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Parking problem

To the Editor:

My name is Tom Brunner I have had a business for over 35 years, Willits TV & Satellite, at 525 South Main Street across from the Mariposa Market.

I never had a parking problem before the bypass. Logging trucks would park on the curb so I could fix their radios even with the traffic. Now that they put in the bypass, they took out the on-street parking from Valley Street to Highway 20.

That does not make sense, no traffic, no on street parking, all because of the bike lane! I have not seen any bikes using it. Mariposa Market is really busy now; their customers are parking in my parking lot – they used to park on the curb. The new Barber Shop and 707 Apparel have no place for their customers to park

The city fathers better think about Caltrans turning over Main Street to the city with the bike lane affecting all the small businesses from the Post Office to Highway 20. They need to hear from the public.

Tom Brunner, Willits

COLUMN | Medicare Notes

Two ways to get your Medicare

By Greg Dill, Medicare regional administrator

Did you know that there are two different ways to receive your Medicare benefits?

The most popular way is Original Medicare. With Original Medicare, you can choose any doctor, hospital, or other healthcare provider you want, as long as they accept Medicare. When you receive medical services or goods, Medicare pays the provider directly.

The other way is Medicare Advantage, which is a form of managed care, like an HMO or PPO. Medicare Advantage plans are sold by private insurance companies approved by Medicare. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you generally must go to doctors and other providers within the company's network.

On the other hand, Medicare Advantage plans may cover some benefits – such as dental, hearing and vision – that Original Medicare doesn't.

Most people with Original Medicare pay a monthly premium. Some Medicare Advantage plans charge an additional monthly premium; others don't.

With Original Medicare, you must pay deductibles and/or coinsurance when you get care.

To cover these "gaps" in Medicare, some people buy supplemental insurance called Medigap. If you have a Medigap policy, Medicare pays its share of the covered costs, and then your Medigap policy pays its share.

Original Medicare generally doesn't cover prescription drugs. If you want drug coverage, you can purchase a Medicare Part D plan. Like Medicare Advantage, Part D plans are sold by private insurers, which charge a monthly premium for them.

About 70 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are currently in Original Medicare; the rest get coverage through Medicare Advantage.

Medicare Advantage companies must cover all of the services that Original Medicare covers, except hospice care

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Rep. Huffman applauds House approval of landmark cannabis bill

– Submitted by the Office of U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) voted for the SAFE Banking Act on Wednesday, September 25, a bipartisan bill to allow cannabis-related businesses to work with financial institutions in the states and territories where some form of recreational or medical marijuana use has been legalized. This bill, which passed the House 321-103, helps to addresses a significant public safety issue in California, as those working in the cannabis industry often operate as cash-only businesses and are targets of crime.

"Today Congress took an important step to eliminate one of the many harmful repercussions of federal marijuana prohibition," said Rep. Huffman, an original cosponsor of the SAFE Banking Act. "This is crucial for people across the North Coast who are complying with state law and have been shut out from financial services. The SAFE Banking Act will help to bring the industry out of the shadows, and should dramatically improve public safety.

"This is a big piece of the puzzle – but it's still just one piece. Congress must take more comprehensive steps to decriminalize and de-schedule, to protect states like California that are now regulating marijuana for adult recreational use, and to right the ongoing wrongs affecting the millions of Americans with criminal convictions for marijuana-related offenses. We have an opportunity to heed the lessons of Prohibition, and to get many of the lives affected by marijuana criminalization back on track. We should seize it."

In addition to reducing the public safety impacts of cash-only businesses, the SAFE Banking Act will help address inequities in the cannabis industry, allowing anyone legally operating under state law to access traditional credit union and banking services, and not restricting the industry to those who can self-fund or access private investments.

A significant majority of Americans now favors marijuana legalization: 62 percent, according to the most recent Pew study. Despite a steady increase in public support in recent years, it remains a federal crime to buy or sell marijuana, and marijuana possession is one of the single largest arrest categories nationally according to FBI data.

Rep. Huffman is a cosponsor of several bills to address the broader issues of decriminalization, all of which would remove marijuana as a narcotic listed under the Controlled Substances Act:

- The Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Expungement (MORE) Act, introduced by House Judiciary Chairman Jerry Nadler (D-NY), bipartisan legislation that would expunge records for prior marijuana offenses, and appropriate funds for reentry services and job training for those who have been incarcerated;

- The Marijuana Freedom and Opportunity Act, introduced by Democratic Caucus Chair Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), which would authorize grant programs to encourage state and local governments to administer expungement programs for marijuana possession convictions, fund traffic safety research to address impaired driving, and establish dedicated funding for women- and minority-owned small businesses in the industry.

- The Marijuana Justice Act, introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), to automatically expunge the convictions of those who have served federal time for marijuana use and possession offenses, provide for a judge's review of marijuana-related sentences, and reinvest in the communities most impacted by the failed War on Drugs through a community fund.

In addition to these important reforms, Rep. Huffman has also worked to address the immediate threats to the environment and public safety posed by illegal trespass growing operations, which threaten visitors to public lands, steal water, contaminate streams with unlawful pesticide and fertilizer use, and kill wildlife on a landscape scale. His Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act would establish a partnership of federal, state and local entities to clean up and restore federal public lands in northwestern California degraded by illegal trespass marijuana grows.

Third District Supervisor's Report

September 2019

By Supervisor John Haschak

One key point in the Mendocino County Grand Jury report issued last May is the lack of a vision statement for our county's future or a strategic plan on how to achieve it, which leaves our county supervisors focusing on the crisis of the moment rather than seeing the bigger picture.

While I generally agree with this criticism by the grand jury, since their report was issued, a major economic vision for the future of the cannabis industry in Mendocino County has been proposed by some of my colleagues on the board.

Their strategic plan to achieve this vision involves the creation of several "Enterprise Zones," or "EZs," throughout the county with 10-acre maximum grow sites as well as industrial-scale processing facilities. One idea is that these entities would pay around \$100,000 just to complete the environmental impact report for these EZs. This would allow large corporations to control cannabis production in our county.

As supervisor for the Third District, I have major problems with this EZ proposal. First, there is no specificity as to where these mega production sites will be located in the county. But wherever they want to put them, I believe they would impose an unreasonable nuisance on the entire neighborhood.

But my greatest concern with EZs is how they would shape the future of the cannabis industry in our county. Do we really want large corporate interests to come in and mine our county's rich tradition of cannabis farming, and in the process dispossess the very farmers who established the Mendocino County brand in the first place? Is this the vision for the future of the cannabis industry that we share for our county? I don't think so.

In talking with my constituents, I've heard lots of concern about this corporatization of the industry, and I've also heard and support ideas about promoting cooperative models which would help small cannabis farmers survive in this new economy.

Making our cannabis economy work for the people of Mendocino County rather than a few wealthy corporate players is the vision I have for the future of the cannabis industry, and drawing up county regulations that encourage small farmers to join together in cannabis cooperatives is the strategic plan for how we get there.

I am currently in the process of developing a co-op friendly counterproposal to the corporate model. I welcome constituent feedback on this fundamental issue facing our county: 707-972-4214 or haschakforsupervisor.org.

The board of supervisors has decided to move forward and hold a series of meetings. The two supervisors on the cannabis economic development ad hoc committee are having an open meeting on October 5 in the Ukiah Valley Conference Room from 4 to 7 pm, and then one in each supervisorial district, to receive public comment on this Enterprise Zone proposal. Dates for the supervisorial meetings have yet to be determined.

If we are to prevent a corporate takeover of the cannabis industry in our county, it is imperative that people show up to voice their opinion and vision for our county. I'll keep you posted.

Third District Supervisor Town Halls are set for October 16 in Willits at 5:30 pm at City Hall and October 18 in Laytonville at 6 pm in the Book Room. I greatly appreciate the people helping to set these events up, and I hope to see you there.



Above: Jakob Foley and his wife, Sarah Grigg Foley, toast the crowd. At right, top: Founders Club members listen to a talk from the Foleys. At right: Holly Madrigal displays the \$2 bill signed by members of the Founders Club.

Willits Brewpub

New Northspur Brewing Co. gives preview to members of its Founders Club

Willits has a new watering hole. After many delays and setbacks, the Northspur Brewing Co. will be opening its doors on this railroad-themed brewpub, on Saturday, October 5 at 101 North Main Street, the past site of Starchild Chocolate.

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Owners Jakob Foley and Sarah

Grigg Foley have finally realized their dream of opening a place that will appeal to all strata of the Willits population. It is a place to gather with friends or make new ones, a place to enjoy good, freshly brewed or aged beer, have some delicious noshes, and – eventually – hear some good local music.

The railroad motif is richly engrained

Members of the Founders Club bought

in every visual of the facility, from the omnipresent rails to the train wheels that support the salvaged-wood tables. The interior could be described as "Distressed Railroad Modern Retro Contemporary Funk," but somehow it all works to create a welcoming and airy atmosphere, a good, relaxing place to spend time and enjoy the designer craft beer as well as the creative gastronomic offerings.

On Saturday, September 21, the Northspur Brewing Co. opened its doors to about 50 members of its Founders Club plus their friends in order to both thank them for their support and to serve as a preview of the quality delights to come once the pub is officially open.

Memberships, either at the \$250 or \$500 level, for which they received T-shirts, invites to the party, insignia glasses and either a stone or metal growler which they will be encouraged to fill once a month with the beer of their choice for a year.

Founders will also get a tile with their name and / or the name of their business to be displayed prominently in the main room. Many of the members simply wanted to support this new and needed business in Willits. Founders Club memberships will still be available until the opening on October 5.

For Foley, originally a Willits resident, starting a brewpub has been a dream for many years. Now 48, he began home-brewing 27 years ago and was hooked for



life. He had an opportunity a few years ago to start a small brewery for a whitewater rafting company in Patagonia, Chile, about 1,000 miles south of Santiago.

Although it was set up for the rafters, the locals would come to enjoy his superior brewing skills. After about six seasons at the camp, Foley came back and studied specialized brewing methods at UC Davis and has apprenticed with master brewers in order to perfect his craft.

It was in Chile that Foley met his wife-to-be, Sarah. At that time, Foley was trying to create a brewpub in Willits but was having a problem finding an adequate space, so

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At top, from left: Jerry Albright and June Ruckman check in at the door. The growlers are lined up and ready to be handed out to Founders Club members and brought in every month to be refilled. Sarah Grigg Foley shows off the shiny brewing vats.

At right: Michelle Ahearn enjoys her first taste of amber ale. Designers Robin Coomer and Phillip "Stu" Stewart enjoy themselves at the Northspur Brewing Co.'s Founders Club party. Rebecca Pope, one of Jakob Foley's step-mothers and his father, Michael Foley, sample their son's concoctions.

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difficult to tell what they did.

"We're skipping this one," was what board Chair Carre Brown said. "This one" refers to suggestion number 6, that the supes should decrease sensitive receptor setbacks for cannabis facilities to not more than 200 feet, or possibly less.

Board supports

The board said they supported a recommendation that the word "church" be removed from the list of sensitive receptors Chapter 20.243.

The board agreed that the section of the Mendocino County Code governing events needed to be broadened to, in the language of the working group report, "provide a more expanded allowance for private or small events overall, as well as for cannabis events specifically."

The board supported the idea that cannatourism needs to be incorporated into Chapter 20.243.

Board opposes

The working group had asked that there be a tiered system for procuring a processing license for cannabis or cannabis products, based on revenues or amount processed. It also recommended tiered systems for distribution licenses and for microbusiness licenses.

County Treasurer Shari Schapmire said taking those steps would be difficult to implement. The supes decided to oppose that recommendation.

The working group recommended that the county "reinstate compassion programs to improve medical cannabis access to patients." "You would have to assess if you have adequate staff and adequate funding to ask staff to do that," said Deputy Executive Officer Sarah Dukett. The supes decided to oppose that recommendation.

Sent to standing committee

The board considered three fairly complex recommendations from the working group, each of which involved lobbying the state for a political or legislative result. These included, lobbying the state to change state-wide building code requirements as well as lobbying the state to change its policy that limits Type One permits to one permit for outdoor, one permit for indoor, one permit for mixed light growing, so that, instead, the grower could "mix and match" cultivation styles within a single permit.

The 17th recommendation was that the county lobby the state to address its microbusiness license policy, which prohibits the sharing of facilities for any microbusiness activity. The working group asked the supes to lobby the state to change that policy, so that any of the four microbusiness activities (cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, or retail) could be done at a licensed shared facility.

The supes fielded a request that it change the county's microbusiness license requirements, so that it mirrors state language. Under the working group's proposal, such a license would be a "standalone license not tied to home occupancy or cottage industry residency, number of employees or facility size."

The supes sent those four recommendations to the General Government Standing Committee.

Finally the working group requested multiple expansions of the types of zoning districts in which certain cannabis-related non-cultivation activities would be permitted. It asked for processing to be permitted in Rural Residential – 10 districts; for non-volatile manufacturing to be permitted in Limited Commercial districts; and for cannabis distribution to be permitted in Ag, Limited Commercial and Rural Residential 10 zoning districts.

Although Second District Supervisor John McCowen seemed to be willing to agree to several of those requests, other supervisors were less agreeable.

The board also could not find consensus on lowering the bar on permitting cannabis facilities. Current regulations say that in many zones establishing a cannabis-related facility requires a use permit; the working group would like that to be lowered to requiring an administrative permit.

