution.

The WPD will still have over \$80,000 available in the restitution fund available to spend on other police resources for Willits after purchasing the police dog.

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“Rehabilitation and relinquishment of old Highway 101 ... will bring the road into a state of good repair and then turn it over to the City of Willits and the County of Mendocino,” Reed noted.

Roadway paving will take place in 12-hour shifts, typically between 9 am to midnight weekdays, she said. “Due to the temperature requirements for the new asphalt this work will be done during the day.”

Asphalt needs temperatures of 50 degrees or more to set up correctly, Reed said, “so the 12-hour shifts may have to adjust accordingly.”

Daytime work will start as late as possible to help avoid early morning school and work traffic.

Two weeks of striping will follow completion of paving work.

The project originally was planned for next summer, but the final phases were moved ahead due to quicker-than-expected completion of the downtown sidewalk project.

While the entire project is anticipated to be completed by November 1, Reed cautioned that “all timelines are dependent on weather delays and other unknown issues that can

## The rest of Measure J

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town and are available for Measure J supporters at the Commercial Street firehouse, with more on order.

Little Lake Fire this past week celebrated the homecoming of four Willits firefighters who returned from strike team duty fighting the Delta Fire in Shasta County. According to Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, the strike team was on a “Type 1 engine,” which is somewhat unusual.

A Type 1 engine is used for structures or urban firefighting. It’s a much bigger engine (requiring more staffing) than the wildland (Type 3) engines most frequently used locally. Due to the unique skill set of their leadership, Willits firefighters are trained to be effective in both rural and urban incidents.

Wilkes went on to review some of the fires the Little Lake Fire Protection District has contributed both equipment and personnel to during 2018: the Pawnee Fire, Camp Fire, Mendocino Complex Fire, Cook Fire, Carr Fire and Delta Fire, to name many of them. This does not include extensive station coverage requests.

“We have to say ‘no’ to some strike team requests,” Chief Wilkes said. “Even though we benefit financially and from the training when we go, we would never risk Willits ... we’d never risk our home through understaffing.”

Continuing on the topic of staffing, Wilkes announced the Little Lake Fire Protection District is officially accepting Ridgewood Ranch fire personnel as full volunteers. This means much more than goodwill and collaboration: It means more combined training geared toward teaching a higher level of acumen (including rope and swift-water rescue) will become the norm. Improved leadership includes a newly appointed battalion chief at Ridgewood; and an even greater number of volunteer firefighters will be eligible to join strike team and station coverage in 2019.

As far as fire safety is concerned, it was mentioned that Willits residents are becoming less wary, probably because of the cooler weather.

Wilkes reported that illegal burn piles in Willits have been a significant problem lately. Everyone believes they’re being safe and responsible when it comes to burning unwanted debris in their yard, but Wilkes stresses that cooler weather without consistent precipitation does not reduce the risk of fire. No burning is permitted so long as the burn ban is in place.

September is the biggest month for fire, Chief Wilkes noted. When asked how long September has been a major fire month, a few board members replied: “For as long as we can remember.” Be safe and follow the burn mandates as listed even if it’s cold and

occur with any construction project.”

During both night and daytime work construction, motorists can expect one-way traffic control with a pilot car, she added. And while some side streets may be closed, detours will be available. In any case, motorists should plan for up to 15-minute delays, Reed said.

Granite Construction began work on the city’s downtown sidewalk Improvements project in late April. That project included repairing sidewalks to Americans with Disabilities Act standards, upgrading signals, repairing bridge repairs, applying a slurry seal, and striping.

A “planter strip” between the sidewalk and the road, with soil – now wood chips – for planting landscaping and buried conduits for irrigation and electricity was also part of the plan.

At the time, Caltrans and Granite Construction representatives hoped the sidewalk improvements would be finished before Thanksgiving weekend.

Reed acknowledged sidewalks higher than the roadway grading were constructed in some areas but added she had received no reports of pedestrians tripping due to the new sidewalks.

“We patched in some areas so [everything] will be at grade,” she said.

dewy outside.

The fire protection district is still waiting to hear about the FEMA grant it applied for months ago. If chosen, Wilkes said, the local department will use the grant funds to purchase battery-run, hydraulic tools to aid in hard-to-access vehicle rescues. He noted these tools are especially critical during winter and spring months.

