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## Greta Kanne, candidate for Willits City Council

For the past 13 years I've served the community of Willits at the front counter of The Book Juggler, where I've heard countless ideas about what our town needs and who ought to be doing it. I've attended many Willits City Council meetings to speak in favor of projects I thought would benefit our town and to ask for movement on projects or ordinances I thought were important.

What I've come to realize over and over again is that "decisions are made by those who show up". I'm running for city council because I'm ready to help make the decisions that will shape our town in the coming years.

The opening of the highway bypass, the legalization of cannabis, the ADA lawsuits levied against several Willits businesses, and the fire in Redwood Valley last fall have all impacted our economy and our collective mood. People worry aloud about the future of our town.

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## Jeremy Hershman, candidate for Willits City Council

Hello, my name is Jeremy Hershman. I'm a 37-year-old supplemental instructor at Mendocino College in the math department, and a former heavy equipment mechanic. I am currently working towards a degree in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics.

I have lived in Willits for over nine years, and spent my first 30 living and growing up in a small farm community outside Chicago much like this place. I watched that town slowly wither as more and more family farms became part of agri-business giants, and I don't want it to happen here.

Why am I running for Willits City Council? I feel a responsibility to my community, and believe in accountability and transparency in government without exception. I will work with council members and staff to maximize efficiency in both fiscal and operational functions of our city. My main goal is the revitalization of a sustainable Willits, and I will work to facilitate

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## Why We Need Measure J

- It does not provide space or facilities for 24-hour occupancy by on-duty / on-call firefighters and rescue personnel.
- There are no showers for decontamination of firefighters and rescue personnel after calls.
- We don't meet environmental water runoff standards because floor drains flow directly into the sewer system.
- Our building can no longer be used for public education because of ADA non-compliance. In addition, it cannot be used as a gathering point or place of refuge for the public during an emergency or local disaster.

**Submitted by the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors: Tony Madrigal, Tom Herman, Nancy Stipe, Skip Lucier and Arnie Mello**

The building on Commercial Street that we now recognize as our fire department was constructed in 1952. It was originally designed to house multiple city services including the police department, the jail, the fire department, and the courthouse. It has served our community well for more than 65 years but, sadly, its useful life is at an end. Here's why:

- It is considered non-conforming per the California Health & Safety Code and the Essential Services Buildings Seismic Safety Act of 1986. This means that any structural upgrades to our current facility would require compliance with those statutes which is impossible due to the unreinforced masonry used to construct it.
- Our current firehouse does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Compliance would require extensive demolition and reconstruction.
- It does not meet current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for firehouse design as it relates to employee safety and equipment storage.
- It does not meet environmental standards related to air quality due to mold issues in the office and storage spaces.

PG&E awards \$80,000 to Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

**Submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

In an effort to help prevent wildfires and protect communities, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is joining forces with local fire safe councils to enhance the safety and preparedness of local communities. PG&E is providing \$2 million to fund local fire safe council projects to reduce the threat of wildfires and help keep communities safe.

PG&E has awarded \$80,000 to the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council to work on evacuation safety enhancements for single-access communities.

"During the devastating October 2017 Redwood fire, the Mendocino County community unfortunately learned firsthand that escape routes during a fire must be clear of fuel to keep flames further from roadways and allow more time for residents to evacuate safely,"

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California's landmark emergency alert bill becomes law

**Submitted by the Office of State Sen. Mike McGuire**

Sacramento, CA – Sen. Mike McGuire's landmark legislation establishing statewide emergency alert protocols and regulation became law today when Senate Bill 833 was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

"Bottom line, this legislation will save lives. With the passage of SB 833, statewide emergency alert standards will be developed, training for local emergency managers will be implemented, and we will be investing in a more proactive and effective mutual aid response system," Sen. McGuire said. "The size and scope of wildland fires in California has grown exponentially over the past decade, and a universal emergency alert system can't come soon enough."

The legislation was introduced by Sen. McGuire in partnership with state Senators Bill Dodd and Jerry Hill and Assemblymembers Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Marc Levine and Jim Wood. The legislation, for the first time, advances statewide emergency alert standards that all of California's 58 counties can adopt.

Statewide emergency evacuation alert protocols will be developed by a working group that will include emergency responders and public safety leaders from across the state, as well as local elected officials, disability advocates, radio and television broadcasters, and representatives from the telecommunication and wireless industries.

The legislation will also advance annual training for local emergency managers on how to best utilize alert software and how to deploy alerts, and will develop

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## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

### Wild Willits Fest

To the Editor:

On October 20, Visit Willits will host the inaugural Wild Willits Fest, which promises to be an event like no other! Come to the Recreation Grove and you'll find something for everyone.

Are you looking to work on your fitness? Then we've got an event for you. Pick the 5k, 10k, or half-marathon, and wind through the brilliant fall colors of the Little Lake Valley. (Kids under 10 can participate in the 5k for free!) Register by October 1, and your name will go into a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate from J.D. Redhouse. Go to WildWillitsFest.com to sign up.

How about something for the kids? We've got you covered. Join the Cub Scouts for boat races, enjoy face painters, and experience the music and fun of Marjo Wilson and Cotton Dandee in our Wild Willits Fest Kids Zone.

How about music? We've got live performances from Billie Kerr, Dennis Chrisp Band of Eclectic Coyotes, and the Fat Chance Truckin' Band. In between sets, enjoy the stylings of DJ Joey from Joey D Productions and be ready to dance.

How about fresh, local food? There are lots of options. For just \$25 you can enter the Taste the Harvest pavilion which features local caterers and chefs preparing bites for you

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Above, from left: Winners of the Apple Pie Throw Down hold their commemorative rolling pins: from left, Tam Adams, Kashaya Adams, Marsha Smythe, Kathleen Ferri-Taylor, Maci Yokum, Kathy Shuster, Lynn Davis and Heidi Iverson. A judge's plate is loaded with a small sampling of each pie. Carl Norton, winner of the People's Choice Pie Award, says it's the first time he's ever entered a pie contest.

## On the Lawn

Emandal – 'A Farm on a River' – hosts annual fundraiser for Friends of the Willits Library

Saturday's weather was warm and easy for the annual "Not Just Cowboy Poetry and Apple Pie Throw Down" benefit event for the Friends of the Willits Library at Emandal – "A Farm on a River." The setting was idyllic and bucolic; the apple pies were varied and tasty.

**Karen Rifkin**  
Features Writer  
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The featured performer, Kristyn Harris, was engaging and entertaining with her rich, resonant voice with a bit of a Texas-twang. Harris' clever and sophisticated homemade western lyrics were wrapped within original guitar accompaniment and awe-inspiring yodeling.

Tam Adams, the keeper of the farm, held the first Not Just Cowboy Poetry event in Willits in 2005, featuring cowboy poet Paul Zarzyski. After a few years in town, Adams realized it would be easier to hold it at her farm. And, she added the Apple Pie Throw Down, an opportunity for people to showcase their skills as bakers and for others to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

"One year we had 12 pies; last year we had 47; and this year we have 19," she said.

The long tables were filled with pies, and the judges – Bobbie Yokum, Chloe Bates and John Haschak – filled their large oval plates with a small sampling of each and adjourned to the privacy of the dining room where they tasted, discussed the merits of each bite, and scored the results to determine the best pie for each of eight categories. (See sidebar for results.)

Tables on the porch were filled with auction items, and in between musical sets, the items were auctioned off to the highest bidders, bringing in a good amount of money to benefit the Willits Senior Center.

Harris took to the stage and made the cowboy music swing, singing about what

is near and dear to her – her beloved first horse, a wild mustang named Velvet, for whom she wrote a waltz; how Dale Evans made her into a cowgirl; her need for a mule; an old ranch pick-up truck pulling a horse trailer; how everything is better with some cows around; when things get rough, it's best to imitate the horses who know to turn their tails to the wind; and a beautiful love song to her red Australian cattle dog, Mitzi.

"Western music is about horses, cows and tumbleweeds; it's about the lifestyle, the west, ranching, the outdoors and animals," Harris said.

She played some covers, too – "Red River Valley," "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and a mesmerizing rendition of the somber story song, "Wildfire."

And she yodeled, beautifully – a skill beyond the ken of this mere mortal.

"She's young, enthusiastic, plays an incredible guitar, and sings and yodels," said Adams. "She's one of the younger performers with a new energy who still incorporates the old material."

Adams first heard Harris perform while attending the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, and what she saw, she liked.

"It's music about the outdoors," Adams said, "and being in touch with the land and the animals. It resonated for us. It's the poetry of Robert Service, the music of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Gene Autry. It's like a mythology. I wouldn't want to be a cowboy on the open range, but we can make it into this beautiful thing right here."

### Winners of the 2018 Apple Pie Throw Down

**Best Next Generation:** Maci Yokum (12 years old)

**All Around Apple Pie:** Marsha Smythe

**The Perfect Crust:** Kathleen Ferri-Taylor

**Most Aesthetically Pleasing:** Tam and Kashaya Adams

**Most Delectable Filling:** Kathy Shuster

**Most Creative Endeavor:** Lynn Davis

**Greatest Gluten Free:** Heidi Iverson

**People's Choice:** Carl Norton



Above: Maci Yokum helps her grandmother and pie judge, Bobbie Yokum, as they determine the best of the best.

From far left: A table laden with the 2018 Apple Pie Throw Down entries. Emandal's Tam Adams serves up ice cream for pie à la mode. Staff member Tom O'Brian stands tall next to his multi-blossoming sunflower that sprouted from a volunteer seed.