According to the working group report, "An administrative permit would allow for faster development of cannabis-oriented businesses and

[would] not require a public hearing unless necessary."

Willits Environmental Center Board of Directors member Ellen Drell cautioned the supervisors to move carefully on that proposal. "Rural neighborhoods are important community aggregations of people," Drell said. "I think it is very important that neighbors know what's coming down the pike from their neighbors. And I think also, democracy can be a slow and cumbersome process, I think, in the end, when neighbors know what their neighbors are doing, and they have an opportunity to weigh in when there are changes coming down the pike, I think the end result is probably a lot more satisfactory, in terms of business and neighborhood coherence."

The supes directed that the recommendations for zoning changes and for lowering the permit bar for facilities be sent back to staff, to contemplate and to make a recommendation back to the board.

Haschak fails to broaden pot tax appeals limits

Third District Supervisor John Haschak failed on Tuesday to broaden the categories that would enable a cannabis cultivator who believed they were exempt from paying a cannabis minimum tax to appeal the tax demand from the county.

As recommended by the county counsel, only a person who did not grow cannabis in the subject tax year would be exempted from having to pay that tax. All others, including growers who could demonstrate that they grew at an area that would have put them in a smaller permit type than the one for which they were being taxed, would have to pay.

Haschak made a motion directing staff to come up with an ordinance that would have allowed people to appeal both if they did not grow in the subject tax year, or if they grew at a lower acreage. However, his motion did not receive a second.

Supervisor McCowen then moved that an ordinance be drafted along the lines recommended by county counsel and by the director of Planning and Building. His motion was approved unanimously.

The direction provides for the use of a hearing officer, as requested by Haschak at the August 20 board meeting. Also, the proposed fees will be between \$450 and \$1,200, which are lower than fees ranging from \$625 to \$1,250 which had been proposed by McCowen but which were rejected by the board on August 20.

Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz submitted a plan for how the appeals process will work, as follows:

1. Appellant submits an appeal form, fee and supporting documentation to county staff for review.
2. County staff reviews appeal and all available evidence related to whether or not the appellant cultivated cannabis before sending the matter to the hearing officer for consideration.
3. If appellant can provide sufficient evidence that they did not cultivate cannabis, and the county does not have sufficient evidence to the contrary, the county may administratively grant the appeal in favor of the appellant if approved by both the director of Planning and Building Services and by the treasurer-tax collector.
4. If the county does not administratively grant the appeal, the county will submit the matter to a hearing officer for review, and send the hearing officer and the appellant the appeal form and supporting documentation submitted by the appellant, as well as any relevant evidence and supporting memoranda from county staff.
5. County staff will work with hearing officer to schedule time and place for the appeal hearing to consider the tax appeal.
6. Notice of hearing will be prepared by county staff and provided to appellant.
7. County staff will attend the appeal hearing and keep required records of hearing proceedings and outcome.
8. The hearing officer's determination will become the county's final administrative determination, will be retained by county staff, and will be sent to appellant and interested county agencies including the tax collector.

describe the latest holdups in the new firehouse construction process.

"Little hiccups on the way" seem to be occurring "every time we turn around," he said. "I know it may be frustrating, and it extends the length of time. But if we start dealing with these bumps in the road during construction, they're going to quadruple the cost."

He described two recent examples.

The rise between the parking lot and the front doors is "not the right angle for ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act regulations]," he said. "So, two doors need to be removed and a door put in a different location." This, Wilkes said, is "actually a good thing."

The next one, though, might "really be a hang-up," he said.

"Apparently, when you submit your plan to PG&E for where you want to put things, such as pad mounted transformers ... in the past, you had a little bit of room where you said, 'we kind of want it in this location,'" said Wilkes.

"PG&E doesn't do that anymore. They'll look at your project. You can tell them where you want it, and they'll tell you where you're going to put it," he said. "Where they told us we're going to put it is right in the middle of one of the bays – the first, most southern bay – [and] we need all those bays."

The district's architect Dennis Dong, Wilkes said, "seems to think that [locating the transformer in] an open area across the street is normally not a problem for PG&E."

"I do know the city has a grant-funded project coming to put all the utility lines around the park underground, and the idea would be to put a pad-mounted transformer over by the park on the sidewalk so the power comes in underground across the road into the building."

Whether the city will be open to the arrangement is anyone's guess. "I'm sure it will have to go to [the city] council," said Wilkes.

"If that doesn't happen, we'll have to do some redesign ... we really have a hang-up. It's a pretty big deal," he said. "We're pretty much at their mercy."

Still, there is progress. And the move out of the old firehouse has "uncovered treasures we didn't realize were all around us," said Wilkes.

"It's a two-stage project, [and] the demolition process is moving forward," he said.

"We still have a gentleman who is trying to move" the house on district property at 52 North Humboldt Street next to the old station," Wilkes said. "But if the bulldozers show up, and it's still there, it's going bye-bye."

Treasures that have been discovered during the move out of the old firehouse include an "old old three-cylinder diesel generator ... old jail doors, [and an] early 1900s Brunswick pool table," said Wilkes.

"Roots [of Motive Power] wanted the generator," he said. "They didn't understand what it really was, and when we finally got a gentleman down here to look at it, he said, 'that's, like, a 1930 Fairbanks Morse. I've got to talk to our board, but we'll take it absolutely.'"

And, Wilkes said, "you have no idea how many people want the jail doors. They're neat, really special doors. I was approached by Sheriff Allman. He wants to use them possibly in a display for Mendocino County law enforcement in the museum. I thought, 'perfect.'"

The "old heavy slate pool table" as well, Wilkes found out, "is a pretty special piece."

"A gentleman ... teacher in Middletown who does billiard stuff ... asked if it had a ball return, and I said 'no, it's just got pockets.'"

"Leather pockets?" asked the gentleman, who, on seeing the table pegged it as an early 1900s Brunswick.

"I can't wait to get the sides off because there's a plaque in there," he said.

Wilkes asked whether it would be worth restoring, and the gentleman said, "No no no no. Leave it exactly like it is, [and] do not lose that hardware because you will never ever get it again."

He did allow that re-felting would be OK.

The table is in storage for the moment waiting for a perfect place, hopefully in the new firehouse, to once again take up residence.

"I'd love to know where it came from," said Wilkes. "There's stories ... [some say] it came from Ridgewood Ranch."

Something that does sometimes come from Ridgewood Ranch is mutual aid from their fire crew, who recently, along with the Brooktrails Fire Department, helped out on a nighttime "big one ... a commercial structure fire on Robert Drive."

The old 6,000-square-foot redwood building was "a full loss," Wilkes said, but the "structure within 10 feet of it that the property owner had been developing was protected."

He went on to describe "one more call I'm proud of."

"A water truck lost brakes ... coming down ... a really steep hill [right after turning onto] Black Bart Drive off the ridge," he said.

The driver, who was not hurt, "rode that truck down, no brakes, and made a corner, got up on two wheels and off the edge," he said. "When it hit, it knocked the big water tank off the back and hit into the diesel tank."

"You had 3,000 gallons of water mixed with 70 gallons of diesel that was headed toward the waterway," he continued. "Our guys got it dammed and diked ... pumped the water out of the hole on the top of the water tank downstream of where the diesel would be and kept that contained to the driveway."

"It was quick thinking ... really, really good," he said, adding that "those are the kind of calls we deal with on a regular basis."

And they deal with a lot of calls.

"We have high call volume ... just had number 540 [for the year]," said Wilkes, after a call came through during the meeting.

One reason for the high volume is the need for the department to take up the slack resulting from substandard ambulance services in the county.

The ambulance service fix was to be a contract between the county and an ambulance company granting the company the right to be the exclusive provider of services in a county "inland corridor."

Wilkes explained that "as of September 3, proposals were due from companies interested in providing the service."

But September 3 has come and gone, and county fire departments don't know what happened.

"To this date, even with multiple emails coming from multiple fire districts, the county has remained 100 percent silent," said Wilkes. "We have no idea if one or 10 or nobody put in for the RFP [request for proposals]."

"I'm on the technical advisory committee, and they won't answer my emails either. The executive office has left us completely blank on the EMS [emergency medical services] side," he said. "We don't know anything more than we did before, other than Ukiah has officially backed out of the process and went as far as to send a cease and desist letter to the county."

"We're going to have to keep providing service the way we are for a little longer," he said.

The department does get some help with fire preparedness services from local fire safe councils, and Wilkes singled out the Pine Mountain council as "really good."

They're "working on mapping, and we had a great meeting," he said.

"The county OES (Office of Emergency Services) reached out to us to do evacuation zones ... get an orderly system for evacuation" for Pine Mountain," Wilkes said. "We want to include the fire safe council. They're active ... the true experts."

A request by that council, brought to the board by board member Tom Herman, was for "excess canvas hoses" to cut up and slide over chains on trailers to keep the chains from sparking if they drag.

Wilkes replied, "yeah, that's easy ... not a problem."

One board member wondered if the department might offer hose for sale as a fundraiser, and Wilkes used the occasion to report that the Little Lake Firefighters Association did their annual fundraiser the weekend after Labor Day weekend.

"We didn't realize the date we picked was the Roots [of Motive Power] open house date ... [so] we didn't have a lot of foot traffic," he said. "But the mail-in tickets were really good."

Another source of funding that the district is continuing to work on is a percentage of the city's cannabis excise tax.

"We're still moving forward working with the city, [but] haven't gotten down to the actual percentage yet. We feel like the percentage we're asking for is what we deserve based on the needs and demands on the district with that product in town," said Wilkes.

"We've asked a couple of the members [of the city council] and the city manager to tour a facility," he said. "Once you see what we're responsible for ... the extra inspections and time and research that go into making sure those facilities toe the line ... I think it'll be a done deal."

He added that the "city is working with us, not against us."

Finally, some budget details.

The budget contains a little over \$32,000 from Proposition 172, the 1993 half-cent sales tax for public safety purposes that county fire services were finally authorized a share of in 2016. And there's a \$7,500 grant from PG&E that the district will use for an oxygen cascade system to fill small portable cylinders.

Total final budget amounts, which don't include capital improvement funds for new firehouse construction, show income of \$908,445 and expenses of \$869,225.

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Educational Foundation, Rotary Club present 'big check' for \$53,006 to the Willits schools

At the Tuesday, September 24 meeting of the Willits Education Foundation, Mark Westerburg, superintendent of the Willits Unified School District, was presented with a check for \$53,006 from funds generated by the Foundation's annual Summer Gala, which was wildly successful this year.

Andrew Hosford and Jason Korte, members of the Willits Rotary Club who were instrumental in helping to stage the event, were on hand to sign the check and help present it to Westerburg.

– Mathew Caine

Above: Willits Education Foundation and Rotary Club members and Willits Unified School District staffers pose with the "big check" from the Summer Gala including, from left, back row: Lisa Yokum, Annette Pinon, Mike Colvig, Andrew Hosford, Jason Korte, Mark Westerburg, Tom Woodhouse, Marian Lohne, Maria Mungia, Kathleen Crossman, Suzanne Matheson and Anne Hammond. Front row, from left: Windi Kvasnicka, Jenn Drew, Nicole Lustig, Nancy Runberg, and Alisha Rigano. At right: Jason Korte, from the Willits Rotary Club, signs the check for \$53,006 to the Willits Unified School District, raised at the Summer Gala.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Mendo Mill of Willits donates \$6,495 to WHS from annual 'Bucket Challenge'

Brian Bowles, the new athletic director of Willits High School, back row, center, and Bonnie Riley of the Willits Booster Club, front row, pose with the check and donations received during the 2019 fundraiser alongside Mendo Mill employees including from back row, left: TK Warner, Noelle Moody, Tonya Howe and Casey King, and front row, from left: Michael Sironi, Bob Doty and David Morales. The 2019 bucket, noting this year's total, will join the collection of buckets of fundraisers past at Mendo Mill.

Mike Mayfield, president of Mendo Mill, told Willits Weekly the Willits store had "by far" the best customer participation, with 42 percent of everyone who came in over the weekend buying a bucket.

Photos by Maureen Moore

2019

Native American Day

Friday, September 27th | 12:00pm – 4:00pm

“Player’s Club Member(s)” that earn 50 point(s) on the day of the promotion will be able to receive \$5 in free play.

Tribal ID:
All tribal member(s) that present a Tribal ID card and have earned 50 point(s) will receive an additional \$5 in free play on their Player's Club card (Total of \$10 in free play with Tribal I.D)

Player's Club Members can redeem 100 point(s) for a “2019 Native American Day” T-Shirt

Must be 18 & over to play
Gambling a problem?
Call 1-800-GAMBLER.

*See Players Club For Details

100 Kawi Place, Willits 707-459-7330 www.svrcasino.com

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Ongoing Events

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

Flowers and Sleepwalkers: Local artist Margaret Pirouette's latest show, "Flowers & Sleepwalkers" in oils and watercolors at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club. Mondays, 6:30 upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sliding scale \$0 to \$5/class. Come alone or bring a friend. 707-484-3385 for info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or henemann@yahoo.com.