When asked about the need and frequency of use regarding these tools, it was explained that “over-the-bank” vehicle rescues are very common. “After the rain starts, we’re over the bank sometimes three times a week [for vehicle retrieval or extractions],” Wilkes said.

The district hopes for news concerning its FEMA grant application sometime this fall.

In community news, Little Like Fire has been busy.

Chief Wilkes noted his attendance at opening day of Willits Youth Soccer. “I was shocked to see that over 300 children are involved!” he said.

The ceremonies included banners and signs and more in recognition of and thanks to first responders for their work and the danger they face while protecting the community.

In addition to the support shown by the youth soccer cohort, Willits High School held an outdoor Patriot’s Day remembrance ceremony on September 11. Wilkes spoke to the students about the impact of the September 11, 2001 attacks that most students were not then alive to experience. A total of 412 first responders died in the 9/11 attacks.

On a lighter note, board members voiced approval of the artistically adorned fire hydrant near the firehouse. The board noted one important caveat for those seeking permission to use hydrants as their canvases: the caps (both sides and top) must be painted to code. The cap color designates the gallons per minute a hydrant can be expected to produce. Without this color code, a fire engineer cannot determine the GPMs, and this can get in the way of what hydrants are designed to do – control structure fires. Would-be hydrant artists can find out about the mandatory color code by contacting the fire department.

Measure J, the firehouse initiative, has been to the ballot box before, but failed to pass by the two-thirds majority required by a special tax measure. When asked about the consequences if Measure J fails to pass again, Chief Wilkes had this to say: “We cannot return to this building again if it doesn’t pass. We’ll have to bring all the gear to a site south of the middle of town [the Baechtel Road substation] and put the taxpayers’ equipment under a tarp or awning because there isn’t room.

“I hope people understand this [building] is really for them.”

For more details on Measure J, or to help with promotion, contact Little Lake Fire at 459-6271 or 74 East Commercial Street, Willits CA 95490.

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Far left, top: Lettuce varieties that are meant for winter will take some frost in their stride. Bronze Arrow survives winter snow in Willits and looks great in containers. Far left, bottom: Cold temperatures intensify the colors of leafy greens like this Rainbow Chard, while making flavors sweeter. At left: Fava beans are an edible winter crop that adds nitrogen to the soil. The unusual black-and-white flowers are an early nectar source for beneficials. You can combine them with another cover crop like clover or winter wheat, or just plant them alone for a spring crop of beans. Eat them like edamame. Below: Radicchio is not only beautiful, but harder than lettuce. A perfect salad for the winter holidays with pears and walnuts. (I like mine with blue cheese, too.) At bottom: Arugula, like most greens, is more mildly flavored in winter.

Photos by Jamie Chevalier

## SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

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COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

## September: Quick garden tasks

Many of us just have small chunks of time these September days. But the weather is great for working outdoors. So let's think about Ninja gardening – focused projects that knock out a priority job in less than an hour (some in mere minutes). Here are my top five:

**Jamie Chevalier**  
Columnist

**Salad/Herb Garden:** Winter is dark. Winter is muddy and might require a coat and boots for a foray into the garden. So even if you have beds full of winter veg, it's nice to have a container by the kitchen door for grabbing things for dinner (that you forgot to harvest until dinner was already underway).

I like to have salad stuff up out of the mud and near the lights of the house – lettuce, endive, mizuna, green onions. I like to have herbs like thyme and rosemary in pots, close enough that I can run out and grab them while dinner is on the stove. Pull out those dying petunias, work in compost and kelp meal, and plant winter lettuce. It will only take minutes. You'll be happy in December.

**Compost Pile:** It is so satisfying to cut down dead stuff and make a big pile. It's so clever to make your own free fertilizer for next spring. And it is so utterly disastrous when mites and diseases spend the winter on your dead plants instead of getting cooked to death in the compost pile. Trust me: mite, thrip, and aphid eggs build up if you don't compost the plants they live on. Throw used mulch on the pile too. Where to put it? On the bed where you'll grow tomatoes or zucchini next summer.

**Put your Containers to Bed:** Containers are filled with soil you have to buy, so it's

worth a couple of minutes to keep the soil in place and weed-free. Large containers can get next year's fertilizer from a cover crop. Just sow clover or cover crop mix now, under the plants that are still there. (You can do this in the garden at large as well – rough up the soil, and broadcast cover crop seed wherever you can reach, under tomatoes, etc. Rake in or mulch lightly. You're done in minutes.)