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1:48 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North Main Street.

3:34 am: BISHOP, John Wendell (53) of Gold Beach, Oregon was contacted in the 200 block of North Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 12951 (B) VC (Failure to Present Drivers License) and 148 PC (Resisting Arrest).

3:40 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

9:37 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

9:50 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 South Main Street.

12:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Alder Court.

3:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

4:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 25000 block of North Highway 101.

7:35 pm: CURTIS, Rickie Allen (45) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

8:44 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of Della Avenue.

#### September 23

1:18 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

10:36 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

1:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Bonnie Lane and Nancy Lane.

2:26 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

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said Mary Mayeda, project manager for the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council.

“Current fuel loading also limits line of sight and emergency vehicle passage along the main subdivision road,” she continued. “This grant will help us reduce hazardous fuel adjacent to roads to provide safer evacuation of residents and access for emergency vehicles in the case of an emergency.”

Since 2014, and including this year, PG&E will have provided \$13 million to local fire safe councils and 501(c) (3) organizations to fund more than 200 projects in Northern and Central California. Projects have included fuel reduction, shaded fuel breaks, emergency access, and wood-chipping programs.

“Years of drought, extreme heat and 129 million dead trees are creating a ‘new normal’ in our state, and we must continue to adapt to these challenges,” said Kevin Dasso, PG&E vice president of Electric Asset Management. “We appreciate our continuing partnership with local fire safe councils to complete this important safety work. These projects create fuel breaks to protect communities, clear vegetation from evacuation routes, and help underserved customers create critical defensible space to protect their homes from fire.”

“We appreciate PG&E for being a vital partner in getting work done on the ground to reduce vegetation along critical access routes and engaging landowners and residents to think more critically about fire preparedness and fuel reduction in three separate rural communities within Mendocino County,” added Mayeda.

This year, PG&E is providing funding to local councils and nonprofits to complete approximately 30 projects in 24 counties. Projects must be completed by October of this year.

#### Community Wildfire Safety Program

In addition to partnering with local fire safe councils, PG&E is preparing for wildfires through its new Community Wildfire Safety Program. The company launched the program in March as an additional precautionary measure intended to reduce wildfire threats and strengthen communities for the future.

Through the program, PG&E is bolstering wildfire prevention and emergency response efforts, putting in place new and enhanced safety measures, and doing more over the long term to harden its electric system to help reduce wildfire risks and to keep its customers safe.

The rest of **Kanne** *From Page 2*

I believe Willits has weathered storms before, and we can weather this one. We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, and our people are resourceful, creative and generous. It’s time to roll up our sleeves and start re-investing in our future.

If elected to Willits City Council I will strive to educate myself about each issue and make decisions that truly move our city forward. Now is the time to think outside of the box, to embrace the changes that have come, and to lead the way into a new Renaissance for our spirited community.

I ask for your vote and for your help in rebuilding a vibrant Willits.

Visit my Facebook page: Greta Kanne for Willits City Council, pick up a yard sign at The Book Juggler at 182 South Main Street, or email me at karperharnes@sbcglobal.net.

– Submitted by Greta Kanne for Willits City Council

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procedures to send alerts via multiple communication mediums, including radio, television and electronic highway billboards.

The North Bay firestorm destroyed over 6,000 homes, scorched more than 170,000 acres, caused billions in damage, and resulted in the death of more than 40 residents.

“The night of October 8 changed the lives of North Bay residents forever, when tens of thousands of residents were caught unaware that a massive wildland fire was about to engulf their home or business,

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• There are no extra additions to the building to provide for unneeded services.

• Our bathrooms meet the minimum ADA requirements for the public and employees.

• The disinfecting and cleaning areas are designed to meet recognized standards for the health and safety of our employees.

• The addition of a “fitness” room is provided so that we can meet NFPA 1583 standards, which require that we make fitness training available to our fire and rescue staff.

• It provides for five apparatus bays which include one bay for our ladder truck so that it can be positioned in the downtown corridor that it was purchased

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economic opportunity through both traditional and cannabis-based businesses.

I will work with council members to create policies that will increase and stabilize housing options throughout our community, while understanding the precious balance that must be kept between man and nature.

We have a very unique culture and lifestyle in Willits, that can be marketed and leveraged to the benefit of all the members of our community. We are blessed in this community with such a bevy of artists, musicians and writers that one can see or hear world-class art nearly every day of the week, often for little or no cost.

We have one of the most active communities in the world. Our citizens are not afraid to help each other, stand up for each other, or point out when something just isn’t right, and I find that to be one of the most admirable traits to be found anywhere. We understand that our community only lives through our own hard work and sacrifice, and in order to have a thriving local area, we must set aside space for everyone to have a chance to flourish. The environmental and social awareness of our community stands head and shoulders above most small towns, and it makes me beam with pride every day.

Economics is the top concern I have for this town. Finding a way to make our local economy sustainable and viable for future generations, while not losing sight of our unique local flavor, will be key to securing our future. We have a situation that is not so unique as we transition into a new economic reality and can take several examples from towns like ours that have weathered the storm of progress.

Through research, I found promising ideas from several studies done recently at both American and European universities. These studies specifically target small-scale urban revitalization and many apply to our situation, a small town seeking a sustainable future.

While there are always drawbacks to entering into a new commercial market, I think that the benefits of cannabis legalization have been shown over the last few years to far outweigh the drawbacks. Through thoroughly considered

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to sample. You’ll be able to vote for your favorite! Jaynene Johnson of The Zocalo Collective has put together participants that so far include: Mariposa Market, The Big Chief of Laytonville, Alive Retreats, Good Earth Kitchen, The Agrarian Collective, and more. All guests will be offered a glass of wine from Barra of Mendocino.

In addition, you can choose from a variety of food vendors outside the pavilion, including Taqueria Ramirez, Tenadam Catering, which features Ethiopian food, and the Willits Lions Club, serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and smoked salmon.

Potter Valley’s Hare in the Forest will be serving pints of their Mendocino County-brewed beer. We’ll also feature beers from

because they did not receive an emergency alert,” Sen. McGuire said. “While there are hundreds of harrowing stories of bravery that night, regrettably, thousands of residents never received a warning.”

The critical importance of creating a statewide emergency alert protocol was again recognized when some residents in Shasta County didn’t get adequate notice of evacuations during the deadly Carr Fire.

SB 833 was supported by the California Professional Firefighters, California Fire Chiefs Association, Rural County Representatives of California, the League of California Cities, and many others.

to protect. Currently this truck is housed at our Baechtel Road station due to space constraints.

• The building design meets the basic needs of our fire district today with an eye toward our needs for the future.

• And finally, there is no viable alternative. If we don’t build a new firehouse, we will be forced to close down the old one.

We have all seen firsthand the increased demands that have been placed upon our existing fire services during the last 12 months; and how well they have responded to those demands by keeping our communities out of harm’s way. Please allow us to continue offering the first-class fire protection that you rightfully expect of us. Vote Yes on Measure J.

partnerships with industry leaders, our city can occupy a truly unique position in this emerging world market.

Our vacant building ordinance is a good step towards claiming ownership of our community; now we just need to follow up with policies that truly encourage growth of small local business. By streamlining the start-up process for new businesses, while maintaining high standards, we will encourage local growth in this emerging market. I think that our city is moving in the right direction slowly, and I am willing to do the work required to help increase the pace.

While I say all these great things about cannabis, please know: I understand that it is not a magic wand that will wave away all of our issues. It is, however, a very powerful tool that we can use to help build our community, if it is approached with rationality and decisiveness. Not to be ignored is providing access to training and education, so that our town’s workforce can grow with the places they work.

I’m proud to live in the area that is almost solely responsible for the wave of rational thought about cannabis that is sweeping this country, and I think we all should be. Through projects like the Main Street Plan, as well as efforts by our city staff, we have begun to attract businesses that will help this town grow, but we still have a long road ahead. By making smart, but perhaps tough decisions about zoning, workforce training, and city development, we can all help Willits move towards a brighter future.

Help me make this goal a reality by voting for Jeremy Hershman for Willits City Council on November 6.

I’d be happy to discuss these or any other issues you feel are facing our town at Brickhouse Coffee on Sundays from noon to 2 pm, and at Mariposa Market on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

Contact Jeremy Hershman at electjeremyhershman@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/Jeremy-Hershman-Candidate-for-Willits-City-Council, or 707-513-0983.

– Submitted by Jeremy Hershman for Willits City Council

#### By Cici Winiger, for Adventist Health Howard Memorial

When he recalls his experience last month, Robert “Bob” McKenzie, Sr. says, “I hope I never have to go through that scary experience ever again.” That’s why he’s sharing his story, so he can warn others to help save their lives, and at the same time, to recognize those who helped save his own.

A month ago, McKenzie started feeling excruciating pains in his left leg. “It felt like someone was squeezing it really tight.” He brushed it off and managed to deal with the pain for almost two weeks. Although, eventually, the pain was too much, and he could barely walk. His leg felt numb, almost icy-cold to the touch.

His grandson, who lived with him, eventually convinced him to go to the hospital. The emergency room at Adventist Health Howard Memorial was packed that night, so he decided to go home. But the unbearable pain was still there, and he was starting to get worried. He came back a few hours later.

He was quickly seen by Michaela Sheppard, MD, who was the attending physician. He said it was a blessing in disguise from here on out.

“As soon as she looked at my leg, I could see the concerned look on her face. I knew it wasn’t good.” After running tests, Dr. Sheppard told McKenzie the bad news: He had a clogged artery, and his leg was barely getting circulation.