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 to 4); 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); Thursdays: 11:00 to 11:30 am "Movement for Kids" (Explore movement and self-expression. Ages 4 to 7); 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); 4 to 5 pm "Teen Advisory Group" (Tell us what you think); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring" (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); 5:30 to 5:50 pm (Calmng Stretches); Saturdays: 11 am to 12 pm "Prompting Creativity" (A space to create a piece of art or writing for teens and adults); 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Calmng Stretches" for teens and adults; Saturdays: 11 am to 12 pm "Prompting Creativity" (teens and adults); 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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

Soroptimist International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month at St John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

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

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: "Mendocino Sheriff's Activities League" on Facebook or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Mondays, 7 pm: "Monday Blues & Beyond" with Blue Luke & Special Guests. Tuesdays, 8 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises."

Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adams's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

Thursday, September 26

Hospice Volunteer Training: Adventist Health Certified Hospice of Mendocino County will be providing training for prospective hospice volunteers. "Hospice provides compassionate comfort care for patients with a life-limiting illness: Enable the patient to carry on a symptom managed, pain-free life so that their last days may be spent with dignity and quality at home." Begins Thursday, September 26, 1 to 3 pm; continues each Thursday for seven weeks. Contact Jackie Beck prior to the first class, 456-3232.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, September 26, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and summer fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, dinner items, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

MUSIC IN THE PARK: This week's concert in the "Falling out of Summer" free concert series hosted by the City of Willits features Funkacillin, "a group of five Mendocino County musicians representing the edgier side of funk, incorporating rock and soul into their repertoire, while keeping the music fun and danceable!" Thursday, September 26, 6 to 7:30 pm, Rec Grove Park. Food from Taqueria Ramirez. Upcoming: October 3, The Johnny Young Band.

Friday, September 27

"Goal Mapping for Business": A free workshop by Alyson Bailey of Edify. "An opportunity to prepare for 2020 well before the holidays. You will be provided with materials and prompts to workshop your short-term goals for ending 2019 and beginning 2020 with clarity and intention." Friday, September 27, 5:15 to 6:30 pm, at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Limited to 20 attendees. Free event. Info: 707-671-2563 or info@consultingmendocino.com

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

Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 30 through October 4

Monday: Tamale Pie

Tuesday: Pasta with Butternut Squash & Sausage Casserole

Wednesday: Chicken & Stuffing

Thursday: Shepherd's Pie

Friday: Spaghetti

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older, \$6.50 per meal, under 55 only \$8 per meal. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. (Salad Bar available all year). 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

REACH Open House

REACH Air Medical Services celebrates five years of service in Willits. "Come meet the REACH team at our base in beautiful Willits." Saturday, October 12, 12 to 3 pm at Ellis Field / Willits Municipal Airport, 1320 Poppy Drive, in Brooktrails. "You can tour our facility and see our air ambulance helicopter up close. Enjoy some tasty treats while learning more about the life-saving services we provide to the community."

What's Happening Around Town

Saturday, September 28

American Legion Coffee Social: Are you a Persian Gulf/Post 911 veteran who was not previously eligible to join the American Legion due to period of active duty? The American Legion, Willits Post 174 invites you to a coffee and doughnut social, an opportunity to interact and socialize with other veterans. Learn about the four pillars of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, Children and Youth. Saturday, September 28, Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street, 8 to 11 am.

Intro to Wool Work: Weaving Wool: "Turn our processed yarn, as well as other provided yarns,

to make your own wall hanging on a lap loom. Learn the foundations of weaving and leave with your own unique tapestry. Space is limited, pre-registration required. Sliding scale rates." Saturday, September 28, 12 to 3 pm. School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. www.adaptiveagriculture.org

Cultivating Fungal

Companions: "Come meet (and eat) some of these fungi species and learn how to cultivate them. Cultivation of: Koji, Tempeh, Kombucha and other fermented beverages. Edible and medicinal mushrooms and basic mushroom cultivation. Participants will be able to adopt two starter cultures to cultivate at home." Saturday, September 28, 1 to 3 pm. School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Info: www.adaptiveagriculture.org

Not JUST Cowboy Poetry: Enjoy pie, poetry and an afternoon on the lawn at the annual Emandal fundraising event. Saturday, September 28, Entertainers Doris Daley and Doc Mehl. The 7th annual Apple Pie Throwdown. Judging starts at 2 pm, sharp. Pre-purchase \$25 tickets at the Willits Senior Center, Willits Library or at the gate. Bring a homemade apple pie for the contest for free admittance. Firefighters and their families get in free. Proceeds to Friends of the Willits Library. A silent auction will benefit the Willits Center for the Arts. Info: 459-9252, or www.emandal.com.



'I and You' at WCT

Opening night October 4

A witty and touching two-person drama, "I and You," will show at Willits Community Theatre from October 4 to 20. Directed by Kelly Kesey in her directorial debut. "The show focuses entirely on two high school students whose souls are colliding in an unexpected way. Aria Silveira and Oscar Montelongo Medina star as Caroline and Anthony – in a tribute to youth and love and the mystery of the human potential to bond and discover a unique connectedness through the giving of oneself. Director Kesey says of the play, "It's about the giving of one's self, that's how we do it, that's how we save each other in this life, through small acts of kindness. This play has a way of prying open the shell of pretense to get at the hurt and the hope that lies within us all." Fridays, October 4, 11 and 18, 7:30 pm, \$20; Saturdays, October 12 and 19 (no public show October 5), 7:30 pm, \$20; Sunday matinees, October 13 and 20, at 2 pm, \$15; and Thursday, October 17, 7:30 pm, \$15. Student discount of \$5 available for all regular shows at the door with student I.D. A special benefit performance to support the Harrah Senior Center is set for Thursday, October 10; tickets for the benefit are \$20 and available through Pat Collins at 459-4594. Tickets: Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, www.brownpapertickets.com, or 1-800-838-3006.



Romantic Parisian Music: SonoMusette

October 6

A taste of romantic and passionate Parisian music comes to Willits Community Theatre with SonoMusette on Sunday, October 6, 2 pm. The five-piece, all-star band revives the enchantment of mid-20th-century Paris, transporting listeners to the great music that sprang from the French cafés and the evocative sounds of Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel and Django Reinhardt. The band combines the singing of the French chanteuse, the musette accordion, gypsy-jazz guitar, upright bass and drums to deliver a magical night of period music. SonoMusette's reanimation of the Parisian era's classic songs in a modern context is guaranteed to be a rare and unique treat at WCT. Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 S. Main St., Willits; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006, also available at the door until sold out. 37 W. Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– submitted by Willits Community Theatre

Hike the Noyo River Redwoods

a signed Giclee print of the artist's work for free. Visit www.ikoshy.com for more about the artist's work. This show is the first in a series, "Creative at the Casino," that Sherwood Valley Casino and the Willits Center for the Arts have teamed up to present, to showcase the region's Native American culture, and the "playful expression of creativity, color and composition" of local artists. The series will feature a new artist every quarter. For more info about the casino, visit www.svrcasino.com or call 459-7978.

"I and You": Opening night for the witty and touching two-person drama, "I and You," at Willits Community Theatre from October 4 to 20. Directed by Kelly Kesey in her directorial debut. The show focuses entirely on two high school students whose souls are colliding in an unexpected way and who "discover a unique connectedness through the giving of oneself." Alia Silveira and Oscar Montelongo Medina star as Caroline and Anthony. Fridays, October 4, 11 and 18, 7:30 pm, \$20; Saturdays, October 12 and 19 (no public show October 5), 7:30 pm, \$20; Sunday matinees, October 13 and 20, at 2 pm, \$15; and Thursday, October 17, 7:30 pm, \$15. Student discount of \$5 available for all regular shows at the door with student I.D. A special benefit performance to support the Harrah Senior Center is set for Thursday, October 10; tickets for the benefit are \$20 and available through Pat Collins at 459-4594. Tickets: Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, www.brownpapertickets.com, or 1-800-838-3006.

Thursday, October 3

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

MUSIC IN THE PARK:

The final concert, in the "Falling out of Summer" free concert series hosted by the City of Willits features the Johnny Young Band. "Country roots, with a rockin' soul, the band delivers a high-octane mix of country, rock and pop favorites guaranteed to set any dance floor ablaze." Thursday, October 3, 6 to 7:30 pm, Rec Grove Park. Food from Taqueria Ramirez.

Friday, October 4

"Creative at the Casino": Opening night for an exhibit of the works of Native American artist Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya, with a reception at the Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi Place, from 6 to 8 pm. The first 100 guests who attend the event will receive



Willits Garden Club Meeting

October 14

The October Willits Garden Club meeting, Monday, October 14, at 12:30 pm, features Jeff Konicek of Laytonville, a bonsai artist and member of the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society. Konicek will bring examples of his bonsai trees and talk about to create and care for them. A Q&A will follow the presentation. Willits Garden Club meets the second Monday each month, beginning with potluck refreshments and introductions. Guests welcome. Golden Rule Mobile Park clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles south of Willits at the Seabiscuit Ranch turnoff. Info: willitsgardenclub.org

– submitted by the Willits Garden Club

Reception: Awakening to Wildfire

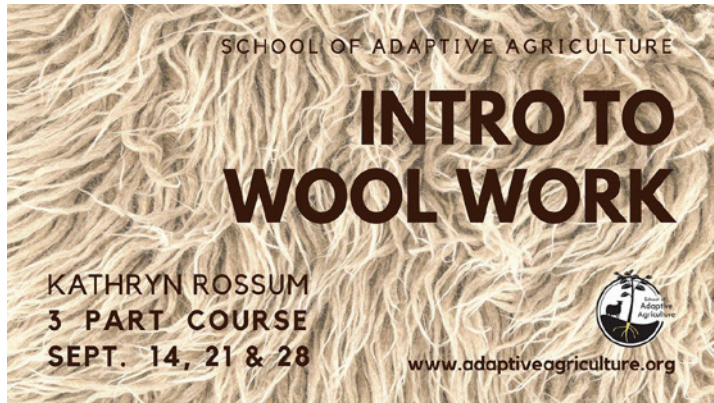
October 4

The Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library announces the release of the book "Awakening to Wildfire: Stories of the Mendocino Lake Complex Fire," created by residents of Redwood Valley and the surrounding communities and edited by librarian Jannah Minnix. There will be a reception for the book's release at the Mendocino County Library, Ukiah Branch, 105 North Main Street, Friday, October 4, 5 pm. The event will include a reading of a selection of passages from the book by a number of the book's authors. Refreshments provided. Some books available for sale. Contributors can pick up their copy at this time.

Hike the Noyo River Redwoods

September 29

"Join us as we unveil the first section of newly constructed trail on our 426-acre Noyo River Redwoods property, accessible via the Skunk Train. We'll enjoy coffee and treats as we wind our way to the Mendocino Land Trust preserve. Boxed lunch picnic, learn about the history of Noyo River Redwoods and the surrounding area, hike the first completed section of the new Noyo River Redwoods Trail." Free parking across from the train station, 100 West Laurel Street, Fort Bragg. Arrive by 9:30 am for 10 am departure. Sunday, September 29, 10 am to 3 pm. Tickets: Brownpapertickets.com



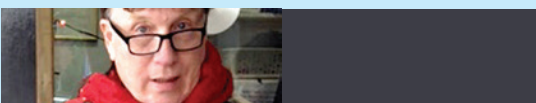
Music by Mariachi Tarasco, Paquiyollotzin, Ballet Folklorico at 1 pm, games, raffle. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Info: 459-6588.

Sunday, October 6

Herb Walk: Wild Medicinals of Field and Forest: "A meditative walk on the land at the School of Adaptive Agriculture to seek out plant friends. The fields and forests of the Mendocino interior hills are home to a diversity of medicinal plants. We'll identify and discuss the medicine of these hardy plants." Pre-registration required: www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org. Sunday, October 6, 12 to 1:30 pm. School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101.

Romantic Parisian Music: The WCT Music Series presents an afternoon of romantic and passionate Parisian music by the five-piece, all-star band, SonoMusette, who "revive the enchantment of mid-20th-century Paris." Sunday, October 6, at 2 pm. Advance tickets \$20, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; brownpapertickets.com; or 1-800-838-3006; at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

AT THE MOVIES



'Rambo: Last Blood'

The Story: Action revenge thriller featuring Sylvester Stallone. John Rambo has a lovely daughter. She gets kidnapped by evil men who operate a warehouse in Mexico. These evil men are brutal, ruthless, vengeful. Also, throw in sadistic and snarling. Rambo has to rescue her. No more spoilers. Just know that bad guys get

what's coming to them, and that sometimes no one wins.

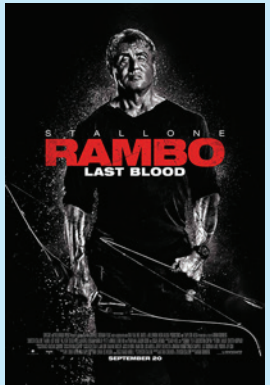
Dan Essman Courtmist **My Thoughts:** It is not our propensity for violence

that makes us men, it is our hunger for justice. Stallone still has the heroic posture. His strength transcends the predictability of the movie. "Rambo: Last Blood" is structured like an old-fashioned fairy tale. We see the well-loved but willful daughter disobey her father and go where her father tells her not to go. Then the willful daughter is kidnapped by dark, evil folk. In this particular version of the old tale, her father has special talents, most of which are hominid slaughter techniques, butchery and booby traps – death traps so grisly that they are almost funny. We humans

do get off watching bad things happen to bad people. It's satisfaction on a gut level. It's human nature, and it's all a very dark joke. Despite that dark joke, we should admit that our Rambo is a tragic figure. For him, the war for justice never ends, the war that began in Vietnam. The war he couldn't win. And that's truly mythic.