**Smaller Pots are Easy:** If they won't have anything in them over the winter, pull out the summer flowers. If there are weeds, leave them. If not, cover the surface with dead leaves, weeds, etc. Water one last time. Now, use the drip tray under the pot as a lid. Just turn it upside down over the pot. Next spring, worms will have turned the dead plant matter into rich soil. And your potting mix will not be washed away or compacted, either.

**Bulbs:** Garlic is one of those things that is so good fresh, and so terrible to run out of. Softneck types keep longer and can be braided, but stiffneck types give you those delicious green garlic stalks to eat. You might want both. And while you're at it, put some daffodil bulbs under your fruit trees to help repel gophers (and make spring cheerful). Poke holes 4 inches apart with a stick, rebar, trowel ... whatever. Throw a garlic clove in each. Use a rake to cover all the holes in a swipe or two. Ninja gardener!

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Photo by Karen Morton



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According to UPD Detective Sgt. Cedric Cook, both the Wipf Construction dump truck and the bicyclist were eastbound on Talmage Road, approaching Hastings Road, at the time of the accident.

Crook said roadway paving was occurring at the time, and a flagger standing on Talmage Road had cleared the dump truck to go south onto Hastings Road from Talmage Road when Lara was struck.

He emphasized investigators were "not finding anyone at fault" at present, adding investigation into the accident is continuing.

That investigation is likely to prove complicated, Cook added, because there were three parties involved in the accident, including the flagger.

He added the dump truck

driver has said he did not see Lara before striking him.

Police will be reviewing video footage from two businesses at the intersection, and several independent witnesses, including people waiting to pull out of a nearby gas station.

In addition to Ukiah police detectives, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office investigators are assisting in the investigation.

A GoFundMe account has been set up in Lara's name by Madeleine Pamintuan Shepherd at <https://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-xamuel-lara> to help cover funeral and other expenses.

Lara's friends had hoped to raise \$5,000, but by Wednesday evening 138 people had contributed more than \$7,366 to the fund.

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July 10. Between that date and August 27, the Department of Agriculture issued or approved only 10 permits – an average of 1.4 permits issued or approved per week.

"Every time there is a change in management, the new manager has to implement his vision," he explained. "When I took over, my No. 1 priority was outreach to cultivators and to the public. That outreach was very successful. My other No. 1 priority was to streamline the process.

"I discovered we did not have any policies or procedures in place," Grewal said, "so I directed my staff to create them. This is not so easy to do, because the process of issuing a permit is very involved. It is a lengthy process and involves other county departments: Planning and Building, the Department of Environmental Health, code enforcement, the County Counsel. It also involves state agencies, the water board and Fish and Wildlife.

"You have to ask: what are the policies of these other departments? What do they need and when do they need it? And you [must] ask and find the answers to key questions pertaining to our department. What is the submittal policy and procedure? What is the approval policy? What is the issuance policy? If you are going to deny someone a permit, why do you do this?"

"And you have to write these policies and procedures so you are being fair and uniform to everyone."

At the September 11 board of supervisors meeting, Grewal said he expects to have the policies and procedures ready "in a month or so."

Grewal said he is aware that county administration wants the cannabis program to be successful. "I talk with CEO Angelo every two weeks, and every time I talk to her, she asks me how it is going and what do I need," he said. "I talk with supervisors, too. I know they are watching the department."

Grewal believes having policies and procedures in place will speed up the process of issuing and approving permits.

"Once we get back on track we will see how fast we can go," he said. "We will make this program successful, and it will be a shining example in the county."

Data from Grewal's last report to supervisors indicates that, as of August 27, the Department of Agriculture had received 1,002 applications for cultivation permits, has issued 188 and has approved 41: a total issued and approved of 229, or 23 percent of all applications received. Another 513 applications are under review while 192 are waiting for processing to begin.

According to information provided by the Department of Agriculture, when Grewal says the permit process is lengthy, he is telling the truth. For the 10 permits issued most recently by the department, the average time between the date the application was submitted and the date the permit was approved was 295 days – almost 10 months. Individual processing periods ranged between 133 and 451 days. One permit, which took 451 days, was submitted to the county on May 5, 2017, and finally approved and issued on July 30, 2018.

The Department of Agriculture began accepting cultivation permit applications on May 4, 2017.