Dr. Sheppard, who’s been an emergency physician for 28 years, says she’s seen similar cases before. “His leg was cold to the touch and blue in color – a sign that the leg wasn’t getting enough blood flow.”

There was more bad news – something he would never imagine hearing from his doctor: He could lose his leg. “That’s when I realized this is really serious. I was really scared. I was fighting not just for my leg, but also for my life,” he said.

Dr. Sheppard explained that McKenzie had “intermittent claudication,” which is a cramping leg pain due to inadequate blood flow to the leg muscles, caused by atherosclerosis (plaque deposits restricting blood flow through the arteries). She knew that McKenzie needed immediate intervention to make sure his leg would not need to be amputated.

“She was very reassuring, compassionate, and explained everything to me very clearly. She then told me my



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## Howard Memorial staff helps save local man from losing his leg

options and promised me she will never give up,” McKenzie said.

As soon as she knew what the patient needed, Dr. Sheppard worked hard to find a hospital that could perform the surgery for McKenzie as soon as possible. Unfortunately for McKenzie, every area hospital close to Willits with an interventional surgeon was full that night.

“I thought to myself, there is no way I was going on that helicopter. But then again, if these people are willing to do everything to help me, I owe it to them to do my best. There was one nurse who was very persistent – Anthony. He said, ‘I am getting you on that helicopter one way or the other.’ I’m grateful that he was more stubborn than I was,” laughs McKenzie.

Finally at 2 am McKenzie was airlifted to an out-of-area hospital. That morning he had surgery to put two stents on his left leg. Four days later he was discharged and given a clean bill of health.



Former patient Bob McKenzie, Sr. stops by Adventist Health Howard Memorial to thank the staff who helped save his leg – and life. From left: Michaela Sheppard, MD, Bob McKenzie, Sr., Mikaela Santos, RN, and Lisa Joseph, LVN.

#### Tiger Blue

Tiger Blue is a wonderful dog, who became an instant shelter favorite. With his beautiful brindle coat and Paul Newman-blue eyes, he is a stunner! Tiger Blue is a 2-year-old mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 77 pounds. During his off-leash romp and photo shoot, we discovered that TB knows “Sit,” “Shake” and “Down.” He’s a tail-wagger, and a happy guy. He did not seem interested in toys or tennis balls, but he loved cuddling, interacting with his volunteers, and getting hot dog treats!

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit at: [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com). More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

#### Beautiful Noodle

Noodle is a teenager (still in the kitten years, but not a year old yet) who is loving having the run of the cattery. This sweet girl is a little shy, but loves attention once it comes her way. Because of Noodle’s white ears and nose, she will have to be an indoor-only kitty, or an indoor/outdoor kitty with limited sun exposure. This pretty girl loves to play and would like to meet you!

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, Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: [mendohumanesociety.com](http://mendohumanesociety.com). To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.





SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

**Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church**  
803 Coast Street  
P.O. Box 489, Willits  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor, Bill Nobles  
Information: 456-9668  
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

**Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom**  
•Sound of Soul events  
•Membership Discourses  
•Spiritual Discussions  
•ECK Light & Sound Services  
More information?  
Call 707-456-9934

**Grace Community Church**  
*Celebrating Life In Christ*  
25 Hazel Street, Willits  
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service & Children's Church - 11 a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Studies  
**Potluck every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**  
Alan Klier, Lead Pastor  
459-3106

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
61 W. San Francisco Ave.  
Willits, CA 95490  
*Father Aaron Bandanadham*  
Mass times:  
Saturday confessions - 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m. English  
10:30 a.m. Spanish  
*We welcome All Walks of Faith*

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
1 North Main Street, Willits  
707-459-3066  
Church Services / Communion & Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Healing Prayer 3rd Sunday  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
*The Rev. Betsy Bruneau*

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
*Karl Bliese, Pastor*  
Church Service:  
Sunday 10:00 to 11:00  
Bible Study to Sunday School  
following the service.  
(707) 459-2988  
24 Mill Creek Drive  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
399 W. Mendocino Avenue  
707-459-5714  
Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.  
*1st Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school.*  
22751 Ray Road, Willits

**Willits United Methodist**  
*A Christ centered, progressive church*  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
286 School St. (at Pine)  
Rev. Rosemary Landry, pastor  
Worship Celebration  
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.  
459-2855  
Facebook: www.facebook.com

If you want to be included in this column please call:  
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Annual Blessing of the Animals  
October 6

On Saturday, October 6, at 11 am, all animals large and small are invited to come to the garden at the St. Francis in the Redwood Episcopal Church, at the corner of Main and Commercial streets (the garden and parking lot are just north of the church). There will be a brief service of prayer and thanksgiving for our animal friends, and each animal will receive a blessing. All animals and their humans are welcome.

Though the animal congregation usually includes many dogs, there are also cats who attend, and there have been spiders, lizards, birds, frogs, horses and goats in past years. For their safety, all animals must be restrained in a carrier or cage or on a leash. Children who do not have a live animal in their family are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal to be blessed.

October 4 is the traditional Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all creation because he saw it as a sign of God's love for all. He called the animals – and all humans also – his brothers and sisters. Francis's faithful life of poverty, service and joy has made him one of the most beloved saints in history." Information: stfranciswillits@hotmail.com

– **Rev. Betsy Bruneau, St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church**

AT THE MOVIES



‘The House with a Clock in Its Walls’

**The Story:** Fantasy comedy with visual wonders, warlocks, witches and a 10-year-old boy. Young Lewis (Owen Vaccaro) moves into the big old house of his warlock Uncle Jonathan (Jack Black). Their next-door neighbor (who always seems to be around) is the friendly, taunting Florence (Cate Blanchett). Florence is a witch. The big old house is filled with noisy clocks. There's an over-stuffed easy chair that acts like a friendly dog. There are sinister rumors of the house's previous owner, the evil warlock Isaac (Kyle MacLachlan). Bad things are foretold, and bad things come to pass.

**My Thoughts:** A good story. The showing I attended was filled with families with children. Everyone seemed happy enough with the flick. There were laughs, a few jump scares, but no real terror. Young Lewis grows as a person, shows courage, and through his actions the good guys win. Also, though Lewis has his own sadness and loss, he shows caring for others. I think it's a pretty good movie for kids.

**Parents:** This movie is fine for children accompanied by parents. There are some scenes with nightmarish dilemmas for the protagonists, and some little ones might have scary dreams.

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

Senior Center Lunch

**Week of October 1 through October 5**  
**Monday:** Turkey a la King  
**Tuesday:** Meat Loaf  
**Wednesday:** BBQ Pork Spareribs  
**Thursday:** Chicken & Dumplings  
**Friday:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 p.m. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechteld Road. Info: 459-6826.

Let's Have Some Fun

**JOIN OUR MIXER WITH NORTH COUNTY FRIENDS OF MENDOCINO COLLEGE!**

October 5th • 5 pm  
Mendocino College  
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Free, Food, Drinks, Fun

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‘Wild Willits Fest: Explore Our Roots’  
October 20

On Saturday, October 20, Visit Willits will host the inaugural “Wild Willits Fest: Explore Our Roots” event. “The event is unlike any other. It embodies all that Northern California is about: small town vibes with great food, music, and activities for every age. The event will include a 5k walk/run, 10k and a half-marathon race, live music, local food vendors, food competition featuring local chefs and caterers, kids’ activity zone, artisan market, wellness vendors, and events happening around Willits all weekend. The event kicks off in the morning from Recreation Grove with the course winding through the Valley. Runners and walkers can expect Mother Nature to show off her brilliant fall colors. Along the route, markers will point out various points of interests and unique activities.” Information and registration: WildWillitsFest.com, Facebook and Instagram.

Thursday, September 27

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

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

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

Friday, September 28

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

**Tickets at Eventbrite:** weekend adult \$150, weekend youth \$75, Saturday only adult \$75.

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

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

**Shanachie Pub: Sharkmouth:** “They’ve been compared to the Cramps, Marc Ribot, Devo and Kendrick to name a few j-new material in the works and a mean new outlook on the apocalypse.” Visit facebook.com/mouthshark. Saturday, September 28, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, September 29

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

**“Art in the Plaza”:** Saturday, September 29, 9 am to 4 pm. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Originally planned through September, Art in the Plaza will keep going into October – “as long as the weather holds.” Art in the Plaza will also be open during the October 19 Harvest Moon Celebration in downtown Willits. Info: www.artintheplaza.com. Umbrellas are permanent on site to provide shade and backdrop. Spaces are available for artists to sell their handmade goods. Info: Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

14th Annual Humboldt Hills Hoedown

**October 6**  
The Hoedown is celebrating its 14th year of bluegrass at the Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway. Saturday, October 6. This year's lineup includes bluegrass, country, folk and beyond from Hell Bound Glory, No Good Redwood Ramblers, The Pine Needles, April Moore and Ranch Party, Way Out West & The Ballad of James Lawless. It will also feature a lively kid corral, delicious food including BBQ, beer & wine, down-home country games like the Cake Walk, and a whole lotta country fun. Doors open at 2 pm; music continues until 11 pm. \$20 advance (at www.mateel.org only), \$25 at gate. All ages welcome, kids 12 and under free. Info: 707-923-3368.

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

EXCLUSIVE BOOK RELEASE

My Distant Dad  
Healing the Family Father Wound

Get the first chapter free  
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For More Information: Jed@Mendocino.com 707-354-0758

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

Tuesday, October 2

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies, “House with a Clock in its Walls” and “Peppermint.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.