Parents: No children. The bloody violence and horrific brothel scenes make this one strictly off-limits.

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



THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH
DOWNTOWN WILLITS 3-7PM





At top, from left: Ronny Lee Spence enjoys his pasta, bread and salad at the Full Moon Spaghetti Dinner and Marinara Cookoff. Harwood Memorial Hall, which serves as the community center of Laytonville, hosted the event. Dave Fentriss and Beka dish out the sausages and marinara. Above, left: Good friends enjoy the delicious meal of pasta and marinara with salad and bread. Above: Some of the many books available to residents line the halls of the Book Room.

Noodles for Books

Laytonville residents attend spaghetti dinner to help raise money to open a long-awaited public library

Laytonville is so much more than just a place on the road. It is a small community of people who want many of the advantages of a larger town. For several years, the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library have been working diligently to create a space which the County of Mendocino can include in their library system.

This would provide them with a cultural and educational center, access to the county database, books, videos, CDs, and most importantly a librarian, hired by the county to oversee the organization and education. The need for this library is buoyed by the large number of local citizens who currently make use of the Bookmobile which stops in Laytonville on a periodic basis.

To this end, the Friends of the Long Valley Public Library have been selling books at their portion of the old Laytonville High School and have engaged in various fundraising events. On Saturday, September 14, the Friends took over Harwood Memorial Park for a Full Moon Spaghetti Dinner and Marinara Cookoff which was attended by about 75 of Laytonville's hungriest residents. Third District Supervisor John Haschak and his wife, Janice, were also guests.

The evening was a success with the help and assistance of volunteers, association members, and Laytonville's Healthy Start, the organization responsible for stewarding many of the programs under the umbrella of Harwood Memorial Hall, Inc., including Long Valley Dance, Laytonville Skate Park, Long Valley Public Library, softball league, a children's play group, and several others.

The aroma of freshly baked bread, grilled onions and peppers, and a variety of marinara sauces filled the cavernous hall as the diners sat down to enjoy their meals and talk about the possibility of Laytonville getting a real library. Two of the Healthy Start people were in the kitchen making food, including Executive Director Jayma Shields Spence, who is also CFO of the Mendocino County Observer. Spence's husband, Roland Spence, is spearheading the Laytonville Skate Park project.

Beth Hogan was in charge of making sure the onions and peppers that were to go with the sausages were grilled to perfection. Shawn Haven, Susan Buckley, Juls Bowles, Janie Buckley, and other Friends of the Long Valley Library, worked hard to make sure everything was going well and the food was up to excellence.

In addition to the dinner and a silent auction, there was a marinara cookoff with four savory entries; "Aunt Rosie's Brooklyn Gravy," a traditional mixture of tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, onion, basil and red wine; "Mikey's Favorite," with

beef and sausage ("My son's favorite"); "Gramma Santa's Sketti Sauce" ("Gramama didn't speak English but she taught me how to cook"); and "Homegrown Goodness," in which "three of the four ingredients were grown in Laytonville."

By the end of the night, the attendees had chosen the Homegrown Goodness, created by Jayma Shields Spence, who generously donated her winnings of \$100 back to the Friends of the Long Valley Library.

Currently, the Friends have cleverly converted a portion of the old Laytonville High School into a "Book Room," a hybrid book store and locally run library. The Book Room is open two days a week, Mondays 11 am to 2 pm and Fridays 1 to 6 pm. The Friday hours will change to 12 to 5 pm with the end of daylight savings time on November 3.

The facility has about 3,500 donated books for sale from \$1 for paperbacks, \$2 for hard cover, and \$3 for some special large or rarer volumes. There is also a community room for meetings, poetry readings, town halls, etc. Haven designed the program and Buckley helps to run it.

Next on the agenda for the Friends is the lease of a space in a strip mall which will house the first Laytonville Public Library. This approximately 1,000-square-foot storefront has already been arranged and OK'd by Mendocino County and will function as a full-service library, albeit on a smaller scale, until they can get their permanent facility built near Harwood Memorial Hall, between the new Skate Park and the Garden Club.

It will have the full backing of the county and the services of a full-time librarian and access to the county library database. It is estimated that the storefront facility will be ready sometime next spring after alterations have been made. The storefront is located at Branscomb Road and Highway 101.

Of course, the Friends of the Long Valley Library are looking down the road, about four years, to the time when their permanent facility will be built and operating. They are using the Round Valley Public Library as a model, where Covello's Friends of the Library own the actual building which is then leased to the county or the library.

When the storefront and the permanent library are open, they will function as a community center for education, entertainment, business services, lectures, music, use of computers, and other facilities that the small town of Laytonville has been hungry for. Libraries can help to shape the ethos of a community and act as a hub to bring the citizens together. The Friends of the Long Valley Library are working diligently to make this happen.

According to Eyster, who wrote to Warnock on September 6, the allegations and subsequent findings of the investigation into Jones "has rendered him unable to serve as a witness in any criminal prosecution in Mendocino County. Moving forward, I will not approve any WPD cases for criminal prosecution wherein I determine that Mr. Jones is a necessary and material witness."

"I intend to promptly move to dismiss every pending criminal case in which I determine that Mr. Jones is a necessary and material prosecution witness," he added. "I will do this to protect the integrity of our local criminal justice system and to follow the mandates of the U.S. Supreme Court."

In his letter Eyster frequently references the standards set by the 1963 Brady vs. Maryland decision of the U.S. Supreme Court which ruled that that "the prosecution in criminal proceedings has a duty to disclose to the defense — upon request — material information that is exculpatory of a defendant." These disclosures include any information which would reflect poorly on "the credibility of a police officer witness."

Willits City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra said that the City of Willits, including Chief Warnock, could not comment on the Eyster letter at this time since they were still dealing with personnel issues related to the matter.

However she did express that they are supporting Jones as he continues to look at his options moving forward, which include the possibility of some sort of appeal.

"We think Jake Jones has done a great job, and we support his efforts in trying to clear his name," she said.

In addition, Officer Jacob "Jake" Jones wrote a response on Facebook after the letter and other articles came out, where he argued against "multiple, one-sided negative articles about my time at EPD," asserted his innocence of the allegations against him, and laid out his side of the story.

In Eyster's letter, he said his office found out about Jones' background at the EPD from an August 19 article by the North Coast Journal ("Light Into Dark Places") which first reported on the investigation into Jones.

In the article, Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming says she had come to the conclusion that Jones would be "unable to serve as a witness in criminal prosecutions," and they would be reviewing all cases involving him.

Eyster said he agreed with Fleming's assessment, and was upset that Warnock and the Willits Police Department apparently never spoke with Fleming's office during their background check of Jones.

Eyster did not hold back while critiquing Warnock in the letter.

"Words cannot adequately express how disappointed I am that you failed to notify me or, for that matter, anybody in my office of the peace officer hiring of Jacob Jones despite Mr. Jones' obviously Brady background," he wrote.

"While I accept as obvious your Thursday telephone admission that you 'screwed up,' that admission seems to me to be too little, too late. You have placed local law enforcement in a compromised position, your actions have diminished the reputation of the WPD, you created potential liability for Willits and its citizens, you have squandered WPD and DA resources, and you have placed the Bar card of my deputy prosecutors and I at risk. Recognizing multiple errors in judgment is only the beginning of changes that must be undertaken within the Willits Police Department if it is to remain viable and law-abiding."

Eyster also told Warnock to submit any "Brady information" about other peace officers in the Willits Police Department that was previously undisclosed to Chief DA Investigator Kevin Bailey by September 25, and to continue to do so in the future.

Warnock told the North Coast Journal in a phone interview for their August 29 article that the internal affairs investigation of Jones at the EPD had in fact been looked into.

"We thoroughly investigated it and determined we were comfortable hiring him," said Warnock. "He's a great officer."

The letter from Eyster to Warnock first appeared in the Anderson Valley Advertiser as the result of a Freedom of Information Act request by the news outlet according to Mike Geniella, the press representative for DA Eyster.

"The AVA filed a Freedom of Information Act with the county counsel's office," Geniella said in an interview with Willits Weekly. "And the county counsel's office reviewed that request and gave us notice that they were releasing the document because it was of course a public letter."

Geniella said that as of last Friday six cases at the DA's office had been affected due to Jones' involvement in them, though he couldn't specify whether charges had been dropped in any cases.

The investigation of Jones at the EPD arose from two separate incidents — one of them was redacted in the internal affairs report and no specific details are available to the public.

The other was from a call Jones responded to on May 25, 2018, in which a dog had been found deceased at a home with a wound that appeared to be possibly from a gun or knife.

According to the report first detailed in the North Coast Journal article, back at the police station Jones had initially told his supervisor, Sergeant Edward Wilson, that he had taken pictures of the deceased dog — as would have been appropriate for such a case — but then had been unable to find them.

Wilson eventually became suspicious that Jones had been untruthful about taking the pictures, and about six weeks after the dog incident wrote a memorandum to Captain Brian Stephens to express his concerns.

After several months of investigations, the lead investigator, Sergeant Gregory Hill, concluded that he believed Jones had been untruthful about taking the photos, citing inconsistencies in his story and discrepancies between what he and others at the EPD had reported. He recommended sustaining allegations against Jones.

EPD Chief Steve Watson then upheld the recommended allegations against Jones following a "Skelly conference," where he heard testimony from Jones and his attorney. The sustained allegations included "knowingly being untruthful in providing a false statement," and "attempting to conceal defective or incompetent work."

Jones was placed on administrative duty throughout the investigation, and then suspended for 30 days without pay following the findings.

However, Jones has maintained that he was truthful throughout the ordeal, explaining to investigators and EPD Chief Watson during the investigation that he had initially misspoke about taking the pictures, but then realized his mistake and soon thereafter told Sergeant Wilson that he had in fact not taken them.

In his Facebook post from September 23, he reiterated his version of the story, saying "my Sgt. asked me if I had taken pictures of the deceased dog and I told him I had (because I remembered making an attempt to). Later, after I had realized I hadn't taken any pictures, I was ABSOLUTELY FORTHCOMING and went to my Sgt. to tell him I had been mistaken and that I was sorry that I had given him the wrong information."

He also pointed out that another call had come in while at the house with the deceased dog, regarding a "subject with a firearm posing a threat elsewhere, so I would imagine I was hurriedly trying to get to that call to keep the public safe and make sure I was there for my partners."

"I must assert, with everything I have, that it was not my intention to be dishonest," said Jones. "The trust of my peers, supervisors and the public is of the utmost importance to me and I would not jeopardize that (let alone my career), especially over something so inconsequential."

Jones had initially filed an appeal to challenge the conclusions of the EPD investigation, and an administrative appeals hearing had been scheduled for May 16, but he then resigned from the EPD on May 6, and withdrew his request for the appeal.

Jones stated in his Facebook post that he had already applied for a job at the Willits Police Department and was in the process of a background check before Wilson wrote the memorandum to Stephens in July of 2018 which initiated the EPD investigation.

"I did not surreptitiously leave EPD in an attempt to start my career elsewhere without anyone knowing," said Jones in his statement. "In fact, to anyone who has ever asked, I have given my side of the story gladly, because I did not and still do not agree with EPD's allegations against me."

He also noted that following his suspension he was "returned to FULL DUTY for EPD (wearing a full uniform and in a patrol car, enforcing the laws of the state of CA)," though he did resign that same day.

As of Wednesday, the Facebook post had received nearly 100 comments, many of them from Willits area residents, all of them positive and in support of Jones. Officer Jones grew up in Willits, graduating from Willits High School.

The North Coast Journal received the internal affairs investigation report about Jones after filing a California Public Records Request to "all local police agencies seeking documents newly made public under Senate Bill 1421," according to their August 19 article.

SB 1421 was passed in California in August of 2018 and went into effect in January, and requires that agencies make public the records from officers involved shootings and major force incidents, as well as any sustained allegations of sexual assault or dishonesty while on duty.

While all the details of the second incident involving alleged misconduct by Jones are redacted in the report, Eyster indicated in his letter that the charge was for "failing to accurately document a use of force," and that Watson did uphold this allegation as well.

Referencing that incident in his Facebook post, Jones explained: "These charges (criminal in nature) were sent to the Humboldt County DA and reviewed for months. The Humboldt County DA DID NOT file criminal charges against me (because I didn't act in a criminal manner). I was within the scope of the law (even though my department asserts that I violated their policies)."

Geniella said that he saw very little chance that the Brady concerns DA Eyster had about Jones could ever change.

"The bottom line from the district attorney's point of view is we deal with the courts, and the courts do not look kindly on you parading in witnesses that have credibility issues," he said. "This gentleman may be a fine man ... but the fact is he has raised serious questions about his credibility in the matter of law enforcement and prosecution, and as prosecutors we can't have it. We can't deal with it on that level."

In the last line from his Facebook post, Jones urged people to have respect for those in law enforcement, regardless of what anyone thinks of him.

"Thank you for considering my side of the story and again, please do not let this cast Law Enforcement in a negative light in your mind," he said. "They deserve your utmost respect for the dangerous, stressful and often times thankless job they perform."

