

Thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Little Lake Grange, the Grange Farm School, Tree of Life Charter School, KZY&Z, and all the bands and performers, my daughter and I would like to thank the town of Willits, and beyond, for your support of the music and events at the Little Lake Grange.

It's always been my belief that music and food bring people together and help remove the walls in our community. There will be more exciting events in the future, for the whole family....

Oh yes, pray for rain!

**Pooba and Kaya,
Cosmic Pickle Productions**

Gratitude for KZYX&Z

To the Editor:

This summer has seen ravages and crises trumping most in recent memory for Mendocino and Lake counties: fires, crazy internet phone outages, and yet more fires. KXYX, the news team and staff has proven their worth and then some. Thank you to the news crew. Lorraine Dechter, Sheri Quinn, Valerie Kim: You three ladies have gone above and beyond to keep us informed. I know a huge percentage of the work you have done is volunteer (the late night phone calls, interviews, drives to Lake County, social media presence), and it has not gone unrecognized.

This summer has shown us firsthand why local, independent and intelligent radio is so critical for emergency preparedness. While these fires have raged, the news team has gathered often hard-to-get details about evacuations, resources and emergency contacts. The morning I wrote this letter, I heard the Lake County sheriff, Joel Luiz from Fiona Ma's office, local realtor with insurance information Bill Barksdale, and the district chief of CalFire! They have informed us which charities are legit and how best to donate to the relief/recovery efforts.

While the internet phone outage laid waste to many emergency communications systems, KZYX&Z was updating every 15 minutes or so with new contact numbers to use in place of 9-1-1. They networked with KQED to diagnose the scope of the problem, and communicated with local representatives to investigate the root cause.

The hosts and station volunteers have stepped up to adjust their time slots to accommodate breaking news. Mary Aigner, Rich Culbertson and staff have worked way beyond their normal hours to ensure that our region has the most up-to-date information.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I am already a supporter of the station, but I will double my contributions this year. I hope my neighbors join me in this support. The KZYX&Z team has my gratitude for filling this critical role.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

Close down the asphalt plant

To the Editor:

An open letter to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

I'm one of many Longvale property owners who came before you in March to beg you *not* to approve an asphalt plant next to Outlet Creek. We asked instead that you require a full environmental review before allowing Grist Creek Aggregates to conduct asphalt manufacturing along the creek.

We told you that manufacturing toxic materials on the flood plain of Outlet Creek, an important Eel River tributary in a very narrow mountain valley, was the wrong use for a sensitive, county-significant riparian zone.

We said how much we feared that plant fumes would harm local air quality.

We argued that, in heavy rains, when the creek can overflow its banks, fish, plants and wildlife would be even more exposed to pollution from diesel fuel and other contaminants than they are currently from the plant fumes and byproducts.

We told you we dreaded the noise the plant would generate in our peaceful valley.

Despite our pleas, you voted 5-0 to fast-track asphalt production, bypassing the Planning Department and the possibility of a full EIR.

You said the plant would create jobs. So far, we count only two.

You justified your decision saying that at some point many years ago, when the site was owned another company, asphalt production took place there. But the new Grist Creek asphalt plant is much larger than the previous one, which was removed and stopped running years ago – no one can even remember when. Since that time, environmental regulations, particularly along waterways, have become much more stringent.

You said you wanted to hear from us if there were any problems when the plant went online. That time has come.

Supervisors, many of our worst fears have materialized.

Since the plant went online in August:

- Noxious, smelly fumes of steam rise regularly from the plant.
- Clouds of unpleasant smoke linger in the deep canyon along Outlet Creek.
- Dust particles cover every inch of the surrounding vegetation, and many end up in Outlet Creek, not to mention the air.
- Deep rumbling noises that sound like a squadron of Blue Angels emanate from the plant.
- Huge diesel trucks come and go constantly, making the dangerously narrow and winding Covelo Road more perilous than ever.

Last week, one of our neighbors drove herself to Howard Hospital because her eyes burned from noxious fumes that also impaired her breathing.

We are not making this up. We have photos and videos to prove it.

Please, supervisors, do the right thing, admit you made a mistake and close the asphalt plant down until experts can conduct a full California Environmental Quality Act report to scientifically assess the impacts.