**Twining Time:** Join Twining Time – John Wagenet and Anita Blu – on the first Tuesday of every month. October 2, 12:30 to 3 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. “Folk/Country/Americana Roots, plus new and old favorites as well as original music. Come hear our new arrangement of ‘Sunny’ by Bobby Hebb with a little bit of jazz scatting.” Info: 459-1598. Visit https://twiningtime.weebly.com, “Twining Time” on Facebook, or www.reverbnation.com/johnwagenet.

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**Willits High School Soccer:** Willits vs. Middletown: Girls 5:30 pm, Boys 4:00 pm. Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street. (Boys Coach Martin Rodriguez, Girls Coach Tatiana Cantrell)

**“Feel Better Than Ever”:** The next Avenues to Wellness talk features Shannon Morris, MS, PT and nutrition scientist, Tuesday, October 2, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free, donations appreciated. “Learn how to change your life so that you can be happy, fit and free of chronic disease.” Avenues to Wellness, a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation, hosts a speaker presentation the first Tuesday of the month at the Art Center. Info: avenuestowellness.org or 456-9676.



Wednesday, October 3

**North County Women in Business:** Carissa Diskin, the social media manager for Tango in Willits, gives a tech talk about the social media network of Instagram, as this month's guest at the North County Women in Business meeting. “Instagram can not only help bring attention to your business, it can grow your follower base and you can reach more

Carissa Diskin

New Book Festival

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What's Happening Around Town

people with your important message.” Wednesday, October 3, 8:15 to 9:30 am. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free for Willits Chamber of Commerce members and first-time visitors; \$5 for others. “Come enjoy coffee (Willits' SheWolf Coffee), networking and a light breakfast.”

Thursday, October 4

**“The Cannabis Hour”:** Host Jane Futcher's guests are “Renowned cannabis cultivator Ed Rosenthal and his co-author Greg Zeman, who will offer tips and insights from their new book, ‘Beyond Buds, Next Generation: Marijuana Concentrates and Cannabis Infusions.’” New time: 11 am, Thursday, October 4, on KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM. Find the archived show at http://jukebox.kzyx.org/.

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**Music in the Park in Willits:** The “Falling Out of Summer” free concert series, presented by the City of Willits, is set for every Thursday from 5 to 7 pm, in the Rec Grove through October 11. Double Standyrd (Southern rock and blues) plays September 27; Levi Lloyd and Friends (blues from Sonoma County), plays October 4; and Funkacillin plays October 11. “This is Willits' first Music in the Park series. Bring your own chairs, sweaters and blankets!” Hamburgers and hot dogs served by the Willits Lions Club, plus the Taco Ramirez Mexican Food Truck.

**Empowerment Event Open Studio:** Speaker Series: Cultivate Wellness Studio. EFT or Tapping. Repeat Intro and Practice. Thursday, October 4, 6 to 7:30 pm. Little Lake Grange, room #4. RSVP Michelle 707-972-1601, Claudia 707-354-3111. Free.

**Community Firehouse Forum:** Little Lake Fire Protection District is hosting a firehouse forum, Saturday, October 4. Voters are invited to come get their questions answered: Consultant Lorie Adams, of the Adams Ashby Group, will be available to answer questions about the USDA loan which Measure J will help pay back, and project architect Dennis Dong, of Calpo Hom and Dong Architects, out of Sacramento, can answer questions about the firehouse design. Starts at 5:30 pm, at the firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-6271 or the “Yes on Measure J 2018” page on Facebook.

**Willits Candidates Forum:** Candidates for Third District supervisor (John Haschak and John Pinches) and candidates for Willits City Council (Jeremy Hershman, Greta Kanne and Larry Stranske) will be featured. Thursday, October 4, from 6:30 to 9 pm, at Willits City Hall. Sponsored by American Association of University Women, Willits Environmental Center, Mendocino Women's Political Coalition, Willits Economic Localization. Info: Judi at 459-4444 or Ellen at 459-2643. The forum will be recorded by independent producers Al Rosen and Andy Wright, and put on line for viewing at the Willits Community TV channel on YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/WillitsCommunityTV.

**North Street Collective Open House:** Monthly public events at the North Street Collective, 350 North Street, to show off the work of the collective's current artist residents. “Savor the delicious culinary concoctions by super-talented chef, Ashleigh Nahreini.” Thursday, October 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Info: info@northstreetcollective.org.



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or look at: 707-972-1611

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Michelle Cummins, L.E. www.cultivatewellnessstudio.com

Claudia Wenning, ND www.claudiatwenning.com

Color Me Green

Mendocino County 4-H Foundation

Color Me Green 5K Walk/Run

1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of every month, including Friday, October 5, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville, 9 pm to 1 am. No cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. “Scaryoke” Friday, November 2: Come in costume. “Ginormous music library with new songs added weekly! Come for dinner, stay for the fun! Prime rib & clam chowder served Friday nights until 9 pm.

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OCT. 6TH, 2018

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291 SCHOOL STREET, WILLITS

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TICKETS: \$15 ADVANCE, \$20 AT DOOR, AVAILABLE AT MAIN ST. MUSIC, ROADHOUSE MUSIC AND 707 APPAREL

Women in Business Talk  
October 3

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415-370-0552, www.northstreetcollective.org.

Friday, October 5

**Willits Chamber of Commerce Mixer:** This month's Chamber mixer will be hosted by the North County Friends of Mendocino College at the college's North County Center in Willits. Music, appetizers, and adult beverages. “A great opportunity to come and check out all the wonderful new things happening at Mendocino College and have the opportunity to be a part of what they're doing.” Free. Mendocino College Willits Campus, 372 East Commercial Street. Friday, October 5, 5:30 to 7 pm.

**“Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church”:** This hilarious and unpredictable country comedy by Texas playwright Linda LaRoque opens Friday, October 5 at the Willits Community Theatre. The play features two down-on-their-luck comen who try conning the Lord in his own house with much-unexpected consequences. Runs through October 21. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20; Sunday matinees on October 14 and October 21 at 2 pm for \$15; and Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15. A special benefit performance sponsored by the Emandal Chorale is set for Thursday, October 11. Tickets for the benefit are \$20 and available by calling Tamara Adams at 459-9252. Advance tickets for all regular shows are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

**Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke:** 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of every month, including Friday, October 5, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville, 9 pm to 1 am. No cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. “Scaryoke” Friday, November 2: Come in costume. “Ginormous music library with new songs added weekly! Come for dinner, stay for the fun! Prime rib & clam chowder served Friday nights until 9 pm.

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**Color Me Green 5K Walk/Run:** A learning opportunity for improving health through a fun event. Hosted by Long Valley 4-H. Participants will run 5 kilometers and will be showered with green dye as they pass. Harwood Hall/Healthy Start, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Saturday, October 6. Registration 8 am, Race 9 am. Cost to register \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35 \$40 depending on date. To pre-register: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveyid=23868. Info: Andrea Firks, adluna1@gmail.com or 707-354-1531 or Tannis Boyd at tboyd@ucanr.edu or 707 463-4495.

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**Battle of the Bands:** KLLG 97.9 FM's

two-year anniversary festival fundraiser is set for Saturday October 6, 3 to 11 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Raffles, beer, food. All ages welcome, kids zone. Bands: 3:30 pm: R4id, 4:30 pm: Scythe, 5:30 pm: Easy Street, 6:30 pm: Dennis Chrisp and the Eclectic Coyotes, 7:30 pm: Schindig, 8:30 pm: Pick 'n Pull, 9:30 pm: Taste Like Chicken. DJ Cosmo and DJ Papa Joe. Prize announcements at 10:20 pm.

**Covelo Third District Supervisor Forum:** candidates for Third District supervisor John Pinches and John Haschak are featured at this forum, Saturday, October 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Round Valley Library Community Room. Sponsored by KYBU Round Valley Community Radio, Willits Environmental Center.

**WCA October Exhibit:** Willits Center for the Arts hosts opening night for the October exhibit, featuring “About Face,” works by Jazzminh Moore, and “Natural Splendor,” featuring works by Bonnie Belt. Saturday, October 6, 6 pm (members preview), 7 pm (open to the public). WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: https://www.willitscenterforthearts.org/ or 459-1726.

**“Art from Ashes”:** Opening reception for this exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum is set for Saturday, October 6, 6 to 9 pm. “This exhibit is in partnership with the Out of the Ashes Community Project and is in recognition of the anniversary of the 2017 fire, featuring local artists.” With the Mystic Sol drummers, and the Poi Twirlers. The Mendocino County Museum is open 10 am to 4:30 pm, Wednesday through Sunday. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/museum or 459-2736. 400 East Commercial Street. Free museum admission with your Mendocino County Library card!

**“Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church”:** Saturday, October 6, 8 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, October 5 listing for details.

Sunday, October 7

**Potluck for Dave and Jenny Watts:** Dave and Jenny Watts, former owners of Sanhedrin Nursery, are moving out of the county, and we are celebrating all they have done for Willits over the past many years with a potluck lunch and money tree on Sunday, October 7 at Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, at 12:15

Art from Ashes

Join us to Celebrate Community Rebuilding Through Art

First Friday, Oct. 5

Art Center Open

Art from Ashes: Mosaic, Paint, and Sculpture

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Art from the Ashes Mosaic Workshops, Mural and Exhibits Funded by:

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Eel River Recovery Project 50th Anniversary Celebrations and Floats  
October 20

The Eel River Recovery Project (ERRP) is teaming up with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Forest Service, and California Wilderness Coalition to celebrate 50 years of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The celebration includes events, hikes, and floats in the Eel River basin. Hikes in Wild and Scenic River basins will take place in September and October. Call ERRP Wilderness Coordinator Phill Hosking for more information at 707-354-0631. Wild and Scenic river floats will happen as flows permit in the lower Eel River and lower South Fork in late October or early November. These floats are being organized by Eric Stockwell (707-845-0400) and participants must have their own boats and safety gear. Events include a Wild and Scenic Rivers Night & BBQ at the Willits Hub on the evening of Friday, October 5. On October 20, the Salmon Awareness Festival in Covelo with have a Wild and Scenic and Wilderness theme.