Brown and Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde have filled two seats. Second District Supervisor John McCowen and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams have yet to fill any seats on the committee.

Haschak's appointments are Ellen Drell, Walter Smith and Javier Silva. Drell was a founding member of the Willits Environmental Center in 1990 and was a member of the three-person Climate Action Advisory Committee Start-Up Group from 2018 to 2019.

Smith is a retired forester and a retired consultant on sustainable forestry issues. He was a member of the Mendocino County Forest Advisory Committee from 1989 to 1994. He was a consultant with the Institute for Sustainable Forestry from 1990 to 1999 and with the Rainforest Alliance from 2001 to 2017.

Round Valley resident Javier Silva has worked with his tribe on environmental issues and on the effects of climate change on tribal property for the past 25 years.

The First District appointments are John Nickerson and Macadam Lojowsky. Nickerson is a registered professional forester in California who has worked on developing market incentives for improved forest management. He has provided several protocols to the California Air Resources Board, which has used those protocols for compliance purposes in California's cap and trade program.

Lojowsky is facilities manager at Mendocino College. In the past, he served as a planning committee member for two years for the City of Ojai in southern California.

The two appointments made so far by Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde are Michael Potts and Marie Jones. Potts was one of the founding members of the Caspar Community Board and was also a longtime board member of Real Goods. While on the Real Goods board, Potts was also the chief technical officer for Real Goods. He said in his application to the committee that he has had a strong interest in sustainability and energy independence issues for the past 30 years.

Marie Jones is a planner who was formerly the community development director of Fort Bragg.

accident yet.

The incident report Tuesday evening at the CHP incident page listed two parties calling in reports of visible debris after the accident. The original reporting party "heard initial crash," the log said, then "stated they have the roadway blocked with flashers."

Andy Hilkey of the "Willits CA 95490 Community Awareness Information Page" on Facebook reported that the incident was terminated and the roadway was clear, as of 12:34 am Wednesday morning.

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Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by visiting www.Medicare.gov or calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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Above: SonoMusette will bring an evening of romantic mid-20th century Parisian music – think Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel and Django Reinhardt – to Willits Community Theatre October 6.

SonoMusette brings an evening of romantic and passionate French music to WCT

By Steve Hellman for WCT

A taste of romantic and passionate Parisian music comes to Willits Community Theatre with SonoMusette on Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm. The five-piece, all-star band revives the enchantment of mid-20th-century Paris, transporting listeners to the great music that sprang from the French cafés and the evocative sounds of Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel and Django Reinhardt. The band combines the singing of the French chanteuse, the musette accordion, gypsy-jazz guitar, upright bass and drums to deliver a magical night of period music.

The quintet features lead singer Mimi Pirard who spent her youth in Paris, where she learned many of the band's songs. Before SonoMusette, she and her brother Gabe led the popular North Bay world fusion band Dgin. SonoMusette also showcases accordionist Robert Lunceford, who began playing the accordion at age 7. Prior to forming SonoMusette with Pirard, Lunceford performed with the French music trio, Un Deux Trois and French-Italian trio, La Guinguette.

Standup bassist and pianist Jan Martinelli

has toured nationally with Holly Near and performed at jazz festivals from Monterey to Barbados and the Kennedy Center. Her soulful approach to the bass can be heard on more than 30 albums. While performing with a variety of Northern California bands, Isaac Vandever on guitar is fluent in free-form jazz to big band swing and covers. He is currently band director for the Rincon Valley Union School District in Santa Rosa.

Drummer Richard Andrews has performed regularly in jazz groups abroad and in the Bay Area. His frequent trips to Paris have inspired a deep interest in French popular music of the early 20th century

SonoMusette's reanimation of the Parisian era's classic songs in a modern context is guaranteed to be a rare and unique treat at WCT.

Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



Souls collide in the young adult drama 'I and You' showing at Willits Community Theatre starting October 4

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

A witty and touching two-person drama, "I and You," will show at Willits Community Theatre from October 4 to 20. Written by the prolific playwright Lauren Gunderson and directed by WCT star Kelly Kesey in her directorial debut, the show focuses entirely on two high school students whose souls are colliding in an amazing and unexpected way.

Aria Silveira and Oscar Montelongo Medina star in the show as Caroline and Anthony – in a tribute to youth and love and the mystery of the human potential to bond and discover a unique connectedness through the giving of oneself.



Above: A Walt Whitman school project helps to ignite a close relationship between Oscar Montelongo Medina as Anthony, the boy next door, and Aria Silveira as the ailing and shut-in Caroline in the witty and touching two-person drama, "I and You."

At left: Young adult actors Aria Silveira and Oscar Montelongo Medina join forces with Director Kelly Kesey in bringing to life the touching and witty drama "I and You" showing at Willits Community Theatre from October 4 to 20.

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he saw as its purpose.

The purpose of the new committee appears to be two-fold. On one level, the charge of the committee is evaluating the current system for how road repairs are prioritized and to see if that system needs to be changed.

On another level, Williams said both he and Gjerde have been hearing from constituents who want the county to enforce existing speed limits and who are asking for lower speed limits to be imposed in their districts.

Williams mentioned the committee may explore the feasibility of installing speed bumps or speed dots on certain county roads. He also said Gjerde had mentioned to him that some counties are using "art" as a means to get drivers to slow down.

"Supervisor Gjerde had some innovative ideas about artwork in the roadway that is just painted on, that, as the driver gets close, has been shown to help reduce speed," Williams said.

"We want to brainstorm with DOT county [the Department of Transportation], involve the public, and see if we can get more out of every dollar spent on roads, and gain some public awareness of the process that we have in place," Williams said.

Supervisor John McCowen raised a concern that it might be bad policy to have two coastal supervisors serving on a single ad hoc. He pointed out that five years ago, Gjerde and then-Third District Supervisor John Pinches served on a similar ad hoc committee, with Gjerde being a coastal supervisor and Pinches being an inland supervisor. McCowen said it might be appropriate to put an inland supervisor on the ad hoc, in addition to either Gjerde or Williams.

But Williams said the intention was not to look at individual roads at all and argued that the approach of the ad hoc would be countywide.

"We want to look at systems," Williams said. "Imagine if county residents, no matter where they are in the county, could upload a photo, describe the condition and now all of us, the DOT, the supervisors and the public, would be able to see the problems we have in the county and understand the methodology about what we're fixing in what order. That would be a huge gain over what we have today," Williams said.

"If all this ad hoc does is find we're at maximum efficiency for the dollar, just documenting it for the public would be beneficial," Williams said.

In early January of this year, Department

of Transportation Director Howard Dashiell presented the board of supervisors with a 20-year road repair plan. Dashiell described the report as a "possible scenario" for how the department would implement the 20-year plan. Under Dashiell's plan, his department would work on many roads in close proximity to each other, in order to save on mobilization costs. For example, in the first year his department would pave or rehabilitate 16 miles of roads in the Fort Bragg area for \$3.4 million.

In year 2 (2020-21), the Department of Transportation would treat 22 miles of road in the 5th District, including 10 miles of the Comptche – Ukiah Road and Albion Little River Road, for a cost of \$3.5 million.

In year 3, Dashiell plans to apply an asphalt overlay on 8 miles of the Orr Springs Road at a cost of \$3.9 million.

In year 4 (2022-2023), the department would address five major roads in Brooktrails, including parts of Goose Road, Primrose Drive, Poppy Drive, Lilac Road and Daphne Way. That would be a total of 11.3 miles of road, at a cost of \$4 million.

In year 5, the department plans to treat 23.7 miles of road in District 5, namely 18 miles of the Philo-Greenfield Road and 6 miles of the Cameron Road, at a cost of \$4.2 million.

Under Dashiell's plan, his department would treat 10 roads in the Willits-Little Lake Valley area in year 14, that is, 2032-2033. The department would address 2.5 miles of the Laytonville-Dos Rios Road, as well as 25 miles of the Branscomb Road, in 2034-35. Work would go back to Brooktrails in 2036-37, treating 20 miles over a total of 20 roads and streets, at a cost of \$7 million.

Under Dashiell's plan, his department would come to Covelo in year 19 (2037-38) and would treat 22 miles of road for a total of \$7 million.

When, during Dashiell's January 2019 presentation, newly elected Third District Supervisor John Haschak asked if the plan could be modified, Dashiell defended it.

"I've given this my best shot," Dashiell said. "I worked on this for the past 18 months, and I've played with it. This is my best judgment and perhaps there is a way to refine it, or maybe you could send it out to some expert and they might be able to optimize it. But this is my best shot."

The establishment of the road efficiency ad hoc, with supervisors Gjerde and Williams as members, was approved unanimously.

'Mystery' medal from 1997 handcar races found in Brooktrails

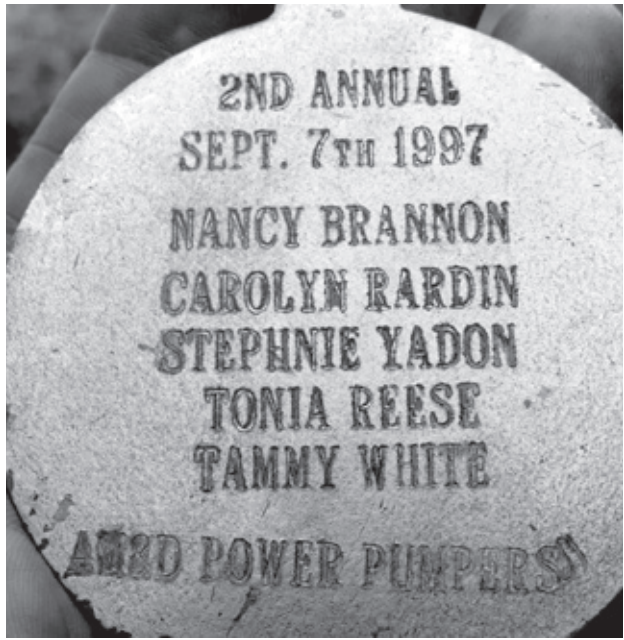
This medal from Roots of Motive Power's 2nd annual Lumberjack Handcar Races in 1997 was found hanging from a tree on a Brooktrails lot. Landscaper John Wagenet found the mystery medal while clearing a lot for fire abatement near the Willits Airport.

The medal was awarded to the AM&D Power Pumpers after the September 7, 1997 handcar races. That information, along with the winners' names - Nancy Brannon, Carolyn Rardin, Stephanie Yadon, Tonia Reese and Tammy White – is engraved on the back of the medal.

"It was hanging from a small broken branch on a tan oak tree about eye level," Wagenet said. The lot is owned by an absentee landlord who doesn't live in Willits.

Any of the medal winners are invited to contact Willits Weekly at 459-2633 or willitsweekly@gmail.com to tell us the story of this medal won 22 years ago in Willits.

– Jennifer Poole



At top: This 1997 medal from Roots of Motive Power's 2nd annual Lumberjack Handcar Races depicts a lumberjack and a bull working a handcar on the rails.

Above: The back of the medal, awarded September 7, 1997, lists the winning members of the all-female AM&D Power Pumpers.

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to the area on a plane, Barry was also responsible for renting instruments and other non-airplane-sized items for the band.

"All of the expenses really added up, and there were things that we hadn't really anticipated, too, like having to fence off the whole Rec Grove Park to prevent people from just setting up there instead of buying tickets," explained Barry. "So we did end up losing money – the event cost \$50,000 to put on – but we really hope that those who attended can let others know what an amazing experience it was, so when we can do the next one, more people will want to get tickets, and we can better plan for our costs and make it profitable.

"We're trying to do new things and bring new experiences to Willits," Barry continued, "which also will utilize the rodeo grounds for more than just the few events we have in addition to Frontier Days proper. We need the support of the community, too, though, if they are to succeed."

Barry noted LeDoux was trying to be mindful of their costs and our small community, too; instead of requiring an official trailer for a green room on his rider, he happily used the office at the Willits Frontier Days grounds instead. Barry noted some of the band members stayed afterwards and celebrated with the crew for the "after party" when opening act Chad Bushnell took the stage again, this time at the old tennis courts, to play for those still wanting to dance.

LeDoux signed autographs, posed with event attendees, and held a meet and greet for Facebook contest winner Stacey Amador and her family. Some of the band members even opted out of a ride back to their hotel, noting "I'd love to walk there and check out your cool li'l town."

True to his promise, LeDoux played many of his own songs, some off of his already-released album, "Sagebrush," and some new tracks off of his second album, "Next in Line," set to be released on November 8. However, it was some well-known '90s country songs from his dad, the famous, but sadly, late Chris LeDoux, that really got the crowd singing along.

The crowd gathered in front of the stage raised their hats during Chris LeDoux's classic "This Cowboy's Hat," bull riders past and present cheered loud for "8 Second Ride," and high-school memories of washing pants and shirts with empty Copenhagen cans in pockets flooded back with his song, "Copenhagen."

A complete list of the 90-minute set included: "Some Things Never Change," "Cowboy Life," "Western Skies," "Some People Do," "Where You Belong," "Sons of the Pioneers," "Just a Little Bit Better," "Dance with Yer Spurs On," "Forever a Cowboy," "Bareback Jack," "The Hawk," "We Ain't Got It All," "Brother Highway," "Travel Alone," "A Cowboy Is All," "Tougher than the Rest," "Copenhagen," "Copenhagen Angel," "Old Fashioned," "This Cowboy's Hat," "8 Second Ride," "Cadillac Cowboy," and "Outlaw."