In the meantime, I urge everyone who cares about the environment to call the supervisors, particularly Tom Woodhouse, who took the lead on the project, to request the plant be closed until a full CEQA review is conducted. The supervisors can be reached at 707-961-2696. To help with the legal battle to close down the plant, you can send checks to Friends of Outlet Creek, c/o Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street, Willits 95490

**Jane Fatcher,
Longvale**

Tribe won't sign agreement with Caltrans

To the Editor:

Editor's note: This letter was sent to Caltrans District 1 Director Charles C. Fielder on September 2, 2015, and cc'd to a list of agencies and other interested parties.

On behalf of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Council, I wanted to both explain why we are not signing the current proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan. We would also like to express our extreme disappointment in Caltrans for allowing this process to extend well into the construction phase. We are as well continuing to insist on face-to-face government to government consultation regarding our concerns, a request that has gone unheeded by Caltrans for several months.

Introduction: Over two years ago, Caltrans commenced construction activity on the Willits bypass and mitigation project. Given the extensive construction activity to date, it is inauthentic and insincere for Caltrans to ask our tribe to now sign off on a Programmatic Agreement and Post Review and Discovery Action Plan, when these crucial documents should have been in place through government to government consultation with the tribes prior to the beginning of ground disturbing activities.

A Failure of Responsibility: Caltrans has completely failed to be proactive in its responsibility to the tribes. It took tribal and public outrage over the grossly negligent destruction of CAMEN 3571 in the northern interchange area of the bypass project to trigger Caltrans' Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan consultations with the tribes.

On September 18, 2013, the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation instructed Caltrans to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the tribes regarding the tribes' concerns for the protection of cultural sites within the Willits bypass project.

Nearly two years have elapsed since this mandate from the National Advisory Council, two years of intense earth-disturbing activities by Caltrans on the Willits bypass project, yet the tribes and federal and state agencies have not agreed to terms in order to avoid further destruction of our heritage and to ensure protection of our ancestral cultural and archaeological sites.

During this two-year period, our ancestral archaeological and cultural sites in the Willits bypass project footprint and mitigation lands were not properly identified or protected by Caltrans. Given this lengthy and otherwise inexplicable delay, it is obvious that Caltrans did not enter into these negotiations in good faith.

Caltrans has used these negotiations as a ruse to delay implementing these important protective measures, appearing to listen to the concerns of the tribes, and then responding by filling the proposed agreements with self-serving terms and procedures and proposed mitigation measures knowingly unacceptable to the tribes.

Site Discovery: So many of our ancestral sites were discovered *after* the environmental impact statement for the Willits bypass project was approved. Yet both Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration have failed to prepare a supplemental EIS to address the handling of these ancestral sites. Since the commencement of government to government consultations with Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, the Army Corps, and the North Coast Water Quality Control Board, our tribe has insisted that a supplemental EIS be prepared, addressing the avoidance and protection of our ancestral cultural sites both prior to and during construction and wetlands mitigation earth-moving activities. These requests continue to go unheeded.

Six ancestral sites were discovered subsequent to EIS approval and prior to construction. Yet no requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act were pursued by Caltrans,

such as notifying and consulting with the tribes or creating environmental site assessments to protect the sites.

Site Destruction: In September 2013, an ancient village site was destroyed by Caltrans, initially by the insertion of 1,100 wick drains to a 60-foot depth, followed by burying the site under several tons of dirt. To add insult to injury, in its early drafts of the PA, Caltrans lied by stating this site was "not adversely impacted." Now, Caltrans' current drafts of the PA state that the site "may have been adversely impacted." Caltrans knows this site was adversely impacted as set forth in the criteria of 88.5(a)(2)(i). Our tribe continues to assert that this site was destroyed through the gross recklessness of Caltrans.

Government to Government Consultation: Our tribe has requested that its participation in this process be via the government to government consultation process mandated by both federal and state law, including but not limited to, the governing regulations under Section 106, as well as by NEPA and CEQA. We reference WHEREAS clause 3 on p. 3 of the Programmatic Agreement which states: "Caltrans will continue consultation with the tribes, SHPO and ACHP on this undertaking as required by Section 106 and will continue to invite comments from the tribes, SHPO and ACHP." Finally, Caltrans has conspicuously refused our constant requests for face-to-face government to government consultations on these documents and the issues they present. Caltrans' failure to sit in a room with representatives of our tribe is insulting.

