

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

'About Time'

To the Editor:

I just finished watching Richard Curtis' lovely 2013 movie, "About Time." I hope Mr. Curtis won't mind if I share with you what he wrote. "I just try to live every day as if I deliberately came back to this one day. To enjoy it as if it was the full, final day of my extraordinary, ordinary life. We're all traveling through time together every day of our lives. All we can do is do our best to relish this remarkable ride."

Bill Barksdale, Willits

Stolen photos

To the Editor:

Four large totes filled with generations of family papers and pictures were stolen from a storage locker in Willits recently – along with some other things – they have no value to anyone but me. The totes are labeled by the family names: Miller, Beatty, Fuller, Ford and other names going back generations – but there's no owner name on the totes. If anybody sees these totes or piles of photographs dumped somewhere, I'd appreciate a phone call: 459-1706.

Janet Miller, Willits

Willits medical marijuana ordinance

To the Editor:

After several years of planning and arguing, the Willits City Council finally introduced the long awaited – or dreaded, depending on your perspective – medical marijuana ordinance. The next step will be the adoption or rejection of the ordinance on September 27.

Almost immediately after the introduction, the complaints began!

Marijuana supporters were happy that this action was finally taken, but it took too long to get there, and some of the provisions of the ordinance are too tough. Marijuana opponents were unhappy because it was even considered.

That's the thing about living in a democracy: Nobody ever gets everything they want! Nor should they! The operating principle is: nobody gets everything; everybody gets something; nobody gets nothing! Under this principle, no one is ever completely satisfied or disappointed, but isn't that the point? I mean, if someone is satisfied because they got everything they wanted, then someone else got nothing, because in the end, that would be a zero sum game!

In a free society, everyone is entitled to their opinion, and they have the freedom and the right to express their opinion without fear of reprisal. Private citizens have the right to fight for what they want without giving a hoot about what the other guy wants. And of course, the other side is doing the same thing, which, if left to these partisan forces would result in either a perpetual deadlock or one side overpowering the other to get their way, until the other side comes to power and changes everything.

That's where government plays its very important role.

While members of the public can take sides and not care

about what anyone else thinks or wants, government officials, particularly the electeds, don't have that luxury. Our job is to leave our personal opinions "at the door," and to look at all of the issues before us in a purely non-partisan, "what's best for the general public" kind of way! Even if it goes against our core beliefs.

That may be a difficult thing for some people to process and accept, and unfortunately, some elected officials can't quite get their arms around this concept. But it is, nevertheless, the basic concept of governance.

It begins with accepting that no one of us electeds has all of the answers, and we may not be, gasp!, always right. True, we almost always come at the issues with opinions and biases, but we need to make a real effort to put them aside while we engage in a serious and honest analysis of the matter at hand. We need to be able to look at – cliché alert! – "the Big Picture"; we need to be able to listen to, understand and, in the end, analyze the arguments in order to conclude what is ultimately in the best interest of the general public. This often involves finding an answer that lies somewhere in the middle of the two extremes.

This process is called "compromise"; a term that unfortunately hasn't seen a whole lot of use in recent years. By definition, compromise requires leaving the safety of our entrenched beliefs, to venture out to meet with the opposition to find a mutually acceptable solution to the problem.

And that's what happened with the marijuana ordinance.

Marijuana has been a big part of our lives for many years, and the experience hasn't always been a good one, and as a result, there has been a general backlash of opposition to the whole marijuana scene! I was one of the vocal opponents of marijuana for many years. I was convinced, like many others, that the only way to deal with marijuana was to ban it – make it go away, and everything would be OK!

You know, the old "head in the sand" approach!

Of course, that never worked, because it was not a sensible or effective strategy; it's only wishful thinking to expect that ignoring a problem would make it go away. So after serious consideration, I came to the conclusion that the best and only way to truly deal with the problem was to embrace it and make it into something that we could control, just like society has done with alcohol – an even bigger social problem than marijuana. Alcohol is still available for general consumption, after a failed attempt at prohibition, and the availability is often abused, but enforcement of laws pretty much keeps the abuses in check.

On this, at the city council meeting, some citizens stood up and complained about the evils of marijuana, but not one of them ever spoke out about the evils of alcohol, and that the city should do something about that!

The new Willits medical marijuana ordinance is a good attempt to create an environment where everybody gets something, with rules and regulations in place to ensure that abuses will be controlled and mitigated, and there will be little or no negative impact to the general public. It isn't perfect, and adjustments will need to be made as we move forward, but it is a good start. By controlling the industry, we will be better able to enforce the rules and give support to the legitimate operators that will eventually replace the "outlaws" in the marijuana industry.

Ron Orenstein, Willits

Public comment urged for Northwest Training and Testing program

Nine sovereign tribal nations are calling on the U.S. Navy to cooperate in efforts to ensure that military training and testing does not harm marine life and significant tribal cultural areas. The tribes are engaged in a process of government-to-government consultation with the Navy regarding tribal concerns about the Northwest Training and Testing program. The tribes participating in the consultation are: Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria; Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians; Hopland Band of Pomo Indians; Pinoleville Pomo Nation; Potter Valley Tribe; Redwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians; Round Valley Indian Tribes; Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians; and Sherwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians.

The tribes belong to a tribal consortium known as the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council, which is coordinating and facilitating the consultation. The Navy is planning to continue military readiness training and testing in an area of the Pacific Ocean referred to as "the Northwest Training Range Complex," which stretches from the US-Canada border to Northern California.

The Navy's activities include a broad array of training and testing activities, including sonar, test missile firing and aircraft patrols. According to the Navy's estimates, less than 1 percent of the training will take place off the coast of Northern California, but the tribes are concerned that even this level of training will harm marine life and degrade areas of cultural importance to the council's member tribes.

The tribes are calling on the Navy to collaborate in developing robust monitoring and mitigation measures to address impacts of the Navy's training and testing activities planned for the Northwest Training Range Complex.

The Navy's obligation to consult with sovereign Indian tribes under federal law provides a framework for the tribal-Navy consultation meetings that have been facilitated by the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council. Since April 2015, tribal and Navy representatives involved in the consultation process have been involved in a series of discussions aimed at developing solutions that address a wide range of tribal concerns about the impacts of the Navy's training and testing activities.

In October 2016, the Navy issued a record of decision adopting its 2015 final environmental impact statement that applies to the current phase of its training and testing program (2016-2020). On August 22, 2017 the Navy opened a "scoping period" with its release of a notice of intent to prepare a supplement to the 2015 final EIS that will cover the next five-year period of its training and testing program (2020-2025). The scoping period for the draft supplemental EIS was originally August 22 to September 21, 2017, but the Navy has extended the public scoping comment period through October 6, 2017. The Navy plans to hold public meetings following the release of the draft supplemental EIS in early 2019.

The public is urged to support the tribes' position on the cultural and environmental protections that are needed for the Navy's proposed training and testing activities by submitting comments to the Navy by the October 6, 2017 scoping period deadline. For more details, and to submit comments, go to: <https://nwteis.com/Public-Involvement/Public-Comment>.

– submitted by the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

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Carol Deuel, Willits

Correction

In the August 31 edition of Willits Weekly, the article "Glassey resigns as museum director" by Mike D'Air incorrectly reported that Mendocino County Museum Director Alison Glassey had resigned in a letter submitted to the county. In that Thursday, August 24 letter, however, Glassey announced her retirement, not her resignation.



Above, from left: Kemmy's Pies is located at the Skunk Train Depot. A photo of the Kemmy's sisters: Brenda, Natalie, Amy, Rebecca, Jill and Katie, displayed on one of the tables at the shop. A berry pie cools after being taken out of the oven. Below, left: Handmade pies are placed in the oven. Shannon Lasinski tries the Turkey Spinach Quiche. At bottom: The "Specials of the Day" can be found at the front counter.



Kemmy's for Breakfast

Pie makers now offering quiche and coffee at their Skunk Train Depot café

"This quiche is so good it makes me wish I lived next door!" exclaimed Shannon Lasinski, a walk-in Kemmy's Pies customer from Trinity County.

Kemmy's, a staple of Willits taste buds since 2009 and a name synonymous with quality pies, has recently remodeled their storefront at the Skunk Train Depot to accommodate walk-in customers. The café provides a pleasant sunny area for breakfast patrons to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee and a growing variety of delicious quiches. Their current selection of quiches includes Turkey Spinach, Veggie (made with a quinoa crust) and Ham and Goat Cheese. They also plan to offer Apple Pastels and Mini Apple Pies with Caramel Sauce. And, of course, there's always pie.

Kemmy's plans a slow, measured expansion designed to entice more riders of the Skunk Train, locals and visitors to enjoy a light breakfast at the historic depot setting complete with the deep sweet aroma of baking pies. Another plus is that you get to watch the pie makers create their delicious pastries. It will be difficult to resist taking home a pie ... or two.

Surrounding the dining area are paintings by homegrown artist Malakai Schindel of the Skunk Train and the wooded hills the train travels through, lending a local flavor to the walls. Also displayed are photo artist Teresa Robertson's photos of her English bulldog, Yoda, on the train, which are whimsical and attractive.

The area exudes warmth, especially when combined with the smells inherent in this venerable pie shop, and the rich tastes of the quiche, pastries and pie, along with the Thanksgiving brand coffee. A pleasant breakfast or lunch experience is in store for any prospective patron.

This is a true local business. Brenda Moss and her sisters, Amy and Natalie, along with their mother, Kim and two of their other seven sisters, are products of the Willits area, having grown up and attended school here.

They insist on using locally grown fruits and vegetables whenever possible. They receive produce from Ananda Johnson's Commonwealth Gardens at Howard Hospital, a large and well-tended garden

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At right, top: One of the new quiches offered for breakfast at Kemmy's.

At right: Berry pies, fresh out of the oven, cool on wire racks.