"We really enjoyed the day," said Mark Sissel, LeDoux's manager and guitar player in the band. "Wonderful town, and everyone was great to work with. Hope we can come back one day and build on what they've started."

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One afternoon, Anthony arrives unexpectedly at classmate Caroline's door bearing a beat-up copy of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," with an urgent request for her help with a high school English project. Homebound due to illness, Caroline hasn't been to school in months and is not expecting this intrusion.

Her quick-witted and cynical nature sharply contrasts with Anthony's boy-next-door persona, which creates intense, touching and sometimes hysterical moments between them. As these two let down their guards and share their secrets, this seemingly mundane school project unlocks a much deeper mystery that has brought them together.

Director Kesey says of the play, "It's about the giving of one's self, that's how we do it, that's how we save each other in this life, through small acts of kindness." Kesey has starred in previous WCT hit shows, including "Angel of Chatham Square," "Grace and Glorie," and "Last of the Red-Hot Lovers."

In her directorial debut, Kesey says she's taken on a play that she loved from the minute she read it, and she's particularly excited to be working with the two talented young adults, Aria Silveira and Oscar Montelongo Medina.

Kesey suggests that the powerful dialogue exchanges and the

unexpected relationship that develops between Silveira and Montelongo Medina on stage will take the audience through amazing twists and turns. The show may even leave people reevaluating not only the play itself, but the impact of the choices they make in their own lives. She says, "This play has a way of prying open the shell of pretense to get at the hurt and the hope

that lies within us all."

She expresses her excitement at broadening the scope of WCT shows to include teen / young adult drama and sharing the magic of theater with this age group.

"I and You" will run from October 4 to 20, with shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 for the Thursday and Sunday shows; \$20 for Friday and Saturday. A student discount of \$5 is available for all regular shows at the door with student I.D.

A special benefit performance to support the William F. Harrah Senior Center will be held on Thursday, October 10; tickets for the benefit are \$20 and available through Pat Collins at 459-4594. Advance tickets for all regular shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at www.brownpapertickets.com, or by phone 24 / 7 at 800- 838-3006.

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he and Sarah went to live in London for a few years before returning to Davis.

He entered a Homebrew Festival in Ukiah and took second place with his Rye IPA which received many compliments and convinced him to try again to create the brewpub. At that time, the Starchild Chocolate space became available.

The Foleys looked at the space and met the owners, Victor and Norma Hanson. They returned several times, asking themselves: "Shall we do this? Shall we do this? Shall we do this?" Obviously, the answer was eventually, "yes," and thankfully so.

As with many dreams, the Foleys' determination and vision encouraged others to become involved. Phillip "Stu" Stewart, a local sculptor and designer, took on the task of designing and creating the interior. He ran with the railroad theme, resulting in the eclectic, but homey, feel of the room.

"I had this idea a while ago when they started this project, about using the rail as a source," said Stewart. "It was a process to get everyone believing they could do it. Many of the objects were donated by the Skunk Train. The two bartenders, K.K. and Dylan, have worked with me to make it happen."

Another brilliant bit of serendipity was finding Mama J (Jaynene Johnson) of Zocalo Collective to set up her company in their soon-to-be-finished kitchen. Johnson brings years of knowledge and creativity to the mix with her signature grub and munchies. She will be offering food that brings people together, platters to be shared with old friends or for making new ones.

At the party, she was offering gluten-free cornbread turnovers, locally grown coconut kale, pulled jerk pork, and teriyaki mushroom sliders amongst other tasty treats. Allegra Foley, Jakob's sister, provided pies for the evening and will contribute to Pie Fridays, a proposed promotion. Shewolf Coffee brought their signature brews and some vegan desserts.

The attendees at the Founders party were in awe that the brewpub was finally here and seemingly flawless in its execution and interior. The huge, gleaming brewing vats lined one wall, reminding the party-goers what the facility was all about. The samples of five of Foley's brews flowed in a steady stream. There were three kinds of IPA, named for the time being, "IPA 1, IPA 2, and IPA 3" the number of which indicated their strength. There was also an amber and a pale ale.

With the support of Willits, the Northspur Brewing Co. could become a new entertainment and social hub of the downtown area. They are planning to be open from 11:30 am to 9 pm (10 pm on weekends), closed Monday and Tuesday. For information or to join the Founders Club, visit: www.northspurbrewing.com.

The Foleys have some creative plans for the pub such as displays of art and music for pleasant afternoons. Stay tuned. As Jakob Foley says: "Come enjoy our place. Drink beer."



Above: Look for Amanda Fairall's "Little Blue Food Wagon" under the trees in the old Rexall parking lot by the Willits Farmers Market including a display reminiscent of her booth at market with jams, sauces, sweet breads, and produce.

At right, from top: Victoria Parks buys some of Amanda Fairall's delicious jam. People are lined up to purchase prepared foods from the new Fairall's Farm "Little Blue Food Wagon" at Willits Farmers Market. Maryl Morris, who's been buying Amanda Fairall's products since Fairall first came to the Willits market, checks out the new setup.

Photos by Ree Slocum

Fairall's Farm brings new 'Little Blue Food Wagon' to Willits Farmers Market

For the last several years, Amanda Fairall has dreamed about getting a food truck for her business, Fairall's Farm. She finally showed up at the Willits Farmers Market with her bright blue truck for the first time on Thursday, September 12.

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The truck was a surprise to some of her customers who were looking for her table in its usual spot. "I posted notices on my Facebook page and Instagram to let my customers know I'm now in the 'Little Blue Food Wagon,'" she said. For now she also takes time to stand in the street, greeting marketgoers and showing them the way to her new food truck parked in the old Rexall parking lot under the trees.

Her food offerings include her original handcrafted jams, sauces, relishes, lasagna, wraps – with gluten-free alternatives – and farm produce. What's really different is her ability to cook and bake in her certified kitchen at the same time she's serving customers. This is something she couldn't do when she had her street booth.

"The lasagna I've only had at the winter market and haven't been able to do at the summer market because I

have to keep the food up to temperature or keep it on ice. So having the ovens and full kitchen [with refrigerator and freezer], I'm able to do it year 'round," she said.

Fairall has built up a strong customer base over the years. Maryl Morris has been buying Amanda Fairall's products since Fairall first came to market. "She makes wonderful jams," raves Morris. "Saucy Blackberry is my current favorite. It has some red wine in it which really adds a little zip."

"I've been getting jams from [Amanda] for years now," said Victoria Parks. "It's really amazing to see the growth in our community, and we get to see little gems like [Amanda's food truck] that really make Willits the small community that I've grown to love."

Look for Fairall's Farm at the Willits Farmers Market and other farmers markets, Concerts in the Park and Pumpkin Fest in Ukiah, and other venues. She also caters for private events with her new "Little Blue Food Wagon" full of scrumptious foods.

Visit Fairall's Farm on Facebook and Instagram or call 707-391-7416 for more information.



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Mexican feast at the Rec Grove to benefit young heart patient

Once again, the Willits community came together to help one of their own. The Recreation Grove Park was transformed into a Mexican food feast in order to raise money to defray some of the expenses incurred by Naomi Ramirez who is at UCSF awaiting a heart transplant donor. Her mother, Elia Ramirez, has been by her side and not able to work at Brookside School and the Willits Kids Club. The expenses and bills have been piling up, so Mujeres Unidas decided to create the fundraiser.

The goal was to raise \$5,000 but the response was so overwhelming that all of the food was sold out by 2:30 pm at the event that was supposed to go to 5 pm. In the end, more than \$6,000 was brought in through the sale of authentic, freshly cooked Mexican food (including posole, tacos, enchiladas, tamales and aguas frescas), raffles and donations.

On Thursday, September 26, the Imagination Station Toy Depot will be donating 25 percent of the profits on all sales to the cause. For more details or to donate to Naomi Ramirez, who along with her mother still needs much help with funds for her procedures and expenses, please contact Elida Cardona at 707-354-1538 or elidarealestate@gmail.com.

— Mathew Caine

At top, left:: Several tables are set up with delicious food choices. At top, right: The enchilada crew works away in the kitchen. At right, above: Domino Chavez creates the tacos. At right: Many items were generously donated for the raffle. At far right, above: Diana Gomez handles the aguas frescas booth. At far right: The Rec Grove Park is turned into a Mexican food palace.



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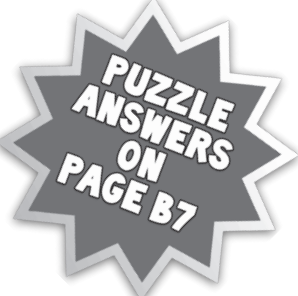
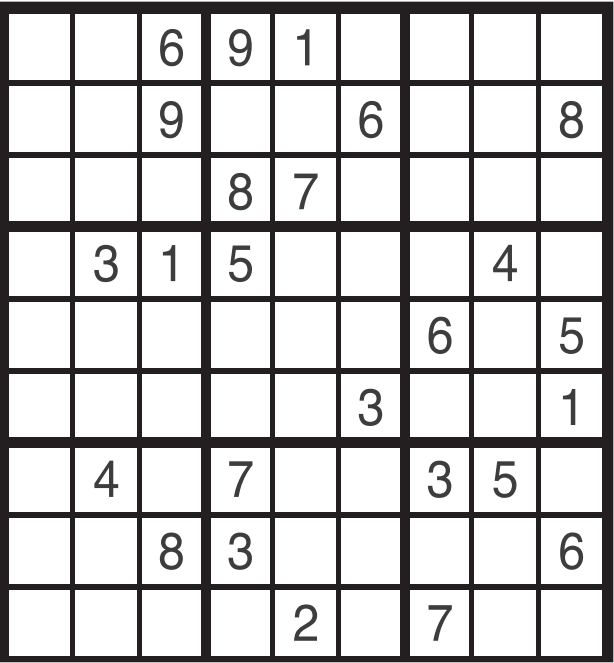
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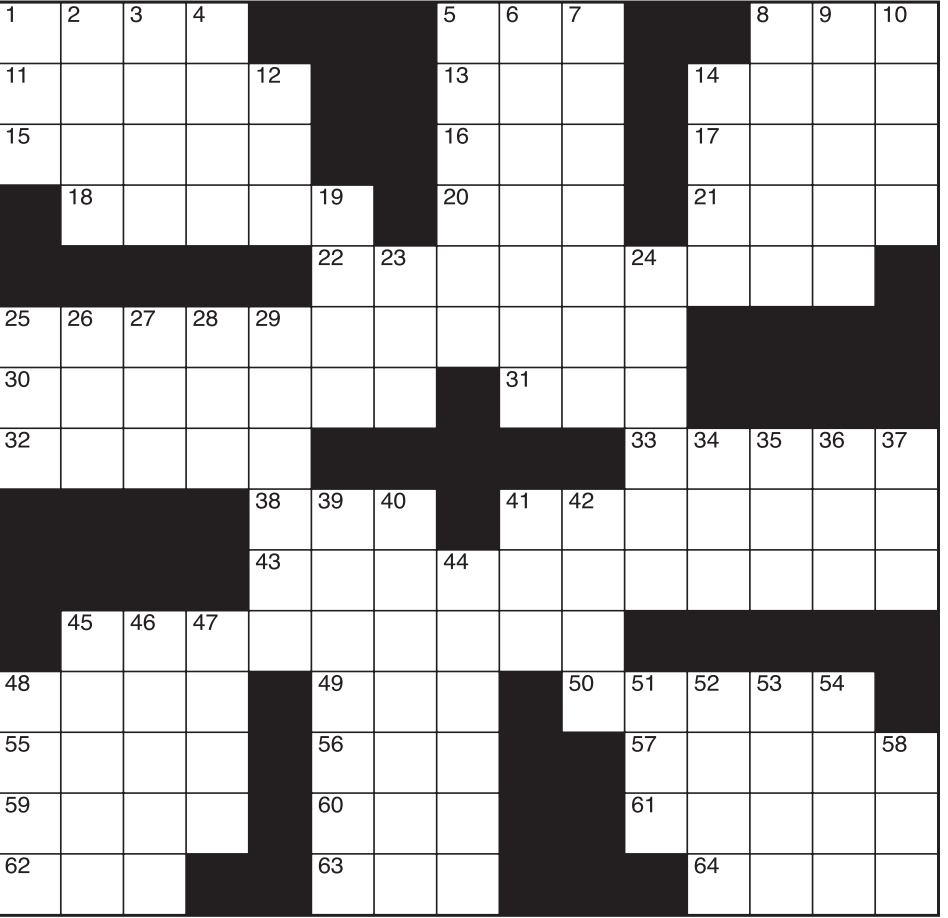
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SUDOKU

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

FUN NIGHT OUT WORD SEARCH



APPETIZERS	DINING	FRIENDS	PLAY
BABYSITTER	DOWNTOWN	GAME	POPCORN
BILL	DRINKS	GROUP	RESTAURANT
CHEERING	ENJOYMENT	HOSTESS	SPORTS
CITY	ENTERTAINMENT	LAUGHING	STADIUM
CLUB	EVENING	MEAL	TAXI
DANCING	FAMILY	MUSIC	THEATER
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CLUES ACROSS