Providing Information: There is no question but that the project is a federally funded project that adversely impacts our ancestral cultural resources. Yet, because our tribe will not sign the proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan, we will be limited in receiving information on matters impacting our ancestral cultural resources. We object to provisions in the draft document that information will be provided only to the signatories to the proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan. For example, please reference Sections V and X (C) of the draft.

Even if our tribe does not sign proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan, we should be privy to all actions taken and provided with all reports prepared regarding impacts to our ancestral cultural and archaeological resources under the provisions of Section 106 and pursuant to the federally mandated obligation under executive order to pursue government to government consultations with our tribe. These are federally mandated obligations that cannot be avoided by Caltrans simply because our tribe refuses to sign the unfair proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan.

Objections: Here are our objections to provisions in the proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan:

1. Under Section V, Reporting Requirements and Related Reviews: Caltrans should provide the information referenced in this section to all tribes, not just the signatories of the PA. This position is pursuant to government to government consultation legal mandates.
2. Too much site identification and status designation authority is left in the hands of the tribal monitors in the PA. Site designation, protection, and avoidance consultations should be with the tribally appointed representatives for government to government consultations. This PA does not even provide for notification to the tribally appointed delegates, let alone consultation.
3. We concur with the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians' objections to the classification and treatment of sparse lithic scatters within the Willits bypass and mitigation project area currently proposed by the Caltrans archaeologists.
4. There is discretionary language throughout the Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan which should be changed to mandatory language. Whenever Caltrans says it "may" do something, the word should be "shall," especially given Caltrans' track record on this project and our tribe's complete lack of confidence in Caltrans taking actions in the best interests of the tribes.
5. Caltrans continues to justify resorting to only data recovery efforts rather than site identification, avoidance, and protection in the wetlands mitigation parcels. (See p. 5, Section 2). Throughout our government to government consultations with Caltrans, the FHWA, the Army Corps, and the North Coast Region Water Quality and Control Board, our tribe has insisted that cultural

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At right: Pick & Pull, with Fred Bieberbach on bass, guest artist Vanessa Hirshman, and singer/songwriter Keith Buck on guitar, pose in the alley before a Tuesday "open practice" at Shanachie Pub.

Far right, from top: Vanessa Hirshman on ukulele.

Fred Bieberbach with his stand-up bass.

Keith Buck, singer and songwriter for Pick & Pull, on guitar.

Photos by Anita Blu



Pick & Pull

Up-and-coming Willits band gets their audiences dancin' and smilin'

If you're one of the few live music fans that hasn't seen Pick & Pull, the latest Willits band-on-the-rise, you're missing a real treat. The good news is you'll have plenty of opportunities to catch up, as they have a number of gigs booked for the near future.

Composed of guitarist, lead singer and songwriter Keith Buck, and stand-up bass player Fred Bieberbach, Pick & Pull is quickly becoming a Shanachie Pub fan favorite. Performing a mix of mostly old timey covers and original songs, the primary goal of the band is to have fun and to get people dancing.

When explaining their sound, Bieberbach said, "The actual material we're sourcing is from American folk, but the energy and attitude we bring to it is more contemporary, inspired by punk rock and heavy metal."

Keith and Fred first joined forces in March of 2014. "But we got really serious about making what we are now in January 2015," Bieberbach said.

Keith Buck's songwriting style always begins with a hook line. Some off-hand comment he might make can become a song lyric. "Oh, that's a great lyric," Keith will say to himself. "And then I build

some more lyrics from there, and once I have something, I look for an old time melody to go with it."

Although he had flirted with other genres of music, it's bluegrass and old time music that resonates with him the most as a performer. "I wasn't confident with the way my voice sounded, until I sang bluegrass. I can belt it out and it feels good, like it's what my voice was meant to sing."

Fred didn't start playing until after his 30th birthday, when he bought himself the very stand-up bass he performs with on stage. Mostly self-taught on the instrument, Fred practiced daily until he felt competent enough to join other musicians. When asked what it was like to start playing such an unusual instrument out of the blue, Fred explained: "You're not going to be any good at first, but then you realize it's not about being good, it's about doing it all the time, and if you do it all the time, you'll get good."

Pick & Pull, in the short time since their genesis, has already performed in Garberville, Sonoma, Sebastopol, the main stage at the July 4th barbecue, and several shows at Shanachie Pub. Their website, www.pickpullmusic.com, features pictures and video, song

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John McCowen. When asked if Komer's assessment of what happened at the September 23 meeting was accurate, McCowen said, "The short answer is, yes."