At right: Ahead of the pack, Logan Simms powers up the hill to the finish line at Cache Creek on September 19, in Willits' first league meet this year.

Below: The WHS cross country team huddles up for a cheer before a race at the Viking Invitational in Santa Rosa.

Below, right: Members of the WHS cross country team, from left, Logan Simms, boys' team captain Teo Labus, Paul Keough, and Michael Kale are suited up and ready to compete.

# WHS cross country team

wins first meet of 2018 league season

Willits High School cross country opened their 2018 league season against Lower Lake at Cache Creek Winery on September 19. In a narrow win over Lower Lake (27 to 28), Willits top two varsity boys, newcomer Logan Simms (19:22 minutes) and team captain Teo Labus (21:37 minutes), both finished over a minute before the first Lower Lake runner, Josh Bratton (23:14).

A closely spaced pack of Lower Lake boys followed, splitting the Willits team, but Willits prevailed.

Four Willits varsity girls braved the heat to compete as individuals, led by their captain, Briana Evans. The Willits girls team needs one more member to score in league meets.

The next WHS cross country meet at home is set for Wednesday, October 17 at 3:30 pm against Middletown, at the Par Course in Brooktrails.

– Submitted by Coach Liz Roripaugh



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## OBITUARY | Gary Parsons, Sr.

Gary Dwan Parsons Sr., 73, of Dos Rios (formerly of Covelo and Willits), passed away at his home in Dos Rios with his wife, Carol Thomas Parsons by his side. He was born July 8, 1945 to Archie Lee Parsons and Nellie Luvenia Dyer, in Napa, California.

Gary and Carol were married in Reno, Nevada on November 2, 2013.

Gary was a farmer for 30 years. He volunteered for 14 years for Arbuckle Little League and Westside Little League. Gary was awarded "Volunteer of the Year in 1989," awarded by Little League.

Gary enjoyed spending time with his wife, family and friends. He also enjoyed working around his yard, collecting knives and fossils, doing carpentry and woodworking, and playing golf on the Wii, especially with his friends. Gary found a friend in everyone he met.

Gary is preceded in death by his son, Joseph Parsons; wife, Susan (Sweet) Parsons; wife, Lois (Kline) Parsons; parents, Luvenia (Dyer) Eld, Theodore Eld, and Archie Parsons; brothers: Robert Vance, Elvie Vance and Raymond Vance; and sister, Christine "Vance" Hoaglin.

Gary is survived by his wife, Carol Thomas Parsons of Dos Rios; sons: Gary D. (Shelly) Parsons, Jr. of Willits, Adam (So Young) Parsons of Daejeon, Korea; daughters: Patricia (Robert) Nelson of Covelo, Regina L. Parsons (John Venuti) of San Mateo, Angela (John) Stafford of Woodland; stepchildren: Frankie Oneto, Gary (Tina) Oneto of Redding, Shalice Thomas (Dan Allen) of Redding; brother, Troy (Alona) Vance of Arbuckle, California, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on October 13, 2018 at 12 noon at the American Legion Hall in Covelo, with a potluck to follow.

The family requests that those wishing to may make a donation in Gary's name to Arbuckle Little League or the American Heart Association.

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At left: Willits Rotarian Brad Walton, with his bike and official Pedal 4 Polio cycling shirt, outside his West Mendocino Street office.  
Below: The back of Walton's distinctive and colorful Pedal 4 Polio shirt.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



## Pedal 4 Polio veteran seeks sponsors for third fundraising ride

Willits Rotarian Brad Walton is getting ready for his third "Pedal 4 Polio" bicycling adventure. Walton will be joining a group of cyclists from Northern California District 5130

Rotary Clubs who will leave Fort Bragg on October 2, and arrive in Clear Lake five days later, after riding a total of 311 miles, or about 62 miles a day. The riders will be staying the night at the homes of fellow Rotarians along the route.

"I'm not a serious bike rider really," Walton said, although

he and two other Rotarians did a Pedal 4 Polio ride all across the country in 2015. "I have to start training four to six weeks ahead of time to get back into shape."

Pedal 4 Polio aims to raise funds for Rotary International's longtime goal of eradicating polio around the globe by attracting sponsors for the riders. Walton hopes to raise \$1,000 with his 2018 ride.

Walton said he remembered watching a TV show when he was a kid showing polio victims in the iron lung. "That really had an impact on me," he said.

When Rotary took on the fight against polio in 1985, 1,000 children per day contracted the virus. Since then, Rotary International has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. The result? A 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases, with only 37 confirmed cases worldwide.

To sponsor Walton's 2018's Pedal 4 Polio ride, you can call him at the office at 459-9082, stop by, or mail a check to Brad Walton, CPA, 40 West Mendocino, Willits CA 95490.



Brooktrails Fire Chief and arson K9 handler, Daryl Schoeppner

# 'Why We Support Measure J'

Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner

*This "Why We Support Measure J" feature is the first in a series of quick interviews by Willits Weekly reporter Alyson Bailey, featuring area residents talking about why they are supporting Measure J.*

I support the Little Lake Fire Department's Measure J for a new firehouse. The Brooktrails Fire Department and the Little Lake Fire Department have not only a great working relationship, but an "automatic aid agreement." This agreement simply states, if they need help – we help them, if we need help – they help us. If this fire station is not built, it will not only delay the response times to emergencies in the north end of the city, but will also delay response times under our automatic aid agreement.

After spending over 40 years in the fire service, I have seen a lot of changes to requirements (authority-mandated regulations) for safety and fitness of firefighters. Keep in mind these requirements are not suggestions.

The facts are simple, we have a responsibility (not just legally, but morally) to provide a safe and healthy work environment

for our firefighters and the public. The Little Lake fire station is not only unsafe, it is literally crumbling around them.

All fire departments across the country are struggling with decreasing budgets and increasing costs. No one likes higher taxes (including me), but if I needed the help from first responders, I want to know that they are providing the best care possible to me and my family.

Please support your firefighters; they need your help and vote on Measure J.

– **Brooktrails Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner**

*Editor's Note: Willits Weekly is endorsing Measure J, the measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot which would raise funds to help the Little Lake Fire Department build a much-needed replacement firehouse in Willits. Measure J will tax a single-family residence in the Little Lake Fire Protection District \$78 annually to enable our volunteer fire department to continue to provide essential medical, emergency and firefighting services that our community needs.*

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## Rent stabilization

To the Editor:

I almost choked on my lunch when I read Larry Stranske's campaign statement in the September 20 Willits Weekly: "to work toward middle and low-income housing." Nothing could be further from the truth. On December 13, 2017 at the Willits City Council meeting when rent stabilization for mobile home parks in Willits was addressed, he said "government shouldn't get involved" (despite the fact that over 100 cities in California have passed rent stabilization for their low-income persons in mobile home parks ... including Ukiah).

Despite his opinion, rent stabilization was put on the Willits City Council agenda on February 28 2018. Stranske wants to sit on city council, but when it comes to issues to help poor and low-income people he turns his back.

Cheryl Abney, Willits

## Paint the Town successes!

To the Editor:

Community enthusiasm has been growing for Willits Economic Localization (WELL's) Paint the Town projects. We are excited by the on-the-ground accomplishments so far, with more to come!

The first in a series of photo displays in empty Main Street storefront windows went up September 14 next to Buster's, featuring two photos donated by Ree Slocum of local artists at work. Bill Barksdale, Joe Dowling, Emmy Good and Madge Strong helped make it happen, along with contributions from WELL, Willits Center for the Arts, and several other individuals.

We are seeking permission from owners of other empty storefronts for similar displays to make Main Street a "sidewalk photo gallery" showcasing our local photographers and scenes! Please contact Bill Barksdale at bark@pacific.net or Madge at mstrong@willitsonline.com.

Another major project underway is painting the concrete barrier k-rails at the corner of North Main and West Commercial streets. This project was greatly assisted by help from the Little Lake Fire Department to power-wash eight of the 12 k-rails at this empty lot. Since there's no access to water on-site, this was invaluable in enabling our volunteers to transform the unsightly old k-rails into an asset to our community.

Thanks also to the property owner, 101 Drive-In (power-washing two more of the k-rails), and Mendo Mill, Coast Hardware and MendoRecycle (for major donations of paint and supplies).

Our first painting parties brought out nearly 20 volunteers. The next stage will be painting beautiful scenery on the k-rails by artists Rebecca Daun-Widner and Ileya Stewart. Come join the effort on Sunday, September 30, at 11 am.

Other Paint the Town projects are popping up in colorfully painted trash receptacles, fire hydrants, utility boxes, and dumpsters around town. Thanks to artist Brian Weller for the first ones, and to Jerry Ward of Solid Waste and Jeff

and Lois Hoover of the Noyo Theater for their support for a prototype art dumpster.

More artists and volunteers are welcome to join these fun projects! Contact Paul Jacobson at 4paulj@gmail.com (Paul coordinates as needed with the City of Willits and the Little Lake Fire Department).