- Group of languages
- No seats available
- Helps little firms
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Established by the Treaty of Rome
- Whale ship captain
- Thick
- When you hope to get there
- First capital of Japan
- Cyprinids
- Dry white wine drink
- Witnesses
- Alcohol drinks
- Synthetic resin
- Latin for 'very early'
- Bill Clinton plays it
- One-time province of British-India
- Folic and amino are two
- Integrated data processing
- Use to build roads
- 44th US President
- Where school kids eat

- Small New Zealand tree
- Doctors' group
- Civil Rights group
- Swedish rock group
- Baby's dining accessory
- Succulent plants
- Dutch word for 'language'
- Polynesian garland of flowers
- Spiritual leader
- Single Lens Reflex
- Baseball stat
- Abba __, Israeli politician

CLUES DOWN

- He's honored every June
- Breezed through
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Flat, thin round object
- One looking for knowledge
- Calls it a career
- Egg-shaped wind instrument
- Allied H.Q.
- Reveals
- Greek sophist
- Speedy ballplayer Gordon
- Body that defines computing protocols

- Common Japanese surname
- Eucharist box
- Oil company
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- A metal-bearing material
- The common gibbon
- Affirmative
- Writer
- Taxi
- Pioneering journalist Tarbell
- Used to hold back
- Senior officer
- OK to go out with
- First in order
- Defunct phone company
- Southern Ghana inhabitant
- Peninsula in SW Asia
- Political plot
- 'Great' Mogul emperor
- Young horse
- Where wrestlers compete
- Reveals
- Wings
- Baseball legend Ty
- Skipper butterflies
- Immoral act

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

September 16 to September 22

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **214 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 16

1:47 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:48 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

7:22 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

8:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

September 17

8:43 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

4:42 pm: GEBBIE, Michelle Marie (45) of Fort Bragg, and VIGREN, Pablo Dario (38) of Willits were contacted in the 300 block of North Street following a disturbance. Gebbie was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury), and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear. Vignren was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery), and on felony charges of violation of probation.

5:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

September 18

11:57 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 26000 block of Hawk Terrace.

3:19 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

3:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

September 19

7:38 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:40 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

2:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

3:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

9:17 pm: Officers responded to a theft investigation in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

11:37 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

12:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Holly Street.

9:15 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 21

6:13 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:30 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Catherine Lane and West Van Lane.

11:53 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

8:46 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:03 pm: HACKELBERG, Robert William (39) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

September 22

1:15 am: GONZALES, Monika Fern (21) of Citrus Heights was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. She was arrested pursuant to 602 (O) PC (Trespassing).

3:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

7:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 19000 block of North Highway 101.

9:03 pm: NORTON, James Allen (39) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459. 5 PC (Shoplifting), 11354 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

9:16 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

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H.E.R.O. program:
Keeping students safe

By Michelle Hutchins, Mendocino County superintendent of schools

When I was a kid, we had "duck and cover" drills, in case an earthquake or nuclear bomb hit our school. We were a little unsettled by the possibility of disaster, but the threat didn't feel imminent. Sadly, the nature of disaster drills has changed. These days, students hear about campus shootings elsewhere and wonder if their school will be next. Teachers, administrators and support staff also feel the weight of this frightening possibility.



Michelle Hutchins

In response to school shootings, schools began doing lockdown or "shelter in place" drills, which had the unintended consequence of traumatizing some students who felt like they were simply waiting for a gunman to come and get them.

Today, there's a new approach, one that empowers students. It's called the H.E.R.O. program, and thanks to a generous grant from the Mendocino Public Safety Foundation, we'll be launching a pilot program to train students and staff in Covelo, Leggett, and Point Arena.

H.E.R.O. stands for hide, escape, run, overcome. The program shares age-appropriate information using short videos and teacher-led discussions that help students recognize, avoid, and survive an active-shooter event. It is not a fear-based program, but rather one that focuses on how students can remain safe. The program is embedded in English Language Arts classes because it incorporates critical thinking concepts built upon Empowerment Theory that are in line with California State Standards.

The local Public Safety Foundation offered to pay the H.E.R.O. program tuition for 1,000 students, so we chose three small school districts with a broad ethnic and economic mix. Here are some of the ideas to be shared.

HIDE: Students and teachers are taught to hide from intruders and barricade their classroom. In addition to building barricades, students learn how and where to hide safely in classrooms and outdoor locations.

ESCAPE: Students and teachers are taught to escape from an area of danger and find a safe place. Depending on the situation, remaining in one place like a classroom or cafeteria is not always the safest strategy.

RUN: Students and teachers are taught to run away from danger. While running

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Above, left: Beth Riedel, left, talks with Stephanie Stainbrook about knitting as Tabatha Atkinson uses the time to knit a colorful scarf and Ruby Gamble looks on. Above, right: Miles stops coloring to show off some interesting stamps he got from the Stamp Club guys: "I think the library's pretty neat and necessary for everyone who would like to know how to read or likes to read." Below: Library Assistants Julie Castillo and Savannah Logan talk with people about the six activities they have for children during library hours.

Not Just Books
Willits Library Open House showcases the many activities and clubs available to patrons of all ages

The idea for a Library Open House to celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month was initiated by Willits Librarian Nicole Bird. Each branch library in Mendocino County had its own version of a Library Open House. The Willits Library's event was last Thursday, September 19.

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Bird was very happy with the turnout of approximately 60 people who walked through and stopped to visit the 20 people presenting different programs and activities available at the library. Throughout the week, 15 new people signed up for library cards at the Willits Library.

Bird knows the public isn't aware of some new programs at the library, all of which are free to cardholders. "This spring we started adding a whole bunch of new activities. I wanted to get the word out to more people and got the idea to have an open house night like schools used to do at this time of year," she said. Her hope was that it would bring in new people to sign up for a library card, which can "help achieve academic advancement and a lifetime of learning" for everyone according to the American Library Association.

Each day the Willits Library is open, there are activities for young children, school-age children, as well as teens and adults. The Open House was a chance to learn more about these activities. The presenters arranged themselves in a horseshoe of tables in the center of the library so people could meet them and discuss their programs.

On Wednesdays there are three groups led by Library Assistant Savannah Logan. She leads a play group in the morning and story time followed by Lego Club in the afternoon. "My favorite part is seeing the kids come back and remember the

songs and stories we read the last week and be excited to come again and immerse themselves in the library," she said.

If you have young, active children who want to come to the library, on Thursdays from 11 am to 11:30 am there's Wiggle Time (Movement for Kids) led by Library Assistant Julie Castillo. It's a time where children get a chance to play short games or do the Hokey Pokey to get the wiggles out before going into the library.

Every Friday Castillo also leads Adult Calming Stretch from 5:30 to 5:50 pm. "It's 20 minutes of stretch meditation from head to toe, and relaxation exercises for teens and adults," she said. It sounds like a great way to enter into the weekend.

There were tables and information about the Knitting Club which meets 2 to 4:30 pm each Saturday, no experience necessary. Marvin Talso and Pat Wilson from the Stamp Club displayed stamps worth hundreds of dollars; the 11 club members meet every other month at the library.

Cultural Services Agency Director and County Librarian Karen Horner along with Betsy Mercer with the Mendocino County Museum represented the museum and county parks with lots of informational pamphlets. The new exhibit, "Natural Expressions," a mixed-media showing of art inspired by Mendocino County, will open November 2.

Library Technician Will Minor talked about seed saving and the value of having locally grown seeds to plant. The seeds are free with the idea that people will return seeds from the plants they grow, thus keeping the Seed Library viable.

The Literacy Volunteers of Willits

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Above: Olga O'Neill, left, and Barbara Telich from the Friends of the Willits Library were available to sign up new library card holders at the Open House. They also passed out flyers for a small book sale in October.

At left: Bridge aficionado Donna Vaiano, who leads a once-a-month game for experienced bridge players, displays two of four "hands" in a typical bridge game.

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Above, left: Deon Smith gets ready for the demonstration. Above, right: Action organizer Audrey Sherf is ready with sign in-hand. Below: Students display their sharp wit on their handmade signs. At bottom: The classes stop at Babcock Park to strike and draw attention from cars driving by.



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Above, left: Emily Barbita gets ready to distribute the handmade protest signs. Above: The students gather in front of the Willits Charter School after the Global Climate Strike day action.

Action = hope

Willits Charter School students participate in 'Global Climate Strike' day on Friday

By the end of the day, Friday, September 20, there were 2,052 "Global Climate Strike" events in 123 countries, according to CNN. The movement instigated by the concern and determination of 16-year-old Greta Thunberg of Sweden inspired a generation of youth internationally to consider how the adult leaders of the world are failing to act to turn back the tide of climate change which those who are young today will inherit in the years to come.

It was concern about this existential threat, needing strong, effective and immediate action, that brought many of the students of the Willits Charter School out to the streets bearing their homemade signs and shouting slogans ("No more coal. No more oil. Keep your carbon in the soil.") to the passing cars, many of whom responded with honks of approval and encouragement.

The walk from the school on Main Street to the staging area at Babcock Park was orderly and accompanied by laughter and discussions. The teachers and administration of the school facilitated the students' participation in the international walkout as they encourage creative expression and the voicing of their concerns.

Emily Barbita led the procession, shouting through a megaphone. Students followed bearing signs with saying such as, "Act NOW, hope will follow," "Don't hurt the earth,

or she'll hurt you," and "Sea levels are rising, but so are we."

Participation in the event was sparked by student Audrey Sherf, who encouraged her fellow students to join in the protest, create signs, and become involved. "Today, September 20th, we're having a walkout because we are protesting against climate change," Sherf said. "The reason we're doing this is because climate change is happening fast and it's happening right now and it's getting really bad.

"If the adults," she continued, "aren't standing up for the earth and they're not making a change, then we have to. We don't want our future to be destroyed by something that we can't really effect, so we're trying to make as strong an impact as we can.

"It's not only our future that is going to be affected," Sherf added. "It's animals and every living thing on this planet. Currently 200 species go extinct every day and that makes me really sad. We need to change it and we need to reduce emissions and we need to just stop what we are doing that makes it worse."

Sherf commented that she would be willing to give up some of her comforts to effect change. She would ride her bike and walk everywhere, become vegan to curb emissions, and use less water and electricity. "Greta [Thunberg] said that 'once there is action, there is hope,'" Sherf said. "That is what we are trying to do. We're trying to create much action, so a lot of people will respond to it."



Above: One of the cleverly worded signs uses humor to get the point across.

Above, right: Hope and Emily lead the walk.

At right: Sasquatch, the school mascot, joins in the action.



Amazing Athletes of Willits High School

Cross Country | Briana Evans, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: "This is my fourth year."

Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal

Love of the Sport: "I like the camaraderie we have together ... the vans on the way there. We pump each other up."

Other Sports Played: Track

Briana excelled in her first league meet of the season this week. She placed first in the girls' race, is team captain, and is an outstanding scholar athlete. She is a hard-working and self-disciplined – a team leader who inspires her teammates.

– Submitted by Cross Country Coach Susan Craig



Cross Country | Teo Labus, 16, Junior

How Long Playing the Sport: Since freshman year

Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal

Love of the Sport: "I just love that it's an independent sport. I can take it as far as I need to take."

Other Sports Played: Swim

Teophil, who is team captain, also excelled in his first league meet of the season this week. He placed second in the boys' race, and is an outstanding scholar athlete. He is a hard-working, self-disciplined team leader and an inspiration to his teammates.

– Submitted by Cross Country Coach Susan Craig



At top: Rachel Britten leads the call for donations. Above: New Program Director Ana Victoria Salcido-Cobbe speaks to the guests.



Farm Brunch

School of Adaptive Agriculture at Ridgewood Ranch raises \$22,000 at 4th annual fundraiser

This is how food should taste. Fresh from the farm, without additives or genetically modified organisms, cooked with care and love, and served to an appreciative group of locals who understand the importance of local small family farms in the production of food and other commodities.

The 4th Annual School of Adaptive Agriculture's Brunch at Ridgewood Ranch treated supporters, volunteers, teachers and other interested people to a tasty and healthy light meal last week. According to Joshua Sternberg of Black Dog Catering, "Almost all of the produce and protein was produced here on the farm, either by the New Agrarian Collective or the Church of the Golden Rule.

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"We have hard-boiled eggs, biscuits grown with Doug Mosel's Sonora wheat, gravy with meat, potatoes, tomato plate with all New Agrarian Collective tomatoes, and a fruit platter, highlighted by the Collective Farm Woman melon that we grow here."

Sternberg is a past student of the school who has stayed to create his own growing cooperative along with several farm partners. He has partnered with Caroline Radice, who does most of the cooking for Black Dog Catering which provides farm-to-table food for events. The food for the event was donated by the New Agrarian Collective, Golden Rule Garden, Yokayo Roots Farm, and the Mendocino Grain Project.

The school has been growing, both in students and in programs since its inception in 2013 as the Grange Farm School. Rachel Britten, well-known auctioneer in the area and member of the leadership team, said of the event: "It is a fundraiser and a mission awareness builder. There's no charge. We've invited the people that have supported us over the year, and we would like to share what we do with them."