Grewal said the applications the department has received recently are all for Phase One permits. Phase One permits are permits issued during Phase One of the roll-out of the county's cannabis program. They are issued only to people who can demonstrate they were growing cannabis in Mendocino County prior to 2016.

Supervisors have twice extended the deadline for applying for Phase One permits. Originally, the deadline was December 31, 2017. That deadline was extended to June 30, 2018, and later to December 31, 2018.

Grewal said he has requested (and Angelo has authorized) hiring three more employees for the cannabis unit. He had requested two more inspectors and a secretarial person for the office. To date, one inspector and one office staffer have been hired. Hiring of a second new inspector is in the works.

When that second inspector is hired, the cannabis unit will total 10 employees: six inspectors, three office personnel, and a program administrator.

## Museum hires program administrator

Cultural Service Agency Director Karen Horner announced September 10 the county has hired Megan Dukett as program administrator for the Mendocino County Museum in Willits.

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Dukett is the sister of the county Executive Office's Senior Administrative Analyst Sarah Dukett.

She comes with work experience in both museums and in parks.

Dukett has worked in Theodore Roosevelt National Park in Medora, North Dakota, and at the Cabrillo National Monument in California as an interpretive park ranger, explaining the history of the parks to visitors. She did the same type of work at Yosemite National Park.

She also worked at Mission San Juan Capistrano in Southern California, where she was the director of education and interpretive exhibits.

According to Horner, Dukett will work closely with Horner and museum Curator Karen Mattson in establishing policies and procedures for the museum. She also will play a large role in creating a new identity for the museum in the community and the county.

Dukett will select and plan exhibits and develop educational programming for county schools.

## Potter Valley Project goes to auction

The Potter Valley Project has been placed on the auction block, but don't imagine that means interested parties will be bidding for the project on the courthouse steps.

According to Potter Valley rancher and Inland Water and Power Commission Chairwoman Janet Pauli, the auction process for a public utility is a slow, deliberate process that may take a year or more.

Currently, the only entity known to Pauli that has expressed an interest in buying the 110-year-old power plant is the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission. The IWPC is a joint-power authority consisting of the Mendocino County Water Agency, the City of Ukiah, the Potter Valley Irrigation District, the Redwood Valley County Water District, and the Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District.

Asked why PG&E decided not to enter into direct negotiations with prospective buyers, Pauli said the decision was made when PG&E attorneys and IWPC attorneys met for early talks soon after May 10, when PG&E announced the 9.2-megawatt hydroelectric power system would be put up for sale.

"After some initial talks, IWPC concluded the auction process would be the best forum for us to go with," Pauli said.

Asked if the IWPC would be partnering with another agency or local government to purchase the plant, she said, "We are open to partnering with other entities, and active conversations are happening. But so far, nothing else."

Pauli said the auction process would occur in two phases. The first phase consists of entities such as the IWPC signing non-disclosure agreements and statements of interest with PG&E. Those entities are then given digital access to a virtual data room, where they can discover details about the project, including the cost of running the system and its profitability. Taking that information into account, whoever is still interested in bidding for the project will submit an "indicative proposal" to PG&E.

Pauli said she expects the IWPC will be submitting its indicative proposal sometime in December. PG&E has not yet announced a date by which proposals must be received, she added.

Following that, PG&E will select one or more viable proposals. After that selection is made, negotiations will enter into a second phase, during which a second

Speaking both at the meeting of the Museum Advisory Board and in a phone conversation with Willits Weekly, Horner said she was pleased Dukett was selected as the county museum's program administrator.

"What was severely lacking at the museum was a staff skilled in museum work," Horner told Willits Weekly. "This is what Megan brings to the table. She has all this park experience, and she also has museum experience, working in the parks as an interpretive ranger, a historian of the places where she's worked, and as director of education and interpretive exhibits at Mission San Juan Capistrano. This is exactly what the museum was needing."

Horner said Dukett will work initially in the museum and later will begin working with the county's seven parks.

Dukett begins work September 24.

### Free museum admission with library card

As part of September's Library Card Sign-up Month and to celebrate creation of the Cultural Services Agency, the Mendocino County Library and Mendocino County Museum are granting free museum admission to anyone showing a county library card.

The agency anticipates the ongoing program "will bring in more local visitors to our valuable historical resource."

non-disclosure agreement will be signed and more information about the project shared.