Also, tax-deductible donations (for the cost of photo blow-ups and painting supplies) can be sent to WELL, PO Box 42, Willits 95490, with "Paint the Town" in the memo line.

Madge Strong and Paul Jacobson, on behalf of WELL

## Too much trash

To the Editor:

Are we going to let the slobs define our community?

I participated in the annual Coastal Clean-Up Day a week ago Saturday. Jerry Albright and I cleaned up over 8 cubic yards of disgusting garbage from a small area at the south end of Willits. Others people worked to clean up in other areas of town. Thanks to Jerry Ward and Solid Waste of Willits for waiving disposal fees for us! But, half a Saturday, once a year, is not nearly enough to restore Willits to the beauty it should show to visitors!

It's not just esthetics; it's the economy too. When travelers drive into Willits but see trash, debris and unmowed weeds, it looks like a run-down, pass-through town. Some local businesses do a great job with beautification and cleanliness to attract customers: Pete Swanton's downtown businesses, Mariposa, 101 Drive-In, and SHN are some examples. Certain other businesses, however, allow their parking lots, back fences, and neighborhoods to become bestrewn with gobs of unsightly litter (no names here, you can see which ones they are). It gives an impression that they just don't care.

Our economy is hurting. We have the upcoming Visit Willits/Wild Willits Fest coming up on October 20 to try to sell our town as a destination venue. What do we want them to see? The half-day clean-up was good, as is the Paint the Town project. But we need more.

• Would the Willits Chamber of Commerce be willing to organize regular monthly clean-ups? Businesses that pay their employees to clean up around their place of business can find a win-win here: It's a deductible expense, it attracts customers, and it's good for the community.

• Would Visit Willits be willing to sponsor a de-littering of our rural roads prior to the 5K/10K/Half Marathon runs out in the valley? ("Tour de Trash" makes a poor sell to out-of-towners.)

• Would Sheriff Allman and Chief Warnock direct their officers to vigilantly enforce the law pertaining to uncovered loads?

• What will the candidates for supervisor and city council pledge to do to address this problem?

Unfortunately, I lack the social media outreach capabilities needed today to be an organizer, nor to get permission from property owners. But I'm always happy to be a volunteer worker. Send me an email: gwo@pacific.net.

Gary Owen, Willits

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The King and Queen winners, Daisy Barrett and Keegan Reed, were announced Wednesday evening at the Homecoming Rally. Come see them and the other nominees during the Friday night football game against the St. Helena Saints on September 27.

The JV game starts at 5:30 pm, and varsity starts at 7 pm. Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Westerburg has made all of the home games free to attend to the public, so come show school spirit and cheer on the Wolverines!

The rest of **Measure B** | From Page 1

might make a single presentation to the committee at the next meeting. Allman said he welcomed that approach.

Schraeder, who is also CEO of Redwood Community Services, nodded in response to the possibility of working with Wells and other members of the Measure B Committee.

The request for more information came after Schraeder and Redwood Community Services Operations Officer Dan Anderson made a 30-minute presentation to the committee about their planned Ukiah mental health crisis center. The proposed crisis center would contain three separate units: a crisis access center, a crisis stabilization unit, and a crisis residential center.

The proposal had run aground because Redwood Community Services lacks the money to build the project. That cost, according to the most recent Kemper Report, was estimated in August 2018 to be \$4.66 million.

According to Schraeder, the County of Mendocino applied for a California Senate Bill 82 grant in 2015 with an eye toward collaborating with Redwood Community Services to build the mental health facility. The grant application sought \$2.1 million; but only \$500,000 was awarded. The county gave the money to RCS to enable it to purchase land at 631 South Orchard Street. The county retains the title to the land.

RCS later applied for a community development block grant to complete the project. RCS drew up plans for the facility and explained how the three units – crisis access, crisis stabilization and crisis residential treatment – would work together to provide needed services while remaining financially solvent. Schraeder said the people who decide who gets community development block grants declined to give the money to RCS "on a technicality."

Schraeder and Anderson advised the Measure B Committee that if a mental health unit was to be built and run by RCS, it would divert many of the mental health patients who daily occupy many of the available beds at county hospitals. It would also alleviate many of the supervisory duties police officers and sheriff's deputies currently are required to handle for mentally ill patients in hospital emergency rooms.

After Schraeder talked about the basic business plan of the crisis center – and Anderson had shown architectural plans for the facility to committee members and the public – District 4 representative Mark Mertle said he liked the RCS idea but needed more information before he could support it.

Mertle said he wanted to look at numbers, including what it will cost to build the facility and what it will cost to staff and run it. Schraeder said she had that information – it was part of the CDBG grant that had been rejected. She added that she might have to revise some of the numbers and some of the language in the grant application, but, she added, she would bring that information to the next meeting of the Measure B Committee.

At that point, Allman asked for reports from both Schraeder and Wells, and Wells asked instead that they make one joint report. Other committee members, including Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director Jenine Miller and Howard Memorial Director of Medical Services Ace Barash, MD, were asked to participate, and both agreed to do so.

In other business, Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo asked the committee to approve paying Kemper Consulting Group an additional \$28,000, in addition to the \$40,000 the board of supervisors had originally approved for Kemper. Angelo said she had learned from Kemper that the firm had spent more time on the needs assessment than planned.

Angelo told the Measure B Committee she thought it was the correct thing to do, in part because she felt that either the committee or the county would need Kemper's services in the future. Angelo told the committee Kemper had not actually billed the county for the additional hours but had noted cost overruns of \$24,000 on the firm's invoice.

Angelo approached the committee on her own – not only for the \$24,000 but also for an additional \$4,000 to cover the cost of a visit by Kemper to the board of supervisors in October 2018. The committee approved paying Kemper the additional \$28,000 on a 10-1 vote, with only Mertle voting no.

Before Wells and Schraeder agreed to make a joint report to the committee, individual members responded to the Kemper Report. Committee members appeared unable to reach consensus to either agree with the recommendations in the Kemper Report, or to substitute any alternative action plan for those recommendations.

Several members expressed a reluctance to recommend that supervisors expend more county money on any project until the committee obtained more information, particularly regarding the cost of staffing and operating a facility.

"I'm not in favor of recommending something solid, unless we can see what our expenses will be, projected out," said County Auditor Lloyd Weer.

"I like the preventative aspect of the report," said Ukiah businessman Ross Liberty. "If we could reduce the necessity of putting people in a psychiatric hospital or in residential treatment by 50 percent or even by 80 percent – which might be possible – then not only would it be potentially better from a fiscal perspective, but we would be making a tremendous difference in people's lives."

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

generally used in organizations where the remote location of the employer or the unique kind of work opportunities offered mean there are few alternate markets from which the labor force can choose.

Kaneko said approaches that use quantitative analysis, such as the Slavin Study, are "relatively reliable and objective" and one of their benefits is that "compensable factors are tailored to the organization's needs."

However, Kaneko noted using that system is time-consuming, both to build and maintain, and is not market-sensitive because it must be updated often to remain effective and, without proper calibration, can be subject to "rater bias."

The approach used by Koff and Associates, which Kaneko termed a "market/internal equity integration" system, uses "extensive benchmarking to anchor pay to the market," which is to say consultants check around to see what the same employee classifications are being paid in other places. "Non-benchmark classes are aligned with benchmarks through whole job analysis, a non-quantitative method," according to Kaneko.

A PowerPoint presentation to supervisors explained the human resources jargon in her description. "Similar factors as Slavin [uses] are considered for internal alignment, but no points are used. Standard percentage differences are applied among classes in the same job series and/or family for consistency. Market pricing is a primary driver of pay."

Kaneko said the method used by Koff and Associates is "the most common compensation model." She also narrated one of the few pages in the presentation that contained hard data. That page compared the wages of county employees with the market median, using both the Koff and Associates methodology and the Slavin methodology.

Using the Slavin methodology, Koff and Associates consultants found 38 percent of county positions examined were within 5 percent of market; 27 percent were more than 5 percent above market, and 35 percent of county positions examined were more than 5 percent below market.

A study of the county's classification and compensation plan, using Koff and Associates methodology, found that 21 percent of the positions examined were within 5 percent of market; 23 percent were more than 5 percent above market, and 56 percent were more than 5 percent below market.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said he wanted the Koff study to examine total compensation, not just base salaries. Kaneko replied that could be done and the full study completed by June 30, 2019.

Contacted by Willits Weekly, Mendocino County Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham said a contract extension would be presented to the board of supervisors at its October 16 meeting. At this point, she noted, no increase in the dollar value of the contract has been broached.

However, she added, the addition of having to consider the total compensation package instead of just the base salary, could increase the overall compensation involved in the contract extension with Koff and Associates.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey asked Kaneko why the work had taken so long. Dunham explained that while Koff and Associates staff was guiding the study, much of the work was being done by her staff. The two big fires the county has experienced over the past year has slowed that work, she added, noting her staff has been directed by supervisors to conduct eight classification and compensation studies for critical positions within the county government labor force.

"I don't have enough staff to dedicate them to doing this work full-time, and we want to do a good job on this," she said.

Croskey asked if Dunham could provide "a realistic date when we will see a change in employee compensation, based on this study?"

"That would be up to the board of supervisors," Dunham replied. "The decision to change employee pay would be based on availability of funding and on the board's compensation philosophy."

Supervisors were presented with a petition by SEIU 1021 Mendocino County Chapter President Kort Pettersen and signed by 178 county employees. The petition said county employees were frustrated by the glacial pace of Koff and Associates and the county's human resources staff in completing the study.