"The school has a new program coordinator, Ana Victoria Salcido-Cobbe," Britten, the event's emcee, explained. "There is a new workshop series that is intended to create programming that is open to the local public, which is beyond just the residential program for those who actually live on the farm for 10 weeks."

According to Britten, the school has brought in several new instructors to teach the workshops, including long-time volunteer Takashi Yogi, who teaches "Intro to Carpentry" and "Small Engine Repair." There are also a lot of new herbal programs. "There are at least four new public classes every month," added Britten.

With the hiring of Salcido-Cobbe as program director, the public educational offerings have stepped up with more classes designed to familiarize local students with traditional and newer farming methods. The classes can greatly enhance their knowledge and ability to sustainably produce food and live closer to the earth.

Beyond the aforementioned classes, upcoming offerings

include "Cultivating Fungal Companions," which will deal with fungi and the beneficial cultures that can be made from them, "Chicken Butchering 101," "Wild Medicinals of Field & Forest: An Herb Walk," "Herbal Care for Children," "From Kernel to Tortilla," "Getting to Know Electricity," and many more.

In addition to these classes, the school has partnered with Doug Mosel of the Mendocino Green Project to start a new Grain School "with the intention, specifically, of training new farmers on how to produce grain," explained Britten.

"It's an intimate program with 10 students," continued Britten. "The first session was on harvesting. Each student was able to actually operate the combine. The second session was on seed cleaning. They were able to work with and gain knowledge of Doug's seed-cleaning equipment. I think all the students and Doug came back glowing from that experience."

Prior to sitting down for the program and the meal, supporters were able to socialize and visit the bar, where some extremely creative drinks were served. There was a Plum Cordial (with wild plums from Ridgewood Ranch) and a Farm Fresh Bloody Mary (Tamar Distillery Vodka, Mendo Vitality Tonic and farm-grown tomatoes).

Before and after the food was served, the attendees were treated to talks from important people at the School of Adaptive Agriculture. Director Salcido-Cobbe spoke about new programs. Two of the co-founders, Michael Foley and Yogi spoke, as well as Ruthie King, who is responsible for animals at the school.

Mosel and one of his interns, Linnea Hampe, spoke about the Grain School. Joshua Sternberg introduced the intern program and participants. Donna d'Terra, of the Mendocino Herb Guild offered a moment of silence for a friend of the school, Grant Whittaker, and then gave an invocation for the food. Richard Jeske, along with Don Willis, entertained with his paean to Willits called, "Coming Down the Hill," and a couple other songs.

By the end of the event, the School of Adaptive Agriculture had raised nearly \$22,000 with the help of several generous donors, including Kent Westwood, who offered \$5,000 and another \$5,000 in matching funds. Along with the money raised at the event, the school gets funding from North Coast Opportunities and the Grange.

For the past six years, the School of Adaptive Agriculture has become a force for training and raising awareness of the importance of retaining and utilizing knowledge of the farming arts, continuing tradition and lore, and enabling its students to bring their learning back to their own farms and those of others. It is a unique and necessary antidote to today's corporate factory-farming.

For more information, to sign up for classes, or to make a contribution, visit www.adaptiveagriculture.org.



Far left: Donna d'Terra of the Mendocino Herb Guild hugs David Drell.

At left: Black Dog Catering provided the food, including a plate piled with local fruits.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

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459-3106

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Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.
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St. John Lutheran Church
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Happy Anniversary

Happy 2nd wedding anniversary to the love of my life, Justin Hannah. I can't wait to see what the future holds for the both of us. Two years down and an eternity to go! I love you to the moon and back, my love.



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Black Jack

Just look at this guy's adorable mug! Black Jack is a sweet dog. He's easygoing and tolerant of other dogs. Black Jack is a fun dog who loves toys. Any kind of toys will do – even the end of his own leash! He is a young energetic dog who likes to run and get out and about and experience new things. On September 10, this dog who *never* stops wiggling his stubby tail went on yet another Fido Field Trip with longtime FFT human, Jason. He played toss the tennis ball, was reported to be affectionate, energized and friendly. Black Jack is a 1-year-old neutered male, mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 50 pounds.

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



Beautiful Elektra

This long-legged beauty, Elektra, came to us as a stray who had been living in an apartment complex with a colony of other stray cats who were being fed by the residents. Elektra won our hearts with her sweet personality and now is loose in our Cattery, waiting for her forever home.

Elektra requires an indoor-only home due to her coloring. White cats very often get sunburned and sunburns can lead to skin cancer. Unfortunately they don't make sunscreen for kitties, but that's OK, as long as you are there to give her lots of love, Elektra enjoys the indoors only life. Come meet her soon!

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

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0671
The following person is doing business as Lewis Landscaping & Garden Service, 427 McKinley Street, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: PO Box 1028, Willits CA 95490.
Registered owner: , 427 McKinley Street, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 12, 2019.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 12, 2019.
/s/ Benjamin Lewis
Publication dates: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 and 10/3/2019

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away may seem like the obvious response, people often freeze up in a crisis and are unable to move. Running from violence is a skill to be learned, discussed and practiced. And truth be told, some ways of running are more effective than others. Students will learn the difference.

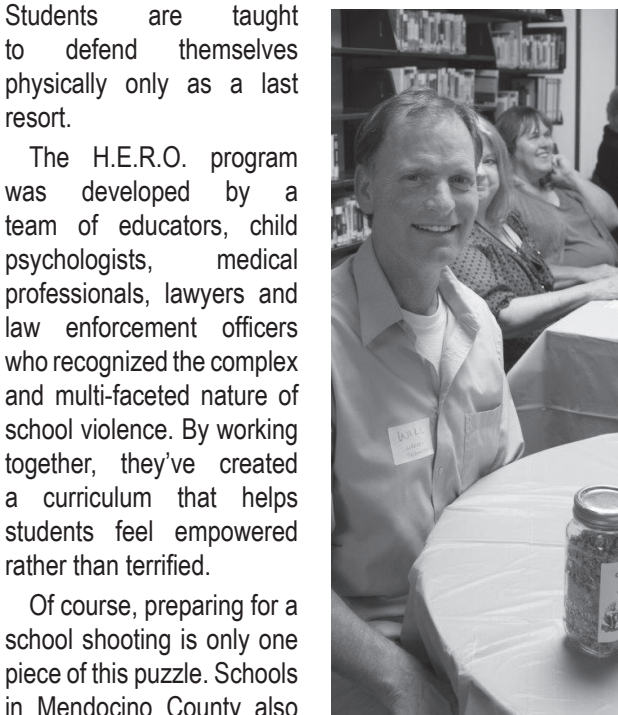
OVERCOME: Finally, students and teachers are taught to overcome an assailant by creating an environment of resistance, chaos and disruption. Students are taught to defend themselves physically only as a last resort.

The H.E.R.O. program was developed by a team of educators, child psychologists, medical professionals, lawyers and law enforcement officers who recognized the complex and multi-faceted nature of school violence. By working together, they've created a curriculum that helps students feel empowered rather than terrified.

Of course, preparing for a school shooting is only one piece of this puzzle. Schools in Mendocino County also have behavioral health counselors available to help students recognize and work through their trauma.

If you know a disenfranchised, angry, lonely adolescent who may need help, reach out and offer it. Recommend they talk to their school counselor or just offer to listen without judgment. While it's important that all students be prepared in the event of violence, I'd much rather prevent it.

And if you're feeling generous and want to make a charitable donation, I highly recommend giving to the Mendocino Public Safety Foundation. Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 123, Ukiah CA 95482, or made through PayPal on the Foundation's website, www.ProtectMendocino.org. If you'd like to learn more, contact them via email at info@ProtectMendocino.org.



Above, left: Library Technician Will Minor explains how the popular Seed Library works. Above, right: Roll-A-Prompt is one way to stimulate creativity used in Giselle Delotch's Prompting Creativity activity at the library on Saturdays 11 am to noon.

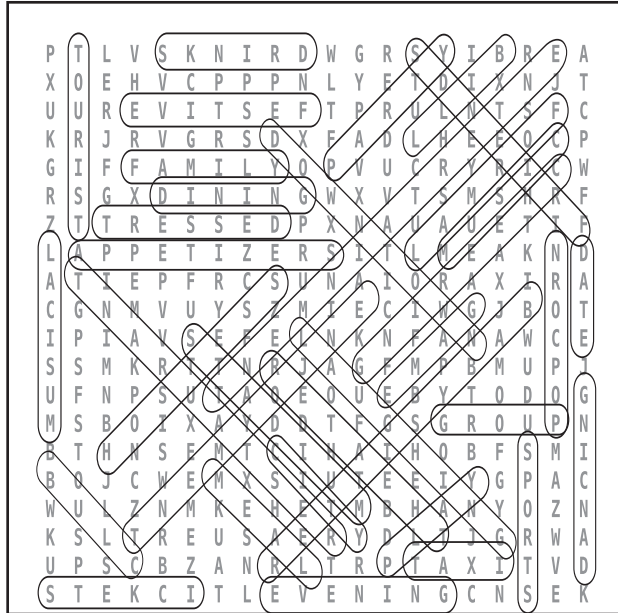
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program is alive and well, though they could use more learners needing their help. In the past they have helped seven people get their citizenship. Those wanting help can sign up at the library to request a tutor.

Library Technician Giselle Delotch started two teen groups as a way to get teens into the library. She offers a Teen Advisory Group that meets 4 to 5 pm on Thursdays and an interesting "Prompting Creativity" time on Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm.

Barbara Telich and Olga O'Neill from FOWL – the Friends of the Willits Library – were there signing people up to become library card holders. Donna Vaiano, bridge aficionado, heads the Bridge Club she started. It's for seasoned players who've played bridge before. They gather to play the complex game that "follows suit" once a month.

The Willits Library is a gem with activities and special events for everyone. There are



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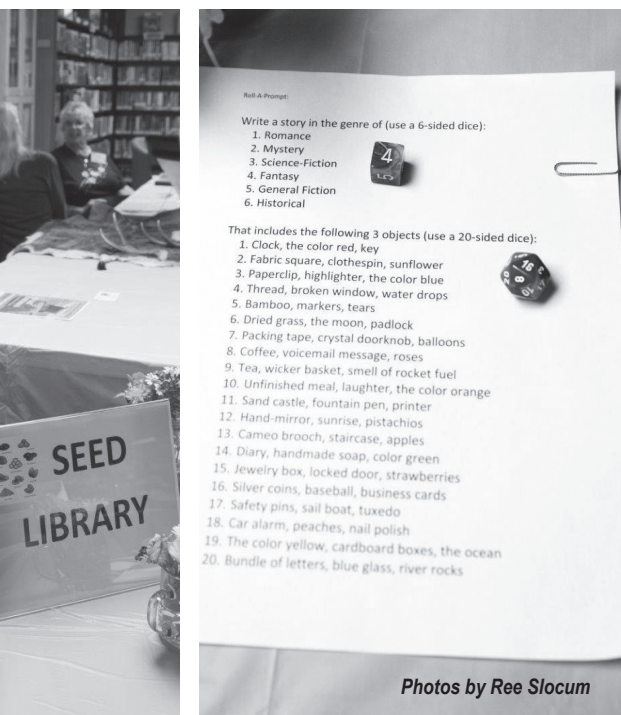
WW249
CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on that Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Willits City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Willits City Council Chambers, located at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California on the following matter:
To conduct an annual review of proposed changes and charges in City fees and to adopt a resolution establishing said fees and charges, effective November 1, 2019.
Information concerning the proposed fees and charges may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk during normal business hours at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California.
All interested persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.
/s/ Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
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One upcoming event that will benefit Friends of the Willits Library is Emandal's "Not JUST Cowboy Poetry and Apple Pie Throwdown" at the Emandal Farm, 16500 Hearst Road, Willits this Saturday, September 28 starting at 2 pm. It promises to be a great afternoon in the shade of apple trees with music, poetry and apple pie – if you bring a homemade apple pie you get in free.

The library has announcements and a calendar on Facebook and on Willits Weekly's Community page. A printed copy of the calendar can also be obtained from the library front desk.

The Willits Library is located at 390 East Commercial Street, next to the Mendocino County Museum, 459-5908.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

3X ENTRIES SAT & SUN 5PM – 10PM 100 points = 3 entry tickets



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DAILY OCT 1 – 26**

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**— THURSDAYS —
FALL INTO
FREE PLAY**

8AM – 2PM & 4PM – 10PM

Earn 200 points to get a Fall Into Free Play Scratch Card. If you participated in the morning session, then you can get a second scratch card during the night session by earning 100 points. Or you will need 300 points for the night session only. Every card is a winner and you could **win up to \$1,000 in Free Play!** Ends at 2pm on Oct 31.

Take It or Spin It — Wednesdays —

10AM – 8PM

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Only those who receive this mailer are qualified to participate.



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**THURSDAY
OCT 31**

HOT SEATS • NOON – 10PM

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May only wear masks during judging. Absolutely no weapons, fake or real, allowed.

Freaky Fridays

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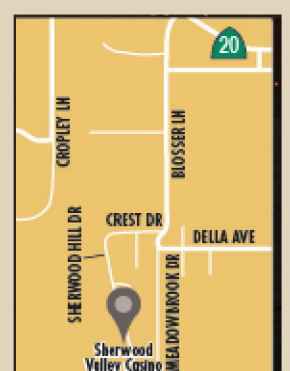
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