The issue came to light in the 2013-14 grand jury report titled, "The Mendocino

County Free Library: How Is It Doing After Measure A?" According to the report, A-87 costs are "charges levied on another government body to reimburse the county General Fund for indirect costs."

However, A-87 charges can only be assessed against use of property when that property has been paid for out of the county's General Fund. In the case of the Fort Bragg Library building, the county apparently only paid for a small portion of the cost of the building.

The old Fort Bragg Library building, built in 1913, was destroyed in a September 1987 fire. The community raised money to replace the building. An insurance claim was made and awarded.

According to the grand jury 2013-14 report, "The county used the insurance payment to build the new Ten Mile Justice Court, buy the current library building (a former mortuary), and make needed modifications to it."

According to McCowen, the insurance claim paid some \$500,000 toward the new building's purchase and retrofit costs. The Friends of the Fort Bragg Library donated another \$450,000 to the project.

According to McCowen, the county's share in the new building's cost was about \$200,000, but the county has been billing the Fort Bragg Library for A-87 costs based on the entire purchase and retrofit price of \$1.2 million.

When asked how much money the county will repay the library system, McCowen said he didn't know. He did say the county has been overcharging on a base cost of about \$1 million. He noted that 2 percent of \$1 million is \$20,000.

If the county has been overcharging the library for a period of 10 years, that would mean that the county owes the library system about \$200,000.

According to the grand jury report, the county did not charge A-87 costs against the Fort Bragg Library during the 2007 to 2010 recession. The report states the county did not start charging A-87 costs to the library until the passage of Measure A in 2011.

However, McCowen contests that finding. "The implication is the county didn't charge the libraries until after Measure A was passed. But really, it didn't have anything to do with Measure A, because the collection of A-87 costs began way before Measure A was even a concept.

"In a certain major respect, the grand jury was correct," McCowen said. "Our intention is to go back to the beginning and credit the library completely for all the charges that were collected. It will result in the library being made whole, and will probably take place over a 10-year period."

McCowen praised Weer for his efforts on researching the law, the history of the Fort Bragg Library fire, what happened in the wake of the fire, and the convoluted history of how the A-87 costs were assessed and paid. "Lloyd Weer has done a complete review and has really worked hard on this," McCowen said.

Not all the A-87 charges assessed by the county against the library system are in question: Some of the charges are legitimate and will continue to be assessed.

Komer said a question also has arisen about A-87 charges levied against the Willits Library. Both Komer and McCowen said it is believed construction of the Willits Library was paid for, in part, by a federal grant, but the county is levying A-87 charges against the branch library based on the assumption all of the money came from the county's General Fund. Komer is looking into the question.

Komer said he was impressed by the statements and the attitude of McCowen and Gjerde at the Point Arena meeting. "I think there's been a shift here, where the board of supervisors is being more responsive to its advisory committee," Komer said. "Also, on another note, they did something they had promised to do, which was to redraft the resolution creating the Library Advisory Board."

Komer also had praise for Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse. "Supervisor Woodhouse has been exemplary in communicating with me. He actually seeks me out and listens to me. I guess I would say, on the basis of the current situation, that I am guardedly optimistic," Komer said.

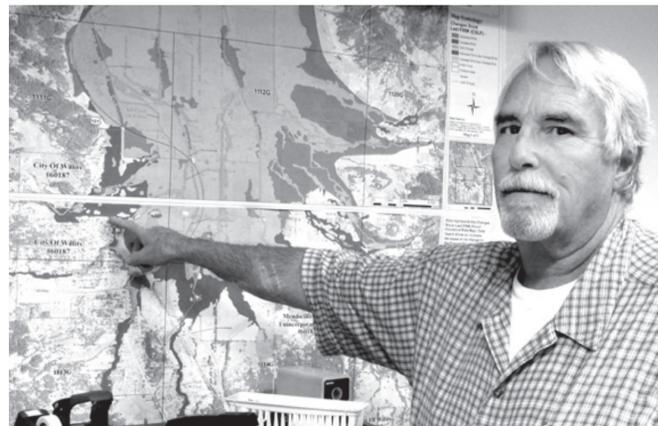
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Left: City of Willits Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman points to one of the new FEMA flood maps in his office.

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Below: A historical image of Railroad Avenue during the flood in 1964.

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2015 updates to correct the issue.