Far right: Natalie puts the crumb topping on the peach pies.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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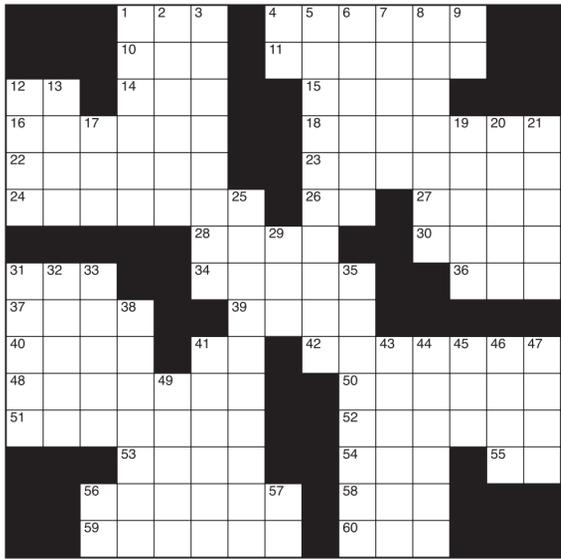
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CLUES ACROSS

- Storage device
- Disagree with
- Political organization
- Playoff appearances
- Collection of cops
- Balkan mountain peak
- Island north of Guam
- Seizure of someone's property
- Repeat
- Beautiful youth
- Bullfighters
- Charges a fare
- Not off
- Where skaters ply their trade
- Meson
- Guru
- Cycles/second
- Alternating turns
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Mound
- Boxer Amir
- Away from wind
- Exist

CLUES DOWN

- Bathing suit
- Poignantly different from what was expected
- A person with the same name as another
- West Siberian river
- Of the membrane lining the abdominal cavity
- Has a positive electric charge
- Fish-eating mammal of the weasel family
- Offerers
- Spanish be
- Chilean province
- Capitan
- Father
- Pestilence
- Songs
- Grilling tools
- Long, winding ridge of sand and gravel
- Court game
- __kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Variety of beet
- Caps
- Rides in the snow
- Took without permission
- Tall stand to hold books
- Spanish neighborhood
- Spanish dance
- Countries of Asia
- Make fun of
- Elk Grove High School
- Network of nerves
- Greek apertifs
- Unit of volume
- South Dakota

POLICE LOG

September 11 to September 17

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 186 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 11

7:56 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 200 block of South Main Street.
 8:32 am: Officers responded to a report of a fight in the 100 block of North Main Street.
 9:11 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
 9:18 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

4:50 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of North Lenore Avenue.

September 15

12:49 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
 5:01 am: Officers responded to a report of a fight near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Madrone Street.
 7:09 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.
 10:37 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:04 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.



Christopher Cochran of Willits.

10:06 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Commercial Street.

1:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

3:22 pm: Officers initiated a missing person report in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:00 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

12:13 pm: **COCHRAN, Christopher Lee (37)** of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street following an investigation. He was arrested on felony charges of corporal injury.

3:31 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Railroad Avenue and issued a warning.

8:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal garbage dumping near the intersection of West Commercial Street and South Main Street.

September 12

12:18 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Highway 20.

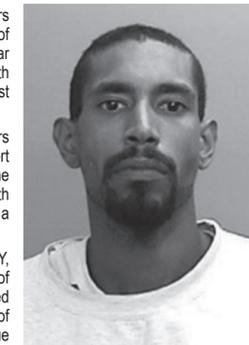
6:21 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:27 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Maple Street.

11:35 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

September 13

5:51 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial Street.



Reginald Sanders of Willits.

9:43 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:35 am: **KENNY, Colleen Jenette (32)** of Willits was contacted in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue following a domestic disturbance. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery.

4:12 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

7:57 pm: Officer initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 14

3:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of State Street and North Humboldt Street.

8:44 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:40 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

1:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Bonnie Lane.

2:17 pm: Officers initiated a missing

7:39 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street.

8:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.

9:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:46 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 16

1:27 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

2:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

8:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Mill Street and Pine Street.

11:19 pm: **SANDERS, Reginald (35)** of Willits was contacted near the intersection of West Valley Street and McKinley Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 148 PC (Resisting Arrest) and on misdemeanor charges of providing a false ID to a police officer.

September 17

3:10 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Pine Street.

11:21 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:56 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

7:46 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance near the intersection of Alameda Avenue and South Main Street.

8:16 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance near the intersection of South Main Street and Highway 20.

8:39 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

10:18 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

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member of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Margie Handley, art educator Gary Martin, executive director of the Ford Street Project Jacque Williams, peer counselor Maxx Alexander, and youth advocate Emily Ockey.

"This time we put together a really good, well-thought-out initiative," Handley said, referring to last year's attempt to raise the sales tax to provide funds to build or rehabilitate physical mental health facilities, Measure AG, which won by 66.22 percent of the vote, but failed to gain the required super majority.

"I think the reason the initiative didn't pass the last time around was because it was flawed," Handley said. "It was confusing, and it didn't have money for staffing, and people could not wrap their minds around that fact. People said, 'we'll have the building and no staffing' – that was the biggest complaint I heard."

Measure B would authorize an additional one-half cent in sales tax for five years, to help raise funds for facilities, which will then be reduced to one-eighth cent sales tax to pay for staffing and other ongoing costs.

"That's 12.5 cents for every \$100 spent," said Sheriff Allman. "That will produce \$1.7 million a year in new revenue – it will not be used to supplant what we're currently spending."

Allman also talked about the 11-person commission the initiative would establish to be "the watch dog for these tax dollars."

At present, Mendocino County is spending funds to have residents in need of institutionalization sent and treated out of the county. This is expensive – Allman said it can cost \$800 to \$1,200 a day for a mental health patient to be treated in Yuba City – "that's usually for three days," he said. And in addition to expense, one of the problems is "when a mental health patient is going through this kind of treatment," Allman said, "they are unable to see their families, it's too long of a distance to Yuba, Sacramento, or wherever it is."

Having treatment locally "is more conducive for better medical treatment, access to their family and a local doctor." When patients return, Allman said, "they have to see an entirely new doctor. We hope there will be a time when these patients will be able to see the same doctor, the same group of doctors, that were involved with the original onset, who will be able to continue to be involved with the treatment – and hopefully recovery – of the patients."

Handley says she, personally, will be advocating for the use of the old Howard Memorial Hospital building as one of the new facilities approval of the initiative will make possible. "It makes more sense, as

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far as construction costs, to rehabilitate an existing building that is perfectly sound, rather than to build a new building." Handley also said, in response to a question about earthquake standards: "We have looked into it thoroughly, and although there are regulations for this type of facility, as far as earthquake standards, the rules are not as onerous as they are for acute care hospitals."

"I'm not advocating for it, I'm not advocating against it," Allman said about the use of HMH, "but to focus our attention on it at this point is forcing people to not understand the purpose of this initiative, to improve the quality of care to people who are mentally ill and their families and their neighborhoods."

Allman said it would be up to the committee established by Measure B to make a recommendation to the board of supervisors – who would then decide – on what facilities are needed and where they should be located.

"We need a PUFF unit [a psychiatric health facility, which would be a lockdown facility], and we need a crisis residential center, a voluntary location where a mental health patient could stay up to 30 days, allowing family members to visit, and doctors to see if recommended medication is working. Hopefully to allow patients to get back on their feet.

"It's certainly the intent to get something on the coast," he added, "whether it's the residential crisis center or a smaller psychiatric health facility, there has to be something on the coast. If you look at statistics of where mental health cases originate, it's fair to say a third originate on the coast."

"We hope this is going to provide good employment for a lot of people," Allman said, citing a conversation he's had with the president of Mendocino College, about the possibility of starting up a mental health technician course of study – "with good salaries," he said.

"I want people who have questions to come to this forum – those are the people I want at the forum," Allman said. "There's got to be some questions I haven't heard."

"We only lost last time by 65 votes," Handley said. "This time we have unanimous support from the Behavioral Health Board. And getting 1,000 signatures in Willits [signatures collected to put the measure on the ballot last year] says there's support in Willits for mental health."

"It's the stigma that makes it difficult, but there's no shame in it," she said. "People have depression, or suicidal thoughts, or general despair – they won't talk about it. And they don't know where to go for help."

The "Support Mental Health Facilities in Mendocino County" forum, sponsored by the American Association of University Women and the Little Lake Grange, is set for Sunday, October 1, from 3 to 5 pm at the Grange, 291 School Street. The forum is free, but donations for the campaign are appreciated.

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their opinions on the matter.

The ordinance will now be scheduled for potential adoption at the next city council meeting on September 27.

City Planner Dusty Duley began the discussion by briefly reviewing the ordinance and discussing some of the recent changes and additions to the final draft.

These included two new types of cannabis business to add to the five previously allowed (indoor cultivation, dispensaries, manufacturing, transportation, and testing). "Packaging and processing" would involve a business working with cannabis from other legal farms, while "infusion" refers to a business using extracts made by other cannabis manufacturers to make things such as edibles or cosmetic products.

Regarding manufacturing, the ordinance was changed to allow the use of some volatile solvents such as ethanol (butane and other more dangerous volatiles will still not be permitted). Duley said the change came after conferring with cannabis manufacturers as well as with the Little Lake Fire District regarding the safety of using ethanol.

Size restrictions were added to the requirement for the up to three dispensaries to be allowed in city limits. Retail space will be capped at 1,500 square feet, and the total facility can be no more than 3,500 square feet.

Language was also added to clarify the city's policy of prohibiting outdoor cultivation, as well as a statement regarding the continued illegality of cannabis under federal law.

Under "Findings and Purpose" the ordinance reads: "As of the date of the enactment of this ordinance, the use, possession, distribution and sale of marijuana is illegal under federal law and those who engage in such activities do so at their own risk of criminal prosecution."

Most who spoke before the vote was taken supported the ordinance, including Tim Blake, founder of the Emerald Cup festival and a longtime cannabis activist.

Blake noted other places in the state, such as Salinas, which have moved more quickly toward embracing legalization, and the economic benefits they've seen, such as increased property values.

"It's time to wake up, come into the modern world, and realize where the state's going," he said. "And make this place something that's viable that brings jobs in here, brings revenues, and [reduces] this deficit you're talking about."

Longtime county resident Fred Marshall talked about his company, which specializes in making tinctures with high cannabidiol (CBD) content, and began as a project to help children with epilepsy whose parents were unable to find the medicine elsewhere. He said he now has products in 45 dispensaries and 60 health food stores.

"I really think this is a very virtuous business that's doing a lot of good," he said. "And I know there's been a lot of stigma around cannabis in the past, but I think this is our opportunity to show we're contributing something very good to the world."

Among those speaking against the ordinance was former Mayor Bruce Burton, who had tried to block formation of the cannabis ad hoc committee during his time as mayor.