At the end of the second phase, PG&E will presumably select the winning bid. The agreement will go to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and then to the California Public Utilities Commission, both of which must approve the agreement for it to become binding.

The Potter Valley Project consists of two dams along the upper Main Stem Eel River, a powerhouse in Potter Valley and about 5,600 acres of land, including Lake Pillsbury in Lake County.

It diverts about one-fifth of the average annual flow of the upper Main Stem Eel River at Van Arsdale Reservoir through a tunnel and penstock to a Potter Valley powerhouse, where it is used to generate electricity.

In a press release on the Potter Valley Project, PG&E says the amount of water diverted represents only 2 percent of the total flow of the Eel River at its mouth. Before it is diverted, some of the water is collected during the wet season and stored in Lake Pillsbury for later release and provides lake-based recreation opportunities.

After the diverted water leaves the powerhouse, it enters a canal and the East Branch of the Russian River and provides water to farms and communities in southern Mendocino and northern Sonoma counties, as well as improved fish habitat in the Russian River.

Under conditions of the project's operating license, water flows in the upper Main Stem Eel River below the Van Arsdale Reservoir must closely mimic the river's natural flow.

The utility is seeking a new owner for the project because "it no longer serves as an economical source of electricity generation for its customers," according to the PG&E press release.

The Potter Valley Project "is far from PG&E's other hydroelectric facilities and regional headquarters, making it especially costly for [the company] to operate." An increasingly competitive energy market, lower generation needs forecasted on the utility company's system, and the increasing cost of operating the facility "were all factors in PG&E's decision."

Depending on how many proposals are received and need to be evaluated, the company expects to select proposals and begin formal negotiations with a buyer by mid-2019. "If all goes well, the sale and transfer of the project could be completed within 1.5 to two years," the PG&E statement says.

## Laytonville man held in burglary attempt

A sheriff's deputy and his K9 partner arrested a Laytonville man just after 12:30 a.m. on September 12 after allegedly observing him trying to break into a car in the parking lot of Boomer's Bar in the 45000 North Highway 101.

Deputies were patrolling the downtown Laytonville area following "recent burglary and theft incidents," according to sheriff's St. Quincy Cromer.

While driving past two vehicles parked alongside the south fence of Boomer's parking lot, he said, the deputy "noticed a subject, later identified as Ryan Padgett, on a bicycle looking into a vehicle."

Padgett was allegedly "holding a flashlight in one hand and a tool in his other hand," and "was using the tool to attempt to force open the door on the parked vehicle," Cromer said.

When the deputy attempted to detain Padgett, the 38-year-old man fled on his bicycle. Padgett reportedly "had a knife visible on his person," and the deputy ordered him to stop "multiple times or his K9 partner would be deployed."

After crashing his bicycle near an area fence, Padgett

reportedly fled on foot towards Branscomb Road. When the deputy tried to apprehend him, Padgett allegedly took a swing at the lawman to evade capture, Cromer said.

The deputy then deployed his K9 partner.

According to Cromer, Padgett "physically resisted the deputy and his K9 partner ... for a period of time before surrendering." He was finally handcuffed and taken into custody.

During a search, the deputy located multiple tools in Padgett's possession and backpack "commonly used as burglary tools," Cromer noted. Padgett also was determined to be on summary probation in Mendocino County for theft-related charges.

After being treated at a local hospital for his injuries, Padgett was transported to county jail, where he was booked on suspicion of attempted second-degree burglary of a vehicle, resisting an officer, possession of

burglary tools and violating probation.

Bail was set at \$10,000.

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



## Big Boy Simba

Heart throb alert! Simba just arrived: We are getting him settled in, scheduled for neuter, and ready for adoption. Isn't he gorgeous? Simba is 1 year old, a mastiff/Great Dane cross and 130 pounds of slobbery goodness. We are beginning the search for his perfect match; experience is a must!

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.

## Strong Jack

Jack is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 70 pounds. We took Jack out for his photo shoot and a romp. At first, he was loaded with energy, but after a little bit he settled down. Jack is very handsome and in great shape – he is solid and muscular – he's like the Arnold Schwarzenegger of the shelter! Jack didn't respond to commands, and it would be great for him to take a dog training class or two; he's enthusiastic and enjoys playing, so we think he would be a quick study.