"They were made based on input from our geographic information system surveys and [optical remote sensing technology] LIDAR, another electronic imaging system," Sherman explained. "Instead of just walking around surveying elevations, it coordinates all the elevations through satellite," he said.

"We don't know that El Niño is going to do anything," said Sherman, "but historically, it's really kind of raised hell around here."

According to a September 23 article in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, "The term [El Niño] refers to a large-scale interaction between the ocean and atmosphere that is linked to a warming in sea surface temperatures."

According to a March 5 article in Scientific American, "The [Climate Prediction Center] forecasts a 50 to 60 percent chance that the El Niño will chug along through the spring and summer."

That same article notes there is much debate among weather experts

as to the severity of precipitation, but concludes "the El Niño isn't expected to have much impact on U.S. weather patterns, nor bring much relief for drought-stricken California."

"My own personal experience was the winter of '97 and '98," Sherman said. "Highway 101 was closed north. Most of the highways were closed. We were pretty much trapped here for a while."

Explaining the FEMA maps, Sherman said: "The additions to the flood zones are almost all in the city. The diminishing parts of the flood zones are up in the wetlands, where we actually want the water to be. We don't want it in the city."

A particularly vulnerable zone is the Commercial Street bridge over Broadus Creek, where up to six feet of silt has accumulated.

"Fifty percent or more of the channel beneath it is blocked," said Sherman. "We want to remove the gravel."

At the meeting Joe Scriven, from the Mendocino County Resources Conservation District, discussed a project for Outlet Creek where, according to Sherman, "they're going

to be removing some obstructions, logjams and things like that."

There had been concern Fish and Wildlife would be hesitant to give permits for such obstruction removal, due to the potential harm to habitats.

However, Sherman noted, "Essentially our public works department was given the go-ahead to come get our permit and go ahead and start cleaning the obstructions beneath the bridge."

This permit would be good for silt removal in all vulnerable areas, not only the Commercial Street bridge.

At the next council meeting, the timeframe for this work will be discussed, if not established.

"I'm really excited about it," Sherman said. "We had some real direct talk, and were told [Fish and Game] would be more than happy to work with us, that all the departments here are, including FEMA. We don't want to destroy any habitat. But at the same time, if we let it go on the way it has been for too much longer, the town will become a larger and larger flood zone."

In the Press Democrat article, a list of safety measures for winter preparation were articulated for home and business owners. The most important measure? Clean your rain gutters. The story highlighted consequences to one individual who suffered more than \$20,000 in damage to her home, as a result of not cleaning her gutters.

To read the Press Democrat article, visit: www.pressdemocrat.com/lifestyle/4490169-181/getting-your-home-ready-for. For the Scientific American article, visit: www.scientificamerican.com/article/el-nino-officially-declared-for-2015.



At right: Artists' booths were placed throughout town. Below: Dani's Pottery from Branscomb. At bottom, from left: Custom wine barrel furniture made by Victor Romero of Fortuna. John Hathaway, from Nice, with his handmade bat houses. Jewelry designs by A. Marie Karlin.

Photos by Carrie Shattuck



Laytonville Art Walk

Fun arts fest raises funds for local youth programs

Fifty-one artists were featured at the Fifth Annual Laytonville Art Walk last Saturday, displaying and selling their wonderful art. This event showcases the many talented and creative people in our Mendocino County community.

The small town of Laytonville was buzzing with lots of people walking here and there, taking in all the colorful booths, eating great food, and listening to the awesome live music.

Discount food tickets were sold that could be used at participating restaurants around town. Twelve musical performers played varied types of music throughout the day for everyone's listening enjoyment.

Booths were located along Highway 101 through Laytonville from It Takes Two to Tangle on the south end, extending to Boomers Saloon on the north end of town.

Participants included several pottery displays, jewelry and clothes makers, photographers, and woodworkers, just to name a few. There was a Kidz Zone with face painting by Miss Jade and fun crafts to do for the kids. Artists came from as far away as Humboldt and Lake counties, and some attendees drove several hours to attend the event.

Artists were very pleased at the turnout, and some had their best year yet. Many attendees purchased raffle tickets to have a chance to win items – ranging from sculptures to candles to desserts – donated by every participating artist. Art Walk T-shirts were also for sale, with all of the proceeds funding Youth Art Programs in the Laytonville community.

Art Walk organizer Tara Bluecloud would like to give a heartfelt "thank you" to all the volunteers for their help and to the businesses who sponsored and funded the event. She also added that plans are in the making for a Laytonville Art Evening, once a month, throughout next summer.