Burton claimed the lack of crowd size at the meeting was an indication that the ordinance lacked broad community support, compared to major projects of the past, such as the new hospital.

He also pointed out the city needed to fill multiple job vacancies in the near future – such as city manager, finance director and chief of police – arguing the ordinance could make recruitment more difficult.

"You guys in six months have essentially gutted the local government management team," he said. "And throwing this out as their new responsibility to take on as they come in, and you try and recruit people to take those jobs... You're putting yourselves at a tremendous disadvantage and the community at a disadvantage. And clearly, there's no sense of community pride in making this kind of decision."

Rodriguez didn't specify why she voted no, but was clearly not pleased to see that buffer zones between cannabis businesses and sensitive zones, such as schools, remained at only 200 feet. During a previous council meeting, she had urged that the buffer zones be increased.

Dispensaries are the only exception to the 200-foot rule, and must be at least 600

feet away from any school.

Current Mayor Gerry Gonzalez and Councilmember Ron Orenstein both explained how they changed their outlooks on legalizing and regulating cannabis in recent years as the climate around the issue has changed, and the need for more control over the local industry become apparent.

"I've made my feelings very well known in the past. I was absolutely categorically opposed to marijuana in any way shape or form," said Orenstein. "The reason I changed my mind on adopting a marijuana ordinance is because for at least 20 years we have had a marijuana issue in this county and in this town, and we have had no control of it at all."

"If we do not pass this ordinance, we're still going to have the [marijuana issue]. But we're not going to have the legitimate business people who are [willing] to put millions of dollars of infrastructure into this community, and put their fortunes on the line to make sure we let them operate.... We're going to have the underground. I don't think that's progress."

Gonzalez expressed similar sentiments: "If you told me as a cop that I'd be visiting a dispensary and manufacturing facility for marijuana 20 years ago I would've told you that's never going to happen. But I'd rather have it regulated and have a say, and be able to revoke permits and have the ability to enforce that."

He also had a message for those looking to start cannabis businesses in the city. "To me it's a test for all of us.... Prove that you want to be positive members of this community. The proof is in your actions. The next year or so, as we move into this, I want to see that you're good citizens of Willits, that you're involved in the community."

Gonzalez, Orenstein and Vice Mayor Larry Stranske all voted yes on both actions regarding the ordinance. Councilmember Madge Strong was absent from the meeting.

Other notes

The council approved a new job classification – dispatch center supervisor – with the intention of promoting someone currently working in the dispatch department to that post.

Human Resources Analyst Karen Stevenson urged the council to approve the new classification, arguing that currently a sergeant with the Willits Police Department has been training and supervising the dispatchers, causing an understaffed and overworked department to be stretched even thinner.

"The amount of overtime our officers are working is just phenomenal," said Stevenson. "We need to look for ways to alleviate some of the pressure, and the burden of some of the work they're being responsible to do."

She noted over the last three pay periods, the WPD logged an average of 210 overtime hours.

Orenstein agreed it was better to have the sergeant out "with the troops" rather than supervising dispatchers.

"It's wasting highly trained resources to have a sergeant in the office," he said.

Also approved was a four-month professional services contract for an interim finance director through Regional Government Services, while recruitment for a new permanent director is underway by city staff.

Former Finance Director Susie Holmes moved on from that position last month.

City Manager Adrienne Moore said groundwater from the Elias Well recently approved by the council for full-time use is now a regular part of the city's supply, and is saving six to seven hours of electricity no longer needed while the well is in use during the daytime.

Stranske said the council's finance committee discussed ways to reduce the city's looming budget deficit at its last meeting, but had yet to come up with anything that would significantly cut the projected \$400,000 shortfall for the current fiscal year.

Orenstein suggested looking more closely at each department individually on a regular basis for ways to cut costs. Moore responded that was already common practice.

"I can tell you that outside the finance committee meetings and reviews, every department is taking a hard look day in and day out," the city manager said. "We're trying to decrease everywhere we can, while we are also going to try to come up with some new revenue sources."



Above, from left: Karla McDonald receives a call from Frank Capra, as Mary Burns and Steve Marston look on. Bill Barksdale acts out his concept for Blare Elliott. Blare Elliott reacts to a zany moment from Steve Marston. Below: Blare Elliot, Christopher Martineau, Karla McDonald and Steve Marston rehearse for "Moon Over Buffalo."



'Moon Over Buffalo'
Director Bill Barksdale prepares actors for WCT production

The actress, Blare Elliott (last seen as Roxie in Chicago) starts the scene. Bill Barksdale, the director, listens intently to each inflection, to each nuance. You can see him both listening and thinking concurrently. The other actors are looking at their lines and listening as well, sometimes laughing.

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The actress is trying to unlock the humor in the lines she is reciting, bringing them to life. Each time they go over the scene they discover something new, some new way to understand and become the character.

Barksdale interrupts to give a note and set a prop and explain how they need to relate to the space and the prop. The plant becomes a character of its own. Barksdale stops to tape an area on the floor to represent a balcony in which the action is taking place. It is quite a claustrophobic space, and the actors will have to be aware of the limitations and the advantages of the space. They are limited in available area in which to work but on the other hand, the lack of area becomes a character as well and one with which they need to interact.

They are in rehearsal for the next production at Willits Community Theatre, "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, writer of very incisive and extremely funny Broadway plays. The play opens on November 3. Barksdale explains the plot: "This show is about people who survive, and it's in the context of show business. It's a backstage show business story. It takes place in a broken-down theater in Buffalo, New York.

"This great couple George and Charlotte Hay had been Broadway stars and had made films, and now they're still touring. In middle age they're doing summer stock in Buffalo. Charlotte's mother, who was a great Shakespearean actress, is now the stage manager and does small parts. George, who is a great actor but down on his luck, has gotten a young woman in the company pregnant, which is putting a strain on George and Charlotte's relationship.

"Their daughter has come back," continues Barksdale, "so that the family can meet her new boyfriend. She doesn't want anything to do with show business because she's grown up in it, but she gets drawn into the show against her will. They find out that Frank Capra, the big Hollywood producer, has just lost his leading man and leading lady for a movie that he has just started making. He's coming to see a matinee of this show, but Charlotte is in the process of leaving George and she doesn't believe him and she walks out. George gets drunk and the matinee falls apart. And then you have to come see the show to see what happens."

The play, with such WCT regulars as Steve Marston, Karla McDonald, Mary Burns, Matt Ryan, Lisa Wilcox, Christopher Martineau, Christopher Martin and young Blare Elliott was designed to have a three-month rehearsal schedule as Barksdale, being the consummate

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At left: Bill Barksdale explains a character nuance to Steve Marston.

Below, left: Matt Ryan enjoys the writing.

Below, right: Mary Burns marks her lines at the first read-through of the script.

At bottom: In a small production, everybody must do every job.

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Thursday, September 21

The Cannabis Hour: Host Jane Futcher welcomes Sheriff Tom Allman, 9 am on KZYX Radio, Thursday, September 21. "Who's getting busted by the Sheriff and who's not under the county's new medical cannabis cultivation ordinance? If you'd like to hear what Sheriff Tom Allman has to say about his job since the county's new cannabis regs went into effect," tune in. Questions at 707 895-2448 at about 9:40 am.

"Maintaining Inner Light": Last chance this weekend to see the 3-D wall sculptures by Nancy McHone that were part of her healing process from cancer. Also, the jewelry of Megan McHone. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Info: visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org or 459-1726.

International Day of Peace: A celebration of the International Day of Peace hosted by Willits Rotary Club, Nuestrra Alianza, Interfaith Counsel, WHS Rainbow Peace Club, and many other peace-loving groups from 5 to 8:30 pm at Willits High School. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6 pm (donations accepted). Also, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, a free bilingual program of music, dance, prayers and blessings for peace from Pomo, Konkow Band of Maidu, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and other traditions. Celebrate with Baile Folklorico, Emandal Chorale, a WHS band, youth poets, artists, dancers and musicians, Willits Interfaith Council. Mayor Gerry Gonzalez will present a new peace pole to Willits High School and the Rainbow Peace Club inscribed in eight languages with the message: "May Peace Prevail on Earth."



Jewels & Johnny Nation

WHS Soccer: Willits High School vs. Clearlake High School at home. Thursday, September 14. Girls game at 4 pm (head coach Tatiana Cantrell); boys game at 5:30 pm.

WHS Volleyball: Willits High School vs. Clearlake High School at home. Thursday, September 21. JV at 5 pm (JV head coach Tim Miller); varsity at 6 pm (varsity head coach Jill Walton).

Hot Topics in Diabetes: Zumba with Maddy Cole. Thursday, September 21. 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Seabiscuit Conference Room, Howard Memorial Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive. RSVP: Dietitian's Office: 456-3132.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": comic Steve

Martin's play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" runs through September 24 at Willits Community Theatre. This comedic play of ideas, directed by Jim Mastin, brings revolutionary artist Pablo Picasso and renowned physicist Albert Einstein to the famed Parisian cafe where they discuss the implications of their work and attempt to predict what is coming next. Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm on September 17 and 24 at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane.

Shanachie Pub: Jewels & Johnny Nation - "rock & roll wise man and the dancing dynamo." Thursday, September 21. 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, September 22

Laytonville Healthy Start: Healthy Start celebrates its 20th anniversary, with the unveiling of its "Backyard Healing Garden." Treats by Beth Hogan. Friday, September 22. 4 to 7 pm. Laytonville Healthy Start Family Resource Center (Harwood Hall), 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Info: 984-8089.

Now and Then Film Series: Little Lake Grange presents "Cash Crop," a feature-length documentary road trip all around California to the Emerald Triangle and "the heart of the American Dream," documenting America's largest cash crop: marijuana. (Varsity trailers & short films, and organic heirloom popcorn and fair trade chocolate. Friday, September 22. 6:30 pm. \$5 donation requested. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Holiday Crafts Fair call for artists

Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the 31st Annual Holiday Craft Fair to take place on December 8, 9 and 10, at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, and the Willits Center for the Arts Upstairs Gallery, 71 East Commercial Street. All interested artists, handcrafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs should request application forms by e-mail to: Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com, or by mail: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Drive, Willits, CA 95490, and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please note: acceptance is subject to quality of work and earliest postmark date.

Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo

Saturday, October 7
The 6th annual Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo, starts at 10 am on October 7 at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Three-man teams will be competing in a variety of real-life rancher tasks including calf branding, ranch doctoring, team sorting, calf roping and trailer loading. Plus BBQ cook-off and Calcutta auction will be held in the afternoon: barbecue at noon and auction at 1 pm. Kids dummy roping, 2 pm. Raffle tickets to win a Yeti cooler (donated by Mendo Mill) will also be available presale from the Willits Frontier Days board and at J.D. Redhouse for \$5 each or five for \$20. Rodeo events are free to attend for spectators, and \$10 BBQ taster tickets are available. Entry fees and forms available online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com under the "Year Round" tab. Info: Marcy Barry, 272-5395 or Robbie Burgess, 489-0476.

Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser for Rich Venturi

Saturday, October 7
On Saturday, October 7 from 4:30 to 7 pm at Brooktrails Community Center, 5798 Ridgewood Road, there will be a spaghetti feed fundraiser to raise money to aid Rich Venturi in his ongoing battle with cancer and mounting medical costs. Along with the meal, there will be a silent and live auctions and a 50/50 raffle. Also, The Basics with high-energy party music. Advance tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and children; at the door: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and children. For information and tickets: Mylinda 472-8474, Shailyn 972-1669.

Naturopathy Lecture at WCA

Tuesday, October 3
On Tuesday, October 3 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Avenues to Wellness presents Claudia Wenning, ND, MA, CNC who will deliver a lecture titled "Improve Your Health Right Now!...Back to Basic Self-Care." Using naturopathy, Claudia presents a comprehensive yet simple program that can quickly improve health. The focus of naturopathy is to heal the cause of disease through application of natural therapies and techniques. Claudia is a traditional naturopath who has been practicing for over 24 years. Avenues to Wellness was created especially for Inland Mendocino County by the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Visit www.avenuestowellness.org or email atwforhealth@gmail.com for more information and for the upcoming ATW Speaker Series presentation at the Willits Art Center the first Tuesday evening of each month. Information: 456-9676

Humboldt Hills Hoedown at the Mateel

Saturday, September 30
The 13th year of the Humboldt Hills Hoedown, "bluegrass and beyond," at the Mateel Community Center, Redway. Lineup: Sarah Shook & The Disarmers, T Sisters, Miss Lonely Hearts, Wicklow Atwater, April Moore & Ranch Party, Lone Star Junction, Way Out West, Back To The Hill & more. Also vendors, a lively kid corral, BBQ, beer & wine, down-home country games and a whole lotta country fun. 12 noon to midnight. All ages welcome. Advance tickets are available online only at mateel.org for \$20, \$25 at the door. Info: 923-3368.

What's Happening Around Town



"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Comic Steve Martin's play of ideas, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, September 21 listing for details.

CD Release Party at the Community Center: Freqs Entertainment presents live music with Weird Year, Lightning Amen and Self Fulfilling Prophecies. Full bar (ID required) provided by the Lions Club. Friday, September, 22. 8 pm to 12 midnight. \$10 cover at the door. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: IllumiGnosis, "genre-bending psychedelic power trio." Friday, September 22. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 23

Grange Work Party: Volunteers needed to help with painting, parking lot repairs, basement cleanout, etc. Donuts and coffee for workers. Saturday, September 23. 9 am to 2 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Willits Airport Day: This year's annual Willits Airport Day salutes the Willits Lions Club and other local service groups, and features rides over the Little Lake valley in a 1929 Travel Air biplane flown by commercial pilot Harold Schooler (\$60 seat; open cockpit seating). Rides in a modern Robinson helicopter from AirShasta of Redding also for sale. Tri-tip sandwiches au jus and more great food from the Lions Club and root beer floats from the Willits Senior Center. KLLG-LP will provide information about their new local radio station. American Legion Post 174 will conduct the flag ceremony at 10 am. Other exhibitors

include REACH Air Medical Services, CalSTAR, California Highway Patrol, Community Emergency Response Team, Willits Police, Little Lake Fire Department, Brooktrails Fire Department, and, if available, the local CalFire Helitack helicopter. Free admission to view the aircraft and free parking. Saturday, September 23. 9 am to 3 pm. Willits Municipal Airport, 5 miles north on Sherwood Road then 1 mile east on Poppy Drive. Follow the "Airport Day" signs. Info: www.WillitsFlyIn.com. Local businesses are also encouraged to exhibit free of charge by calling Airport Manager Dan Ramsey at 841-6252.

Christmas in September: The Methodist Church invites the public to celebrate the "Christmas Miracle" early: Sing Christmas carols, eat Christmas treats, and most importantly bring gifts for the homeless youth of Willits. New or used sleeping bags (clean), blankets, tarps, pads, tents, waterproof jackets, hygiene products, flashlights/batteries. Service starts at 10 am. Saturday, September 23. Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street.

Free Resume Writing Workshops: Flow Kana is sponsoring resume writing workshops for jobs with cannabusinesses on Saturday, September 23, 1 to 3 pm, and Wednesday, September 27, 1 to 3 pm. Mendocino Cannabis Resource office, 399 D South Main Street. Info or to register: 223-4367, or mendocinocannabisresource@gmail.com.

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Shanachie Pub: AC Myles Blues Band, "raised in the Central Valley with a keen ear and a take-no-prisoners approach." Saturday, September 23. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, September 24

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, September 24 (and every fourth Sunday through October). "Join your friends at the Grange breakfast! \$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 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. Note: Grange is looking for help: Joyce 459-5050.

ERRP Field Trip: Eel River Recovery Project, ERRP, is organizing a trip to the Angelo Reserve, 7,660 acres of pristine wilderness west of Branscomb on Wilderness Lodge Road. Bring a bag lunch, liquids to drink. Sunday, September 24 (also Thursday September 28). Meet at 9 am, depart 9:30 am from the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street. Info: Robin Leler 459-0155.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile": Comic Steve Martin's play of ideas. Today's 2 pm matinee is the final show of the run. at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, September 21 listing for details.

Tuesday, September 26

Guitar virtuoso at WCA: Guitarist Pierre Bensusan is celebrating his 40th world tour. He's won numerous awards, including being voted "best world guitarist" by Guitar Player Magazine's readers poll. Presented by Mendocino Guitar Hospital. Tuesday, September 26. 7 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$24 at door, available at J.D. Redhouse, and online @ www.pierrebensusan.com.

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 movie: "It." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, September 27

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WHS Cross Country: Willits High School vs. Clearlake High School at home. Wednesday, September 27. 3:30 pm (head coach Michelle Kluskiewicz).

Community HU Song at WCA: Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom invites the public to join in the uplifting prayer/mantra for inner calm and divine love called "HU Song." Wednesday, September 27. 6 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 972-2475, or miraclesinyoulife.org.

Thursday, September 28

ERRP Field Trip: Eel River Recovery Project, ERRP, is organizing a second trip to the Angelo Reserve, 7,660 acres of pristine wilderness west of Branscomb on Wilderness Lodge Road. Bring a bag lunch, liquids to drink. Thursday, September 28. Meet at 9 am, depart 9:30 am from the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street. Info: Robin Leler 459-0155.

Cannabis Job Fair at the Grange: Mendocino Cannabis Resource is hosting the first-ever cannabis job fair to help connect emerging cannabusiness and prospective employees. Cannabusinesses are looking to hire many positions: accountant/ bookkeeping, administrator/ executive assistant, human resource, consultant, butnders/retail, chefs, delivery drivers, extraction techs, farm/garden labor, master growers, management, sales/marketing, lab techs, security, trimmers. There will be indoor and outdoor opportunities for full-time, part-time, seasonal, and independent contractors. Positions to be filled are mostly, but not exclusively, in Mendocino County. Thursday, September 28. 1 to 4 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 223-4367, or mendocinocannabisresource@gmail.com.

Friday, September 29

The T Sisters at the Grange: the Oakland-based mostly acoustic Americana sextet the T Sisters, featuring the vocal harmonies of sisters Erika, Rachel and Chloe Tietjen, perform soulful bluegrass originals and covers to benefit the Little Lake Grange. Friday, September 29 at the Grange, 291 School Street. Opening band: the popular and danceable Pick & Pull. Doors open 7 pm for dinner, provided by Nite Bites Cafe; music starts at 7:30 pm. Wine by Frey Vine-



The T Sisters

yards, beer from Shanachie Pub, with desserts. Also, a "kids space" for the youngsters. Tickets, \$20 in advance at J.D. Redhouse, and \$25 at the door.

Shanachie Pub: Shaky String Band straight from the Rockies "original lyrics ... high-energy feel good licks." Friday, September 29. 10 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, September 30

Awana Vendor Fair and Yard Sale: Fundraiser to support scholarships for the Agape Church's Awana program for kids aged pre-school through 12th grade: "Our policy is to never turn away a family that wants to participate regardless of ability to pay for supplies." Featuring: Party Lite, Pampered Chef, Lula Roe, Premier Designs, Norwex, Origami Owl, Tupperware, Pine Mountain Honey and Eggs, Young Living Essential Oils, Teen Ministries Baked Goods, Whispering Peace Soy Candles, Ramirez Taco Truck, and a multi-family yard sale. Saturday, September 30. 9 am to 3 pm. Agape Bible Church, 390 South Lenore.

Shanachie Pub: Bug Guts CD release party. Well-loved local duo features Rosebud and Scott Ireland. Saturday, September 30. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



COLUMN | At the Movies



'Lucky Logan'

The Story: This is a clever comedy directed by Steven Soderbergh. It's a caper movie. A couple of brothers and a sister, with the help of some crazy-funny friends, create an unusual scheme to rob a huge NASCAR event. The flick features a couple of movies-worth of major movie actors in large and small parts playing over-the-top characters, all with a great deal of sentimental love for the folks of West Virginia.

My Thoughts: When I say major actors, I mean movie stars: Channing Tatum, Katie Holmes, Adam Driver, Seth MacFarlane, Daniel Craig, Hilary Swank and and and and ... it's a long list. Actors want to appear in a Soderbergh movie. I do not know why this is so, but they do. Soderbergh directed the "Ocean's Eleven ... Twelve ... Thirteen" remakes or "Contagion" all of which sport a host of A-list stars. Perhaps it's that Soderbergh



has the ability to make "funny-serious" movies like "Erin Brockovich" or "The Informant" which have commercial appeal.