The petition said county employees were expressing their "frustration and aggravation with the long-delayed classification and compensation study the county is conducting."

The petition continued: "We watched last December as the board approved their own 39 percent wage increase as well as numerous 20 percent-plus increases for county managers in order to move toward parity with other counties."

"We have seen a minority of our co-workers, whom we work beside every day, also have their wages raised significantly. For some, this happened more than nine months ago. In some instances, we have seen positions that we have been promoted up from catch up or pass us by in wages."

"We have been told to be patient, that the county is doing a comprehensive review of all the positions in the county. But our patience is running low. Now we hear there is yet another delay, and the contract with the consultant is being extended for an extra year...."

"We call on the board of supervisors to direct Human Resources to dedicate the time and resources necessary to complete the classification and compensation study with all possible haste and to implement the report's findings without delay."

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## Volleyball | Daisy Barrett, 16, Senior

**How long playing the sport:** Eight years.

**Breakfast of Champions:** Bacon and eggs.


**Love of the sport:** "It's very team-oriented, just another family to play with."

**Other sports played:** Tennis

Daisy always tries to be the best at whatever it is she is involved in – she has the desire to be a leader. I believe Daisy understands the importance of maintaining a high grade point average.

Daisy is a very solid, reliable player on the volleyball court, and it's a pleasure to have her on the team.

– Submitted by Coach Jon Jessup



## Soccer | Angel Jacinto, 15, Junior

**How long playing the sport:** About 10 years.

**Breakfast of Champions:** Don't eat breakfast. If I do, I eat menudo.

**Love of the sport:** "Because my whole family played. I grew up around it, and always had a ball around my feet as soon as I could walk."

**Other sports played:** Tennis

Junior Angel Jacinto is the boys soccer varsity goal keeper. He consistently keeps in every single game by not allowing very many goals. He already has three shutout games this season and has such a powerful kick that he has an assist on a goal.

– Submitted by Coach Martin Rodriguez



## CONGRATS Newlyweds

Congratulations to Skylar Anderson, daughter of Gail and Jim Anderson of Prospect, Oregon, and Malakai Schindel, son of Greg and Donna Schindel of Willits. They were joined in marriage, in a magical celebration in the forest, surrounded by loving family and friends, on September 15, 2018.

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## The rest of Read | From Page 1

at their local library while supplies last, Horner noted. After finishing the book, readers are invited to attend Big Read events during the month of October, where they can share their impressions of the work with other "Pretty Monster" readers.

The events "aim to inspire conversation and discovery."

Novelist, playwright and Mendocino College professor Jody Gehrman will lead the Big Read discussions, "with particular emphasis" on the Hugo, Nebula and Locust award-winning story from the "Pretty Monsters" collection, "The Faery Handbag."

The Round Valley Book Festival will be held from 1 to 4 pm on October 6 at the Covelo Library to celebrate a \$7,500 book purchase grant the institution was awarded by the California State Library. In addition to "hundreds of new books," the event will feature music, crafts, food and prizes.

Gehrman will be in Covelo on Friday, October 12, at 3 pm to lead a "Pretty Monsters" discussion, Horner said in a Cultural Services Agency press release. She will visit the Willits library on Friday, October 19, at 4 pm.

Gehrman begins her month-long discussions on Saturday, October 6, at 3 pm at the Fort Bragg library, then continues her visits on October 7 at 2 pm at Coast Community Library.

Her final appearance will be Thursday, November 8, at 5 pm at the Ukiah library.

In addition to Gehrman's book discussions, the events will feature craft, poetry and writing workshops, nature hikes, and an art contest.

The Mendocino County Library is partnering with the Mendocino County Museum, the Arts Council of Mendocino County, the National Parks Service Natural Landmarks Program of the Pacific West Region, and Mendocino Parks to celebrate the county's Big Read Month.

Since 2006, more than \$19 million in NEA grants have funded more than 1,400 Big Read programs across the nation.

## The rest of Garbage | From Page 1

The rate hike to drop off garbage at the Caspar Transfer Station was 2.12 percent; the increase for garbage drop-off at the five small transfer stations was 9.86 percent.

Supervisors on Tuesday approved three separate SWOW contract revisions.

Information provided to Willits Weekly by Ward shows the gross value of recycled materials has declined dramatically since December 31, 2014. At that time, cardboard could be sold for \$122 a ton, mixed paper for \$77 a ton, aluminum cans for \$1,640 a ton, natural colored HDPE plastic for \$713 a ton, rigid plastic for \$207 a ton, and tin and scrap metal for \$109 a ton.

Also, in December 2016, only about 4 percent of a ton of mixed recyclable material was diverted from market and sent to the regular garbage stream, due to contamination. The average value of a ton of mixed recyclables was \$162.66.

In February 2018, cardboard had declined to \$100 a ton, mixed paper to negative \$15 a ton (that is, the shipper has to pay \$15 a ton to get rid of the paper), aluminum cans to \$1,270 a ton, natural HDPE to \$540 a ton, colored HDPE to \$280 a ton, rigid plastic to \$10 a ton, and tin and scrap metal had fallen to \$82 a ton.

Also, in February 2018, 15.42 percent of an average ton of recyclable materials was being rejected because of contamination – close to four times the 2014 rate – and the average value of a ton of mixed recyclables was \$93.95, a 43 percent decline from December 2014 prices.

According to Mendocino County Solid Waste Division Director Robert Carlson, the problem is global in scale and due largely to a change in policy by China.

Carlson charged the U.S. government is doing nothing to ameliorate the problem, and California's state government has been studying the issue, but so far has not offered any concrete solutions to turn around the price decline.

"Cal Recycle is in planning mode," Carlson said.


Ward proposed, and Carlson endorsed, a formula to set Solid Waste of Willits garbage fees into the future. That formula would use the price for a ton of mixed recyclables on December 31, 2014, as the base rate. For every decline from that rate – figured, for the most part, in \$10 increments – a "fee" would be added to SWOW's garbage collection fees.

If the price for recyclables increased beyond the \$162 base price (again, in \$10 per ton increments), a credit would be applied to the total. So, if the price for recyclables should increase to somewhere between \$180 and \$189.99 a ton, a \$30 per ton credit would be applied to the SWOW garbage fee and customers would see a decrease in their bills.

A June 29, 2018, proposal from Ward to Carlson describes how the calculation would be made. "An increase in the rates or a decrease in the rates is determined by applying the current composite market value to the market value grid [the system described briefly above]. With tons reported for discarded recyclable materials collected, a fee/credit per ton will be applied against the number of tons divided by revenue to calculate a percentage change in the rate."

The various franchise areas and five small transfer stations serviced by Solid Waste of Willits will see these small increases to their garbage rates beginning January 1, 2019.

Fees for garbage hauling for Franchise Area Number 1, which includes the north county, except the City of Willits and Brooktrails Township, will be increased by 1.51 percent. Customers in Anderson Valley will see a 4.33 percent increase, and South Coast residents will see a 2.14 percent hike.



Author Jody Gehrman

## THREE 3RD DISTRICT CANDIDATES FORUMS ...Round Two!

(Each event will start with refreshments!)

Laytonville	Willits	Covelo
Third District Supervisor Candidate's Forum	Third District Supervisor & Willits City Council Candidate's Forum	Third District Supervisor Candidate's Forum
Sunday, September 23rd 2-4 PM	Thursday, October 4th 6:30 - 9 PM <i>Free childcare!</i>	Saturday, October 6th 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Harwood Hall, Laytonville Mendocino County Observer Willits Environmental Center Laytonville County Water District KFFN radio station 105.1 FM Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association Mendocino Wildlife Association Mendocino County Growers Association Laytonville Healthy Start	American Association of University Women Willits Environmental Center Mendocino Women's Political Coalition Willits Economic Localization	Round Valley Library Community Room KBYU Round Valley Community Radio Willits Environmental Center

\*For more information call Judi at 459-4444, or Ellen at 459-2643.

## Governor signs 29 wildfire-related bills

**Submitted by the Office of Assemblymember Jim Wood**

Sacramento – On Friday, Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB 901, a bill that will boost the state's vegetation and forest management, increase requirements for utility infrastructure, and protect ratepayers and utility workers. In addition, he signed 28 other wildfire-related bills including three authored by Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa).

"This is a great day for our state and the 2nd Assembly District," said Wood. "The devastating wildfires this past year exposed significant gaps and deficiencies in how we protect our residents and help them face the significant challenges of rebuilding and, for that matter, surviving," said Wood. "I drew a line in the sand early on saying that I would absolutely not support a bill that did not protect fire victims and contain effective policies and resources for vegetation and forest management and early detection technology."

"I'm proud to have worked with my Republican colleague, Assemblymember Brian Dahle (R-Bieber), to ensure that these preventive measures and \$1 billion in funding were included in SB 901."

To assist in wildfire prevention, AB 2551, authored by Wood and signed by the governor on Friday, will improve the ability of landowners to enter into agreements with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to conduct joint prescribed burns.

Many victims of the wildfires discovered that their homeowners' insurance policy was not going to be enough to rebuild their homes and their lives. "AB 1875 will connect consumers who need residential property insurance with agents and brokers who can help find them the best policy to suit their needs, especially consumers looking for policies that will provide more than 100 percent coverage," said Wood.

People also experienced price gouging, especially in the short-term rental markets. AB 1919 expands the scope of criminal price gouging during the declaration of an emergency. "We won't tolerate people taking advantage of victims of disasters who need emergency housing. Many thanks to Sonoma County District Attorney Jill Ravitch for her assistance in crafting this legislation," Wood said.