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 at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

## OBITUARY |

## Susan Silveria

Susan Diane "Smith" Silveria passed away September 13, 2018 at the age of 64. She was surrounded by loved ones and known to them by many loving titles: Grandma, Meemaw, Aunt Sue, Aunt Mom and Cousin Aunt.

Susan was born July 21, 1954 to James and Nadine Smith in Ukiah, California. She loved being with her family and friends,



especially her beloved grandchildren. She loved her scooter rides around town, and loved being a "snow bird" in Florida and Oklahoma. Her contagious smile and positive attitude will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, James and Nadine Smith, and her brother, Ronald Smith. She is survived by her daughters: Amber (Dale) Thomson of Sebastopol; Jamie (Chris) Abel and Veronica (Shane) Davis, both of Willits; niece, Maria Smith of Willits; grandchildren Kyra Thomson, Tyler Thomson, Vann Davis, Xander Davis, Daithon Davis, Jasmine Preissler, Dredin Preissler, Jonathan Abel, and Samantha Taylor; siblings Marilyn Patchen of Skiatook, Oklahoma; Lillian Vasquez of Willits; Jim (Mike) Smith of Miami; A.J. (Lisa) Smith of Emmett, Idaho; and Karen (Andy) Davis of Willits; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on September 30, 2018 at 12 pm at the Willits Recreation Grove Park. BBQ meat will be provided, so please bring a dish to share.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

## OBITUARY |

## Wally Denton

Samuel Walter Denton (known to friends as Wally or Walt), 73, of Willits passed away peacefully on August 8, 2018 in Willits from respiratory failure. He was born on August 24, 1944 to Samuel and Mary Denton in Port Arthur, Texas.

He graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, with a degree in chemical engineering. He was a part of the Peace Corps in the late '60s.

Wally was a tax consultant for 23 years, doing business as Denton Tax Services with an office in Marin County in San Rafael. He also lived in Fairfax in Marin County for many years before moving to Willits.

He enjoyed reading; studying Buddhism, philosophy, psychology and self-help; practicing Amana bodywork; yoga; meditation; watching professional sports; and playing sports, including golf.

He always had a soft spot in his heart for animals – and cats, in particular. He was a regular donor and volunteer for the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, in Redwood Valley.

Wally is preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Mary Denton. He is survived by his sister, Sandra Denton Carter, and countless friends and clients. He will be remembered as a compassionate man with a gentle soul.

Per his wishes, he has been cremated. There will be a memorial on Sunday, October 14, 2018 in Willits. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County via mendohumanesociety.com or by phone at 707-485-0123. Please reference "Samuel Walter Denton" when you make your donation. For more information about the memorial or to share your thoughts about Wally, please reach out to evalipson7@gmail.com.



## Birth announcement

## Makayla McGee

A daughter, Makayla Jade McGee, was born Tuesday, May 29, 2018 to Cory and Angie McGee of Willits. Makayla weighed 6 pounds, 7.5 ounces at birth. She was also welcomed by her older brothers, Matthew and Micah.

## OBITUARY |

## Larry Winsby

Larry James Winsby, 61, passed away August 20 in Sacramento. There were no services at his request.

Larry was born on April 5, 1957 in Willits to Gene and Mary Winsby. He was a 1975 graduate of Willits High School, where he participated in the Key Club and FFA. He played Pop Warner football and then went on to play four years of football at WHS, where he earned his Block W during his senior year. He also participated in wrestling while at WHS.

He is survived by his sister Linda (Tom) Wake of Ukiah and his brother Ron of Sacramento. He is also survived by his nieces Angela and Amy, both of Santee, California. Larry is also survived by aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gene Winsby and Mary Rhodes and his stepfather Ray Rhodes, and his grandparents Norman and Billie Hunter and Red and Jewell Rhodes.

## Brother

You gave no one a last farewell,  
Nor ever said good-bye.

You were gone before we knew it,  
and only God knows why.

If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.

In our hearts you hold a place no one else can fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone, for part of  
us went with you, the day God took you home.

We will meet again someday  
I know in a better place.

I thank God He made you my brother  
while you were here on earth.

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New this year:  
All-girls team  
buckle will also  
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**OCTOBER 13, 2018**  
STARTS AT: 10 AM

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Entries due in by 10/1/18

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RIDER CHECK IN: 9 AM / BBQ: 12 PM / \$10 TASTERS / AUCTION 1 PM

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