I have trouble rating comedies for the obvious reason that what's really funny to some people is not funny to others. Some jokes grate on me, or are too cruel, or leave me cold. It's all a matter of taste. I don't laugh at fart jokes. Maybe I should, maybe that's a personal failing. I guess they remind me of death ... it was his last gasp. That's sort of funny ... or maybe I'm just odd. Oh well, that caveat noted. This flick is funny. And it's clever. I enjoy Soderbergh's movies and I loved this one.

Parents: This flick is too old for young children, but there's nothing harmful to them. Teens and up.

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

Get the Facts about Measure B

Sunday, October 1
On Sunday, October 1 from 3 to 5 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, community members will speak about the immense need for new mental health facilities in Mendocino County. This event, sponsored by Willits AAUW (American Association of University Women) and the Little Lake Grange, features discussion and a Q&A by Sheriff Tom Allman, Behavioral Health Advisory Board member and Howard Foundation President Margie Handley; art educator Gary Martin, MA; Jacque Williams of the Ford Street Project; peer counselor Maxx Alexander, and youth advocate Emily Ockey, to clarify the details about the mental health initiative Measure B. Free, donations appreciated. "This very important issue, Measure B, is the only item on the ballot in November. The decision we make regarding this issue will affect the well-being of our community for years to come." Info: Carol Orton: 972-6333.



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Sunday, Oct. 1, 3:00-5:00 PM
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Sponsored by Willits AAUW and the Little Lake Grange. FREE, donations appreciated. Community members will speak about the immense need for mental health facilities in Mendocino County. This very important issue, Measure B, is the only item on the Ballot in November. The decision we make regarding this issue will affect the well-being of our community for years to come. It is imperative that we take action and vote to ensure the health of our community. Please register to vote by October 24... online, by mail, or at the County Offices.

Dinners from Around the World

Friday, October 6
The Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, is hosting the Dinners from Around the World - Mexican Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, October 6, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Authentic Mexican food prepared by Nuestra Alianza De Willits. Entertainment included. Donations are appreciated. Half of the proceeds will go to Nuestra Alianza. Seating is limited, please RSVP for a guaranteed seat at 459-2855.

Senior Center Lunch

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Tuesday: Ham & Cheese Stromboli
Wednesday: Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry
Thursday: Carnitas Tacos
Friday: Birthday Turkey Dinner
Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Ride in a 1929 biplane at Airport Day on Saturday

The Willits Airport Day & Lions Club Fly-In this Saturday, September 23, will feature a historic aircraft: a 1929 Travel Air biplane flown by commercial pilot Harold Schooner. Travel Air was a popular aircraft manufacturer of the 1920s and 1930s established in Wichita, Kansas, by aviation pioneers Clyde Cessna, Walter Beech, and Lloyd Stearman. The aircraft appearing at Willits Airport Day is a Travel Air model 4000 with a Continental radial engine.

The aircraft is owned, maintained and flown by Schooler Flying Company of Chico, California. The biplane has open-cockpit seating for the pilot and two passengers. Rides will be available on the aircraft beginning at approximately 9 am for \$60 per seat.

A modern Robinson helicopter from AirShasta of Redding also will be offering rides for sale during Willits Airport Day. Other exhibitors include REACH Air Medical Services, CalSTAR, California Highway

Patrol, Community Emergency Response Team, Willits Police, Little Lake Fire Department, Brooktrails Fire Department and, if available, the local CalFire Helitack helicopter. Local and other regional aircraft are expected to fly in from across northern California.

This year's Willits Airport Day salutes the Willits Lions Club, which provides a wide variety of services to Willits and Little Lake Valley residents and beyond. Besides their fundraising barbecues and pancake breakfasts, the Willits Lions Club collects eyeglasses and performs other community services as well as funding service projects throughout the world through the 1.5-million member Lions International, the world's largest service organization.

The Willits Lions Club will be selling trip sandwiches au jus and other foods from 9 am to 3 pm. Another local service group, the Willits Senior Center, will make root beer floats for dessert, with proceeds from



1929 Travel Air biplane and a modern Robinson helicopter will offer rides this Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm at Willits Airport Day.

both food vendors going to support local services. KLLG-LP will provide information about their new local lower-power radio station. American Legion Post 174 will conduct the flag ceremony at 10 am. Local businesses are also encouraged to exhibit free of charge by calling Airport Manager Dan Ramsey at 841-6252.

Willits Municipal Airport is located approximately five miles north of Highway 101 on Sherwood Road and one mile east on Poppy Drive. Follow the "AIRPORT DAY" signs. For more information call 841-6252 or visit WillitsFlyIn.com.

— Dan Ramsey, Willits Airport Manager

Art Center hosts concert by guitar virtuoso Pierre Bensusan

On Tuesday, September 26, the Willits Art Center hosts an evening with virtuoso guitarist Pierre Bensusan, who is currently celebrating his 40th world tour. "Bensusan's beautiful compositions, fluid playing style and incredible technique continue to captivate audiences worldwide and have brought him numerous awards, including being voted 'best world guitarist' by Guitar Player Magazine's readers poll," the press release for the concert says.

Bensusan is stopping in Willits, thanks to his friend Bruce Potter of the Mendocino Guitar Hospital, who also teaches science and "luthiery," the construction and repair of stringed instruments, at Laytonville High School. Laytonville is the only public high school in the country creating unique stringed instruments designed and built entirely from the ground up.

When Potter saw Bensusan's itinerary for his latest tour, he invited him to stop in Willits. Potter designed this show at the WCA "as a community event, an investment in local arts and culture, and a special opportunity for all to see a master musician in prime form, in an intimate, local setting."

Born in French-Algeria in 1957, Pierre Bensusan's family moved to Paris when he was 4. He began formal studies on piano at the age of 7 and at 11 taught himself guitar. Influenced in those early days by the folk revival blooming in Britain, France and North America, Bensusan began first to

explore his own diverse musical heritage and then moved to the horizons beyond.

At 17 he signed his first recording contract, and one year later his first album "Pres de Paris" won the Grand Prix du Disque upon his debut at the Montreux Festival.

Bensusan's name became synonymous with contemporary acoustic guitar genius, long before the terms New Age, New Acoustic Music or World Music were invented. He has the ability to make a single guitar sound like an entire band, as he brings the audience on a mesmerizing musical journey. And yet, Bensusan is more than what any musician or music lover expects from a guitarist. He is a composer as well as a bilingual and a brave improvisational vocalist, melding whistles and resonant low notes with something like his own scat technique.

There is a sense of something both playful and serious in his work, an unparalleled sense of freedom in his compositions and his improvisations. His "manner" of playing defies classification – crossing world, classical, jazz, traditional, folk and more.

The concert is set for Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Tickets, \$20 in advance and \$24 at the door, are available at J.D. Redhouse and online at www.pierrebensusan.com.



Virtuoso guitarist Pierre Bensusan performs at the Art Center on September 24.

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September 14 to September 20

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

09-14-2017 (East Side Road)

Responded to reported single-vehicle rollover. Little Lake Fire provided single-lane traffic control. 17 firefighters responded for service.

09-16-17 (Main Street)

Responded to reported vegetation fire. Upon arrival fire was out. 12 firefighters responded for service.

09-16-17 (Crest Drive)

Responded to a medical aid call. Little Lake Fire assisted medical staff currently at scene. 11 firefighters responded for service.

09-18-17 (Highway 162)

Responded to a medical aid call. Little Lake Fire assisted medical staff at scene during transport to Howard Memorial Hospital. 13 firefighters responded for service.

09-18-17 (Highway 101 / Ridgewood Ranch area)

Responded to a reported traffic collision. Little Lake Fire was canceled during response. 9 firefighters responded for service.

09-18-17 (Highway 101, mile marker 37)

Responded to a reported traffic collision. Little Lake Fire was canceled during response. 10 firefighters responded for service.

09-19-17 (100 block South Main Street)

Responded to a reported traffic collision. Little Lake Fire assisted medical staff with loading the patient. Fire also provided single-lane traffic control. 16 firefighters responded for service.

09-20-17 (Highway 101, mile marker 37)

Responded to a reported traffic collision. Little Lake Fire provided single-lane traffic control. 11 firefighters responded for service.

09-20-17 (Highway 101, mile marker 39)

Responded to a reported traffic collision. Little Lake Fire provided single-lane traffic control. 15 firefighters responded for service.

09-20-17 (Highway 101, mile marker 36)

Responded to a reported traffic collision. Little Lake Fire provided single-lane traffic control. 12 firefighters responded for service.

09-20-17 (Highway 101, mile marker 52)

Responded to a reported traffic collision. Patient was transported via ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital. 12 firefighters responded for service.

09-20-17 (Ridgewood Road)

Responded to a reported chimney fire. Upon arrival fire was out. 14 firefighters responded for service.



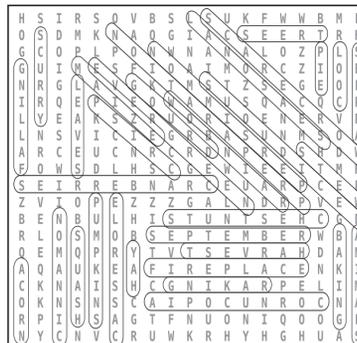
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- Network Systems Analyst I/II
- Substance Abuse Program & Services Manager

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 9/1/2017.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on August 29, 2017.

s/Michael Adams
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLITS REPEALING CHAPTER 9.20 OF THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, REPEALING CHAPTER 17.86 ENTITLED MARIJUANA CULTIVATION, MODIFYING CHAPTERS 17.06, 17.24, 17.26, 17.28 AND 17.29 AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.85 ENTITLED MEDICAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES

The City Council of the City of Willits shall convene at a duly noticed council meeting on September 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Willits City Hall Council Chambers, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, to consider the adoption of a new City Ordinance repealing Chapter 9.20 of the Willits Municipal Code entitled Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, repealing Chapter 17.86 entitled Marijuana Cultivation, modifying Chapters 17.06, 17.24, 17.26, 17.28 and 17.29 and adding Chapter 17.85 entitled Medical Cannabis Activities relating to the cultivation, processing, distribution, testing, research, transportation, dispensing and manufacturing of medical cannabis.