"We will not forget the 58 people we have lost to wildfires this past year, but every bill the governor signed today moves us closer to addressing the significant challenges we face as our climate changes and protecting the lives and property of every California," said Wood.

## Sex offender held on pot growing, weapons charges

A registered sex offender was arrested September 17 by members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Marijuana Enforcement Team, sheriff's deputies and California Department of Fish and Wildlife Watershed Enforcement Team wardens after they served a search warrant at a home in the 1400 block of North Road in Laytonville.

Jack Bailey Kuykendall, 72, cooperated with deputies during the 9 am search, according to sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Porter.

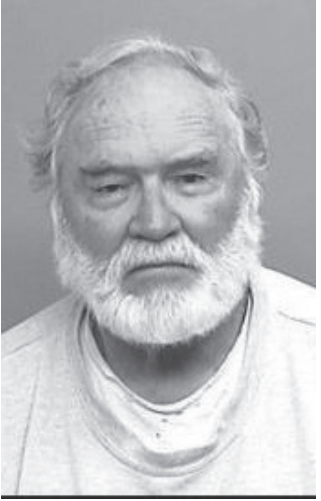
Deputies found 28 marijuana plants growing on the property, Porter said. They also discovered Kuykendall was in possession of a firearm and ammunition. As a convicted felon, he is prohibited from possessing either.

"Even though Proposition 64 legalized marijuana for most people," Porter explained, "there is a provision that prevents persons with certain serious prior convictions from cultivating more than six plants."

Kuykendall, he noted, "has past convictions for serious offenses, which require him to register as a sex offender."

Kuykendall was booked into county jail on suspicion of cultivating more than six marijuana plants, and being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

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



Jack Bailey Kuykendall of Laytonville.

## Willits woman held for drug paraphernalia

A 24-year-old Willits woman was arrested shortly before noon on September 15 on suspicion of possessing drug paraphernalia after a sheriff's deputy observed her driving north on Meadowbrook Drive and stopped to speak with her.

The deputy, on routine patrol at the time, recognized the driver of black sedan as Miranda Mullins "from prior law enforcement contacts," according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer, and "was aware Mullins was on active summary probation."

When Mullins' car pulled into a driveway in the 21400 block of Meadowbrook Drive, after the deputy approached her, Mullins informed the deputy she had a warrant for her arrest, which the deputy confirmed through the Sheriff's Office dispatch center.

"During a probation search of Mullins and her vehicle, the deputy located numerous methamphetamine pipes," Cromer said.

The deputy also learned the license plates on Mullins' vehicle did not match the vehicle she was driving. After further investigation, the deputy determined the license plates belonged to a different vehicle, and Mullins had placed them on her car.

She was arrested on a felony arrest warrant, felony failure to appear, suspicion of displaying false license plates, suspicion of possessing drug paraphernalia, and violating probation.

She was booked into county jail. Bail was set at \$50,000.

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

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# OCTOBER 2018

## MONDAYS POINTS DAYS

All Players Club members  
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10am to 10pm on the days of the promotion!

### 3X POINTS

### TUESDAYS

## PLINKO RANDOM HOT SEATS!

5pm-10pm  
(ending before 11pm)  
(12 hot seats)

Hot seat drawings  
2x per hour for  
\$20 free play  
up to \$100  
in free play

If two "Senior" Member(s) claim the win together, the prize amount will be "split" between the two winners. If more than two player(s) win a bingo game, all the prizes will still be 50% of the game value.

For the 2:00 PM game(s) there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo has been determined, the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win"



### SUPER SENIOR (\$55+)

**BINGO(S):**  
11:00 AM "EASY" BINGO FOR \$75 CASH PRIZE  
12:00 PM "DOUBLE" BINGO FOR \$100 CASH PRIZE  
1:00 PM "LARGE PHOTO FRAME" BINGO FOR \$125 CASH PRIZE  
2:00 PM "BLACK OUT" BINGO FOR \$200 FOR CASH PRIZE  
2:00 PM "SECOND CHANCE, BLACK OUT" BINGO FOR \$50 CASH PRIZE.

Buy - In(s):  
10:00 AM - All Player's Club Member(s), ages 55 or older, ("Senior(s)" that earn 40 point(s) on their Player's Club Card will receive one (1) bingo card / per game. Senior(s) may play up to three (3) bingo card(s) for each bingo game(s) for an additional 40 points per card. (40 x 3 = 120 point(s) per game).  
If two "Senior" Member(s) claim the win together, the prize amount will be "split" between the two winners. If more than two player(s) win a bingo game, all the prizes will still be 50% of the game value.  
For the 2:00 PM game(s) there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo has been determined, the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" Player's Club Member will win \$50 Cash.

## BINGO!

### TUESDAYS

## THURSDAY

12PM \$100 FREE PLAY  
1PM \$125 FREE PLAY  
2PM \$150 FREE PLAY  
3PM \$175 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH)  
7PM \$125 FREE PLAY  
8PM \$150 FREE PLAY  
9PM \$175 FREE PLAY  
10PM \$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)



## FRIDAYS PAYDAY

Ticket Entry Drawings - 20 Points/Entry  
May start to redeem points for entries  
starting at 11A  
-Each drawing time has a prize value to it;

WIN CASH FROM 8-11!

8:00PM \$100	9:00 PM \$150	10:00 PM \$200	10:30 PM \$250	11:00 PM \$300
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At each drawing, a ticket will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winner will have one minute to claim their prize. If the prize is not claimed the money will be forwarded to the next drawing.

For the 10:30 PM & 11:00 PM drawing, if there is no winner, the person conducting the drawing will continue to draw a ticket until someone claims the prize.

Member(s) may win up to two (2) times each Friday(s) of this promotion.

## FRIDAYS EARN AND RECEIVE 8AM-12PM

(PLAY \$60 AND RECEIVE \$10 FREE PLAY)



## HOT SATURDAYS!

Random Hot Seat Drawings: October 6, 13, 20 and 27

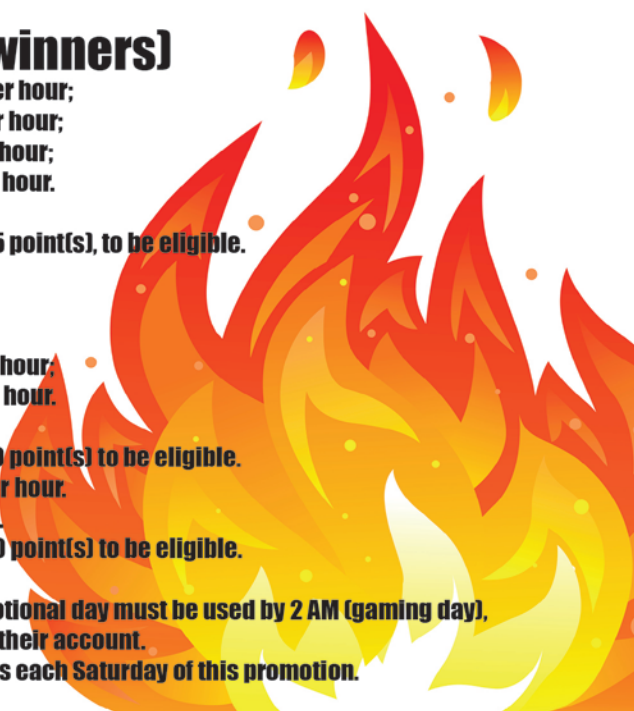
### Early Sessions: (8 winners)

11 AM to 12 PM - 2 random winner(s) per hour;  
12 PM to 1 PM - 2 random winner(s) per hour;  
1 PM to 2 PM - 2 random winner(s) per hour;  
2 PM to 3 PM - 2 random winner(s) per hour.  
Each winner will win \$30 in Free Play.  
Player's Club Member(s) must earn 25 point(s), to be eligible.

### Evening Sessions:

7 PM to 8 PM - 2 random winner(s) per hour;  
8 PM to 9 PM - 2 random winner(s) per hour.  
Each winner will win \$60 in Free Play.  
Player's Club Member(s) must earn 40 point(s) to be eligible.  
9 PM to 10 PM - 3 random winner(s) per hour.  
Each winner will win \$120 in Free Play.  
Player's Club Member(s) must earn 60 point(s) to be eligible.

All Free Play that is won for this promotional day must be used by 2 AM (gaming day), or the Free Play will be removed from their account.  
Member(s) may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.



### WEDNESDAYS

## Roosters & OWLS

8AM-12PM 6PM-10PM

EARN 50 POINTS ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD  
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ONCE PER SESSION

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 9AM-12PM  
(2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 1PM) \$50 CASH  
7PM-10PM  
(2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 11PM) \$75 CASH



## Scratch Card Sunday, 2 Sessions! 10am-2pm & 6pm-10pm

Players Club members that earn minimally 75 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club) PER SESSION. Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be;

\$10 Free Play	\$20 Free Play	\$50 Free Play
\$75 Free Play	\$100 Free Play	
\$20 Cash	\$50 Cash	\$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2am on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account.

Wednesday October 31

## Spooktacular Costume Contest 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Most Creative:  
1st Prize - \$1,000 Cash  
2nd Prize - \$500 Cash

Scariest:  
1st Prize - \$1,000 Cash  
2nd Prize - \$500 Cash

Funniest:  
1st Prize - \$1,000 Cash  
2nd Prize - \$500 Cash

Players Club Member(s) that are wearing a costume and have minimally \$100 points earned per promotion day, will be eligible for an entry for the costume contest. Judging and cash prizes to be given away after 10:00PM

(No mask allowed until judging)  
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