The following summary of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code section 36933 which provides that a city council may publish a summary of a proposed ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the city council meeting at which the proposed ordinance is to be adopted. The full text of the proposed ordinance shall also be posted in the office of the Willits City Clerk for at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting of September 27, 2017 and will also be available for review on the City of Willits website, cityofwillits.org

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE:

The proposed ordinance contains findings and declarations including the following:

- To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is the desire of the City Council to modify the City Code consistent with the Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), regarding the location and operation of Medical Cannabis Activities within the boundaries of the City.

- It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to regulate medical cannabis cultivation, processing, distribution, testing, dispensing and manufacturing in a manner that is consistent with State law and promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and businesses within the City, while limiting the negative impacts associated with such Medical Cannabis Activities.

- It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter to accommodate the needs of medically-ill persons in need of cannabis for medical purposes while imposing regulations on the use of land to protect City neighborhoods, residents, and businesses from negative impacts. The City intends to be on the forefront of ground breaking research, science, innovation, and development of treatment for symptoms and cures in the field of medical cannabis, as scientific research, studies, and data has established that cannabis can help patients with a vast array of medical conditions.

- Operation of a commercial medical cannabis business requires approval of a Cannabis Activity Permit from the Community Development Department. Decision can be appealed to the City Council

- All commercial cannabis uses must be set back 200 feet from any school, public playground or park, or licensed child care or licensed day care facility. Further, no Medical Cannabis Dispensary shall be established, developed, or operated within 600 feet of a school.

- Each cannabis business will be subject to City inspection and fees.

- Background checks will be performed by the City on all owners and employees of commercial cannabis businesses.

- A Medical Cannabis Activity is allowed only within a Fully Enclosed and Secure Structure.

- Odors from cannabis businesses shall not be detectable from outside the facility

The proposed Ordinance will establish specific land use zoning and development standards for medical cannabis land uses. The proposed Ordinance would establish a regulatory framework allowing for a number of cannabis uses including indoor cultivation, manufacturing, dispensaries, testing and research labs, distribution and transportation, packaging and processing and infusion.

/s/ Dusty Duley, City Planner

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Volunteer Opportunities

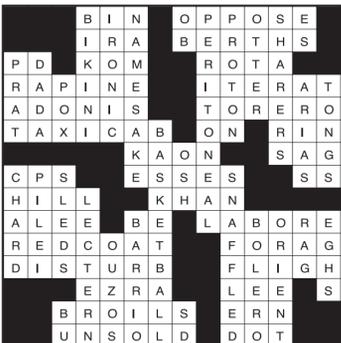
The Willits Senior Center has many areas where your expertise and talents are needed. Front Desk, Thrift Store, Dining Room, Sunday Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, Special Dinners, Landscaping, Garden, Firewood. Come join our team, call Deb at 707-459-6826.

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Paul Bliss

Paul Clinton Bliss, 83, passed away August 24, 2017, at the VA hospital in San Francisco, with loving family by his side.

Paul was born May 5, 1934, in Oakland, California, to Paul P. And Cecile K. (Steffen) Bliss. He met the love of his life, Meredith A. Bottome, and they married February 6, 1954, and raised six children together.

He graduated from Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley, California. He proudly served in the army reserves for three years; he then enlisted in 1956 in the Air Force, where his career of 50+ years as a computer processing system analyst began. He worked many jobs throughout his career.

In 1976, Paul and his family moved to Mendocino County – he still commuted back and forth working for Crowley Maritime in San Francisco. He then landed a job as data processing manager for Remco Hydraulics in Willits.

He had a love for our country and a deep appreciation for those who served in our military. He devoted most of his time to the American Legion Post 174 as adjutant. He also wrote and published the American Legion newsletter for the whole district.

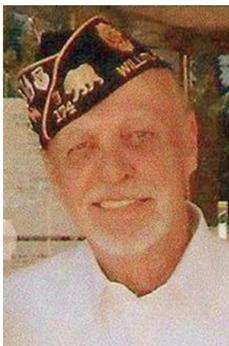
Paul is survived by his children: John and Cecile (Bliss) Elfman, Katrina (Bliss) Peers, Doug and Alicia (Bliss) Berry, Meredith (Bliss) Boone-Denham, Paul D., and Sabrina Bliss; nieces and nephews: Bill and Pat Moffett, Barbara Hazelhorst and Doreen Ligertwood; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Lovingly known as "Grumpa," everyone will miss Paul for his dry humor and funny jokes; he was truly one of a kind.

Paul was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Meredith A. Bliss, parents Paul P. and Cecile K. Bliss, son Darrell P. Bliss, and sister Peggy (Bliss) Gray.

A memorial service and potluck has been set up for Sunday, October 1, 2017, at 12 noon at St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive in Willits, and a short graveside service will follow at 3 pm, at Little Lake Cemetery on East Hill Road.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Legion Post 174, or St. John Lutheran Church.



Barbara Muller

Barbara Atwood Muller, 91, died August 17, 2017, peacefully in her home surrounded by family and friends. Barbara was born in Pasadena, California, the daughter of Ruth and Jesse Howell Atwood. She attended public schools in Galesburg, Illinois, where her family moved when she was a young child. She received her BA from Knox College, where her father had a professorship, and then attended the University of Chicago Seminary program. She ultimately received her teaching credential, and later her specialist certification in education.

In Willits, Barbara was employed by the Willits Unified School District as a resource specialist until her retirement in 1987. She helped to establish Our Daily Bread. She was involved in the American Association of University Women, where she participated in the Women's Living History Project and was involved in establishing a program designed to make math and science more accessible to girls and young women.

Barbara was an active member of the Willits Methodist Church establishing a walking labyrinth for meditation and prayer on the church grounds. She also supported Friends of the Library and was involved in an ongoing book club.

Barbara and her husband, Glen, lived great adventures, including a 6,000-mile motorcycle trip throughout Mexico and a year-long cruising experience down the Pacific Coast on their sailboat.

Barbara leaves her beloved husband, Glen; two sons, Peter Beckman and his wife, Jill, of Santa Cruz, and Montgomery Muller and his wife, Gail, of Missouri; three daughters Cary, married to Alan Wexlar, Sarah, married to Jeffrey Bartholomew, both of Santa Barbara, and Michelle, married to John Snider of Willits. She also leaves several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on September 30, 2017 at the Willits Methodist Church with Reverend Rosemary Landry presiding. There will be a luncheon served after this celebration of Barbara's life. Memorial gifts in Barbara Atwood Muller's name can be made to the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, Willits, CA 95490, or the Willits AAUW Ukiah Branch, P.O. Box 1626, Ukiah, CA 95482.



Cannabis Diary

Cannabis Job Fair – a Willits first

Jane Futcher
Columnist

Willits has come a long way in the world of cannabis this year. The city now has voted to adopt a cannabis-friendly ordinance, and on Thursday, September 28, our town will be the site of the first-of-its-kind Mendocino County Cannabis Job Fair at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from 1 to 5 pm.

We can thank cannabis policy wonk and entrepreneur Karen Byars of Willits, and her Mendocino Cannabis Resource, for the foresight and planning it's taken to put on the event.

No, this isn't just a way to recruit trimmers.

Byars promises that the businesses registered will be filling a wide range of jobs and positions, including: accountants and bookkeepers; executive administrators and assistants; HR personnel; consultants; bud tenders for retail outlets; chefs; delivery drivers; extraction techs; farm and garden labor; master growers; sales/marketing folks; lab techs; security people; and, of course, trimmers.

Some jobs are full-time, some part-time, some seasonal, some independent contractor work, some remote work, and a few are internship positions. Most of the jobs are in Mendocino County, but Byars says some cannabis businesses from

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Above: The new customer dining area looks out into the depot yard. Below: Pie crusts wait to be filled.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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that supplies vegetables to the Roots Restaurant at the hospital. Other local suppliers include Mendo Lake Food Hub a distribution co-op; Filigreen Farm, which provides a variety of fresh fruits; and Mendocino Grain Project, a producer of flour and grains. Most of the farms and ingredients are organic. For their specialty pies, Kemmy's uses Barra Winery and American Craft Whiskey Distillery (in their new Caramel Sauce).

As Kemmy's expands their menu, they plan to offer for breakfast, Bacon Waffles, and for lunch, a limited sandwich special, Meatball Poppers, a special Garlicy Chicken Pot Pie (done Kemmy's style with no peas), perhaps a Salad of the Day along with their fresh-baked sweet or savory pies. One possible new seasonal product they offered as a sample on a recent Friday is a fig galette, made with figs harvested from a local tree and Shamrock Artisan Goat Cheese from the Willits valley.

"We started inside a mobile food trailer," explained Amy, "like the food carts you see all over the place now. We had one before they were super popular. It was a really good start for us because we really didn't have a commercial kitchen. We weren't really sure what we wanted to make out of the business. We knew we wanted to do pies, but we also did catering at the time, and we had a barbecue shop. We sold sandwiches out at the Les Schwab parking lot out of our trailer, and we did pies. That's what we did at first. We did that for about two years.

"We then moved over to the baggage room," continued Amy. "It's the other building on the Skunk Train property. That was our prep facility. But we still cooked out of the trailer because that's where our ovens were. That was fun and interesting, but we had outgrown the trailer and we needed more space. All the girls helped out, with the exception of Rebecca who lives in Arkansas. Katie and Natalie were still in school so they helped when they could, after school."

Their current location at the historic Skunk Train depot became available but needed a complete remodel and renovation, which Brenda oversaw. After moving into the new facility, there was no turning back. Their business took off and now their pies are available in Mendocino, Humboldt, Sonoma and Lake counties. In Willits, they can be found at J.D. Redhouse, Night Bites and Safeway.

Kemmy's produces over 30 varieties of pies including several varieties of apple, cherry, custard, pumpkin, strawberry rhubarb, raspberry peach crumb, and some meringue pies. Specialty pies include Abe's Bacon Apple Shots, Black & Blue Cab, Bourbon Sweet Potato, and Noggy and Nice. The also offer savory pies such as chicken, sage mushroom and taco. If you call ahead, you can get specialty pies, like their gluten-free non-allergenic Lavender Honey Pear, which is available only on Thursdays and Fridays. You can also purchase a Kemmy's T-shirt for \$20.

They love Willits and never want to leave. "I just want to say how grateful we are to be in this town," said Amy. "They've really embraced us. We're very appreciative of everybody that's supported our business."

Kemmy's, 299 East Commercial Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 2 pm. Check them out online at www.kemmyspies.com or "Kemmy's Pies" on Facebook. Contact them at 707-367-5498 or Kemmyspies@gmail.com.

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outside the county will be on hand looking to hire.

You don't need a medical cannabis card to attend the free event, but you must be 18 years old. Byars suggests applicants pre-register, wear business attire, leave children with sitters, and have plenty of resumes to hand out.

If you need help writing a resume, Byars is one step ahead of you. She still has space in free resume-writing workshops on Saturday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 26 at the Mendocino Cannabis Resource office, 299-D South Main Street.

If you are a business that would like to participate, Byars will send you a packet explaining all the details.

To enroll, call Mendocino Cannabis Resource at 707 223-4367 or email mendocinocannabisresource@gmail.com

Congratulations to Byars, not to mention the Willits City Council and Planning Department, for creating opportunities and legal paths to success for the exploding cannabis industry. The Mendocino Cannabis Resource Job Fair is a unique event and amazing opportunity that can open doors and career paths to people of all ages, stripes and skill-levels!

Jane Futcher hosts "The Cannabis Hour" every other Thursday at 9 am, on KZYX/Mendocino County Public Broadcasting. She's the author of five books, including "Women Gone Wild," a memoir about moving to Mendocino County.

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staff report provided by the sheriff's office, the process that led to the hiring of NaphCare and termination of the contract with CMFG was prolonged and thorough.

A request for proposals was issued on February 19 of this year. By the close of the April 7 submission period, three proposals had been received. On April 19, a seven-person review committee was seated to examine the proposals. NaphCare and CMFG were selected as the top two applicants.

On April 26 and May 2, oral presentations were made by both companies, and on May 22, the county executive office contracted with registered nurse Rebecca Craig to perform a clinical review of both the CMFG and NaphCare proposals.

On June 24, four county officials – CEO Carmel Angelo, Sheriff Tom Allman, Lt. John Bednar and Capt. Tim Pearce – as well as Craig, inspected jail medical and mental health operations at Washoe County Jail in Reno, Nevada, for which NaphCare is the provider. The inspection yielded a positive assessment.

On August 4, Capt. Pearce had a conversation with an employee of the investment firm that currently owns CMFG. During that conversation, Pearce learned the firm's business model is to acquire companies, rehabilitate them, and then sell them at a profit.

According to the report from the sheriff's office, "The investment firm's typical timeframe for a potential sale is within approximately five years. This practice is a concern to the county, given that CMFG has been owned by this investment firm for approximately five years, leaving the future ownership of CMFG unclear during a possible future contract term."

On August 16, the evaluation review panel met to score the two proposals. Each person on the panel gave NaphCare a higher score than CMFG: 2,922 for NaphCare, 2,670 for CMFG and 1,977.5 for the third applicant, Correct Care Solutions.

On Tuesday, supervisors voted unanimously to direct staff to prepare and execute a contract for jail medical and mental health services with NaphCare. The contract with CMFG will remain in effect through December 31.

According to the sheriff's office's report, the contract price for services provided by NaphCare is \$418,994 per year less than the price requested by CMFG, while the level of service appears to be comparable to CMFG's. And NaphCare's insurance package appears to be superior to the one carried by CMFG.

NaphCare's insurance offers a \$6 million per individual incident and a \$10 million in total aggregate, at no extra cost to the county.

In announcing the recommendations of his office, the executive office and the results of the evaluation review panel's scoring process to the board of supervisors, Allman praised CMFG. "CMFG had been a very good provider of medical services in the jail for 27 years," he said. "I bear them no ill will. I like them and I respect them. This is a business decision."

The rest of **WCT** | From Page 7

artist and technician, insists on manicuring every nuance of the dialog and action into a production as perfect as possible and as close to his vision and understanding as can be realized.

However, a production with eight actors, a director, two stage managers and various technical people has built-in problems which must be overcome in order for all the elements to get together into the work of art that the director had in mind when he conceived of the project.

This production has not been without its pratfalls. A couple of the main actors had to drop out due to personal reasons (one has since returned), and the part had to be recast. Basically, the first month was a wash, and Bill took a week's vacation to clear his mind and get him ready to tackle the myriad of problems that needed to be solved in order to create a brilliant piece of theater.

The good news is that Barksdale is quite pleased with the progress of the actors. Currently, they are in the process of blocking the play (setting locations of people and props, motions, physical interactions, etc.) which is a challenge in itself, as they do not yet have access to the theater. They are grateful to have the back room at the Willits Center for the Arts in which to rehearse, although it is quite a bit smaller than the area at the WCT stage.

The very popular "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is finishing up its successful run this coming weekend, after which Barksdale's troupe will be able to rehearse in the theater. Several of the actors are already primarily "off book," meaning they have learned their lines and can concentrate on perfecting their delivery and understanding of their characters.

"Actors are already going off book, and that's just unheard of at this point. We only just finished blocking the play two days ago. It's one of the most talented casts I've ever worked with. They're doing amazing work," Barksdale said.

There is another month to go in this process. Stay tuned for an update on the progress of "Moon Over Buffalo."

The rest of **Amnesty** | From Page 1

area of Willits [we found] the largest chemical extraction laboratory ever seen in the state of California. Over \$3 million worth of equipment was illegally there, although they were licensed to grow. All chemical extraction of THC in this state right now is illegal, and that's according to the DA.

"I'm going to predict the future," Allman said. "I'm going to predict there will be a time next year when you will have citizens, and, possibly, county employees, asking for amnesty for people to get their affairs in order, so they can cultivate marijuana, process it and extract. I'd like this day to be noted that I am telling you, 'Please don't allow amnesty.'"

He called 2017 "a year of amnesty."
"I certainly appreciate what the Ag Department has done," he said, "what Planning and Building has done, very specifically what Trent Taylor [interim director of the Code Enforcement Division of Planning and Building Services] has done. But there has been no punishment this year for people who have been thumbing their noses at you."

"They no longer thumb their noses at law enforcement," Allman said. "They are thumbing their noses at the board of supervisors – [for] the nice, calm, easy laws that have been made. And they are so gentle, and we are so understanding."

"But that doesn't stop the homicides, and the people who are just absolutely getting greedy to come into this county and make millions of dollars on marijuana," he added.

"Please do not continue to say that marijuana is a harmless herb that God put on this planet, and we don't know why we're fighting over it," Allman pleaded. "Marijuana in this community is still \$800 a pound. Plants in Laytonville are producing 12 pounds a plant. They are certainly valued much more than tomatoes."

"Don't allow this law to be turned into milquetoast. Push it and make sure people who follow the law, are allowed to follow the law. But people who do not follow the law should be prepared to face the consequences."

Moments after Allman spoke, Ron Edwards, a cannabis nursery owner from Willits, addressed the board. "We have to give each side their responsibility," Edwards said. "The people who are breaking the law are not the people who are going through the process. The people who are in the process want to follow the law. We need the public to know that they are two distinct creatures."

Realty World Selzer Realty moves Willits office to Steele Building

On October 1, Realty World Selzer Realty will open for business from its new Willits location at 390 South Main Street, according to owner Dick Selzer.

"We've been looking for a new office for a while and are very happy to have purchased the Steele Building. We'll occupy two-thirds of the space, with the remaining space occupied by Tapestry Family Services, Perry Hay, LLP, and massage therapist Janice Cinek," he said.

Selzer explained that the building is in great shape. "Once we put a heavy stain on the exterior and rewired the office for internet and phones, our Realtors can move in."

Realty World Selzer Realty has offices in Willits, Laytonville and Ukiah, and the Realty World team has maintained the highest real estate sales volume for several years running. In 2016, when compared to all other real estate companies in Mendocino County – from Hopland to the south, through Laytonville and Potter Valley to the north – Realty World Selzer Realty agents participated in hundreds of transactions totaling over \$150 million in sales. This represents 34 percent of the total market share and approximately the same sales volume of the next two real estate companies combined. If you bought or sold residential or commercial property in inland Mendocino County last year, there is a good chance that a Realty World Selzer Realty agent represented the buyer, the seller, or both.

Selzer credits the company's success to hardworking Realtors who are knowledgeable, experienced and dedicated to their clients. "My job is to choose good people, provide support, and get out of the way," he said.

He noted that he is always looking for good Realtors to join his team, and encouraged those interested to contact Managing Broker Jason VanHousen at 707-462-4000.

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Ranch Rodeo Raffle

Win a Yeti cooler; raise funds for Willits Frontier Days

Now there's another way to participate in the upcoming Ranch Rodeo festivities: Enter to win a Yeti brand "45" ice chest through the Willits Frontier Days raffle. Tickets are being sold for \$5 each, or five for \$20 now through the morning of the October 7 rodeo event. Two coolers, retailing at over \$300 each, were donated to the raffle by Bob Doty and Mendo Mill of Willits.

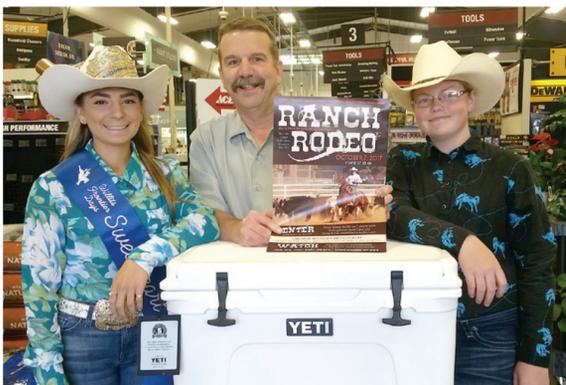
The coolers will be on display at Mendo Mill, and ticket sellers Hailey Riley, the reigning Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart, and Danielle Barry, daughter of Willits Frontier Days President Fred Barry, will be showcasing the coolers, taking money and handing out Ranch Rodeo entries this coming Monday, September 25 starting at 3 pm. All monies raised will go to support Willits Frontier Days.

The Ranch Rodeo will be held at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds on East Commercial Street on Saturday, October 7. The rodeo, featuring three-man

teams competing in real-life rodeo task events, will start at 10 am. The barbecue competition will begin at noon.

The rodeo is free to attend, and taster tickets for the barbecue will be available for \$10 each. Teams are still welcome to sign up for the rodeo or the barbecue; entry forms and additional information, including rules, are available online at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com under the "year round" tab, or on Facebook through the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo page, or search "Ranch Rodeo" for the actual Facebook event page.

Event sponsors help ensure the ability to continue this annual event; Willits Frontier Days would like to thank those



Above, from left: Raffle tickets are available now! 2017 Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Hailey Riley, left, and Willits Frontier Days' Danielle Barry stand with one of the Yeti "45" coolers available to win in the raffle. Riley, left, stands with cooler donor Bob Doty of Mendo Mill of Willits, center, and Barry, right.

businesses who have signed up to be a 2017 Ranch Rodeo sponsor, including: R.E. Burgess Logging and Livestock, Cat's Meow, Cooley Logging, ER Energy of Willits, Flying S Hay Sales, Garman Construction Services, Geiger's Long Valley Market, Gravier's Chevron, John Ford Ranch, McFarland Trucking, Mendo Mill of Willits, T&T Towing, J.D. Redhouse, Flowers by Annette and Willits Power.

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Amazing Athletes

Football | Austin Andrade, 15, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: Since fifth grade

Position: Defensive end

Breakfast of Champions: Waffles

Why Do You Play: "The social aspects, team bonding. My family is big on football; my grandpa Fred Austin coached a long time in Potter Valley."

Traditions: "I eat candy after; you need sugar after a game!"

Austin has done a great job stepping up since being pulled up to varsity. He brings a lot of energy to the team.

— submitted by Aaron Branscomb

Football | Ryan LaCount, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: Since fifth grade

Position: Running back

Breakfast of Champions: Eggs and bacon

Why Do You Play: "I've always played football; all the boys in our family played — they were all WHS players."

Traditions: "I eat Subway before a game."

Ryan had a great game both offensively and defensively. He has been a great leader both on and off the field.

— submitted by Aaron Branscomb



The rest of Overrun

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retained to defend the county and Losak in the lawsuit.

The extra \$300,000 is six times the amount previously budgeted to pay the firm for its projected work on the case. The county had earlier budgeted \$50,000 to cover Liebert Cassidy Whitmore's work on miscellaneous legal work for the county.

According to Assistant CEO Alan Flora, the work LCW did on the Turner case was to have been paid for from the miscellaneous fund.

Explaining to the board of supervisors on September 12 how LCW could have stretched a \$50,000 contract into a bill for \$350,000, Flora said: "The problem we had was in getting a clear answer from the contractor on where we were with the billing. There were some delays there. We could have, and we should have, brought an amendment to the board sooner than we did, obviously. But we were holding out hope the contractor would give us a final amount. Obviously, that didn't happen."

On a 4-1 vote, the board approved the payment. Supervisor John McCowen cast the sole dissenting vote.

"We can't keep doing business this way. This is not exactly an isolated incident," he said. "It seems to be a recurring item. We had an earlier item, on consent [i.e., on the board's consent calendar for that day] to approve contract management software, but I don't think it's a contract management software issue. We need to really be aware of what county policy is, and follow it. It puts the board in a poor light when these kinds of items come forward, and we have to clean them up in this fashion."

Supes balk at demand for \$64,585

The board agreed to refer a demand for \$64,585 from Northern California Construction Training, Inc. to the County Counsel's Office for further consideration in closed session.

The requested payment stems from an NCCT teaching program for inmate training, in which inmates of the Mendocino County Jail were provided training in the housing construction trade. The issue appears to be that the training continued past the expiration date of the contract, on the authority of Mendocino County Chief Probation Officer Pam Markham.

However, Markham was not authorized by the county to extend the contract, and no new contract was signed.

The item was brought to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on September 12, with a recommendation from the County Counsel's Office that the contract be retroactively extended from December 31, 2016, to June 2, 2017. Under the terms of the recommendation, the County Counsel's Office also recommended the county pay NCCT the \$64,585.

During discussion, County Counsel Katharine Elliott told supervisors that if the board wished to consider not paying the money, because there was no contract authorizing the work, then further discussions could proceed on the matter in closed session.

The board agreed to move the item to closed session.

On September 12, McCowen wrote a memorandum to the board of supervisors, explaining why the county should not retroactively extend the contract.

"Section 25, Entire Agreement, of the original contract, reads in pertinent part, 'This agreement may not be modified except by a written document signed by both parties.' Section 27, Modification of Agreement, of the original contract, reads in pertinent part, 'No supplement, amendment or modification of this agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.'"

"If the board of supervisors authorizes payment in full of the requested amount, it is tantamount to reaffirming that no contract with the county means what it says it means, and no staff member is bound by approved county policy," McCowen wrote.

"The county has dozens of contracts with ongoing service providers, particularly with the Health and Human Services Agency, which are on a fiscal-year basis but which are routinely presented for approval after the start of the fiscal year. Although the funds are included in the fiscal year budget, it is a poor practice not to approve the contracts before the charges are incurred. It is an issue that has been raised several times in the past but is still not resolved," he said.



Above: A view from the back of the big greenhouses, looking further out Cropley Lane. Below: The old Mosher Brothers Supply building, seen from the front gate. At bottom: The 563 Cropley Lane property is zoned industrial but is surrounded by trees

The rest of Explosion

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When responders entered the building, "attempting to locate any potential injured person(s)," the press release stated, they didn't find anybody there, but they did find the marijuana extraction lab.

Allman said officers from the California Department of Justice, who arrived at the scene on Wednesday, told him "this was the largest extraction lab that's ever been seen in California."

Along with CO2 canisters under 2,000 psi pressure, Allman said, officers found "several hundred gallons of ethanol" in the building. Law enforcement personnel confiscated an estimated \$3 million worth of equipment from the site, Allman said, along with "several hundred" marijuana plants growing in five large hoop house greenhouses on the property.

The 8.2-acre property — complete with a pond and a well — did have an "application receipt" for cannabis cultivation from the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture posted on the gate to the driveway. The receipt, dated July 27, 2017, was issued to a Patrick Anderson of Hopland, and was for an application for a "1B medium mixed light" cultivation permit, which would allow 5,000 square feet of cannabis cultivation.

As the document reads: "This receipt, when signed and embossed, certifies that the Department of Agriculture is in receipt of an application to cultivate cannabis at the above listed address. The garden at this site is considered to be in compliance, or working toward compliance, until such time as a permit is issued or denied."

It is not possible to get a permit for a marijuana extraction facility in unincorporated Mendocino County yet, as the county is still writing the rules for extraction labs and other cannabis facilities.

Interim Ag Commissioner Diane Curry said the file number on the cultivation permit, AG_2017_0668, told her that no cultivation inspections had yet been done on that property. "If the number on the permit [0668] is correct," Curry said, "they are way out on the list of people to do pre-site inspections. We're currently working in the 300s now. In that respect, though, had we gotten a complaint, they would have moved up to the top of the queue."

Curry said that if the Ag Department gets a complaint about a cultivation site that has a permit application filed with her office: "We are basically out in the field doing an inspection on those sites within a week. We're very thorough; we do handle those very quickly."

When asked if Ag Department inspectors would have asked to inspect the metal building if they'd gone out to Cropley Lane to check out the cultivation operation, Curry said: "Well, we would've asked a lot of questions. The interesting thing with these cultivation sites we've been working with, pretty much everything is fair game on the property. They have to get every building permitted [by Mendocino County Planning and Building Services], and maybe that building was permitted, but Planning and Building probably hasn't gotten to this one yet, though they are doing aerials."

When 563 Cropley Lane was on the market back in 2015, according to online real estate sites, it was listed in the "Warehousing: Bulk Oil

& Gas, Storage, Truck Stops" property class. And a local news story about the new Mosher Brothers business in 2007 reported that the then-owners were installing "propane, biodiesel and red diesel pumps" for their customers.

The Major Crimes Task Force is heading up the investigation into the incident. Sheriff Allman said the investigation was "very active," although there have been no arrests so far. "I have heard," Allman said, "that the exact same [extracts] company was busted and arrested in Sonoma County."

Online sites show 563 Cropley Lane is now owned by Costacino LLC, and the "registered agent on file for this company" is Dennis Hunter, with a mailing address of 563 Cropley Lane.

A "Dennis Hunter" is the owner of several cannabis extract companies out of Santa Rosa, including AbsoluteXtracts, CBD Guild and Cannacraft. A "Patrick Anderson" has been in the news recently as the "budmaster" for AbsoluteXtracts, in stories about a joint effort between that company and Lagunitas Brewing Company to produce a new marijuana-flavored beer called "SuperCritical."

In June 2016, according to the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, Sonoma County law enforcement officers raided the headquarters of CBD Guild and several other associated properties, and arrested Hunter — "a Rohnert Park man with a history of evading arrest" — on suspicion of felony manufacturing of a controlled substance, holding him overnight on \$5 million bail.

Santa Rosa police officials said, according to the Press Democrat, that Hunter "ran an extensive concentrated cannabis oil production operation that appeared to use illegal and hazardous production methods and was in violation of a variety of city codes."

Hunter was released the next day, and no charges were filed. Press reports quote Hunter, who went to high school in Willits, as saying authorities were concerned that his companies were using butane in their cannabis processing, but they found no butane.

A June 12, 2017 story in the North Bay Business Journal quotes Hunter as saying: "We were trying to do everything right — in dialog with local and state government, doing tours" with government officials, he said, chuckling. "We were trying to set the model — get rid of the stigma of these little garages where people are blowing themselves up."

In conclusion, Allman commented that the presence of an illegal and potentially dangerous cannabis extraction lab right next to a cultivation site that is going through the permitting process "doesn't surprise anybody. The social acceptance of marijuana is leading us down the path of a very dangerous situation," he said. "The workers at this site were not of the trained level that you would expect for this level of investment. Maybe they watched a YouTube video on the process."

"The legislative intent of the permit process," Allman continued, "was to not lower the quality of public safety in any neighborhood, but this certainly didn't meet the mark of that goal."

The rest of Homicide

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conformed "the manner of death as being a homicide," he added. "However, the exact cause of death is not being released at this point in the investigation."

Deputies discovered the body after receiving an anonymous telephone call. "The scene appeared to be an area where the body was dumped, but did not appear to be the scene of the crime," Barney noted. "Investigation revealed the body was placed at the location ... a very short time [before police received] the call reporting the body had been found."

The Sheriff's Office is urging anyone who may have information about the movements or whereabouts of Ramon Naranjo (Castaneda) in the days and weeks before his death to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Communications Center at 707-463-4086 or the Sheriff's Tip Line at 707-234-2100.

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





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