Carrie Shattuck
Contributing Writer



Above: The first coordinating meeting for the "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Valley Fire Fundraiser on October 25, with Sid Harper (Savings Bank of Mendocino County) Kit Elliott (County Counsel's Office), Ruth Valenzuela (field rep for Assemblyman Jim Wood), Mike Mayfield (Mendo Mill), Linds Edgington (4-H Clubs), Sheriff Tom Allman, Katrina Kessen (Barra of Mendocino), Kerrie Lindecker (communications coordinator for Senator Mike McGuire), and Jennifer Seward (Redwood Empire Fair).

Valley Fire Fundraiser at Redwood Empire Fairgrounds

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors" is the theme of Mendocino County's Valley Fire Fundraiser on Sunday, October 25 from 4 to 8 pm at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah.

Sheriff Tom Allman pulled together a group of local leaders, businesses and service clubs to organize a community-wide dinner, auction and music event to raise money supporting the long-term rebuilding efforts of our Lake County neighbors.

Bands such as the Ford Brothers and the Funky Dozen plus one or more Latino groups will be playing. Spaghetti and taco dinners are on the

menu. Local 4-H Club members will be selling desserts, and local wineries and breweries are providing libations.

Tickets are \$15 per person in advance; \$20 at the door. Children six and under are free. Tickets are available at Mendo Mill stores in Ukiah, Lakeport, Clearlake, Willits and Fort Bragg, and at Chavez Market on South State Street in Ukiah.

All proceeds from the benefit go directly to the Lake County Wildfire Relief Fund created by North Coast Opportunities, with the support of Mendo Lake Credit Union and the Savings Bank of Mendocino County. All administration costs

are being waived, which means 100 percent of donations go directly to benefit those who have been affected by the fire damage.

To volunteer or donate an item to the raffle and auction, contact lm@ncoinc.org. Auction items may be dropped off at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds office from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

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COYOTE VALLEY CASINO

Thursday, October 1

Shanachie Pub: Gonzalo Bergara Quartet, "all-acoustic modern variant of 1930s Django Reinhardt-inspired gypsy jazz." 6 pm, \$10. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, October 2

Opening Reception for 'Common Thread': Willits Center for the Arts in association with "Celebrating American Craft Week" presents three textile artists who use the dye pot as their palette. Art cloth, wearables, rugs, wall hangings and more by Anita Sison, Stephanie Hoppe, and Ursula Parch. Ursula Parch will be on display October 2 through 25. Opening reception is from 7 to 9 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, 459-1726. Also enjoy the acoustic guitar and voice of David Parch, who will perform original songs and popular oldies. Regular gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm; Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm.

Dàimh: Gaelic "supergroup" performs Friday, October 2 at Willits Community Theatre. "The five-piece all-acoustic band hails from the western highlands of Scotland and takes their name from the Gaelic word for "kinship." Their energetic music is renowned across Europe, and they have been twice nominated for Folk Band of the Year at the Scots Traditional Music Awards." 7 pm. Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Shanachie Pub: Arkam Falls debuts at the Pub: are you ready for "the searing guitar of lead vocalist Adam Manus, the thunder bump of Jeffrey Martin

and sick beats of the sickest member Shawn Coleman"? Visit <https://www.facebook.com/arkamfalls>. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, October 3

'Common Thread': At 10 am, the artists will conduct a tour of the exhibit and talk about their work. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. See Friday, October 2 listing for more details about the October show at the WCA.

Annual Blessing of the Animals: St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church hosts its annual Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 3, starting at 11 am in the garden for "all animals large and small." Corner of Main and Commercial streets. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Free Monologue Writing Workshop: second of two free workshops "intended as preparation for persons hoping to participate" in the upcoming show at Willits Community Theatre: "Speakeasy: An Evening of Original Monologues." Noon to 2 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Contact Annie Samson at 707-459-9014 or joker@instawave.net for more info.

North Street Collective Celebrates Craft Week: from 2 to 5 pm at North Street Collective, 350 North Street, on Saturday, October 3. Featuring wood-working with Noel Wood-house and Tim Oslund, jew-elry design by Karen Mas'trian of Ras'cal Moon Jewelry, and work by other North Street-affiliated artists. "We'll also be listening, gardening, and canning..." Free. For more info on the North Street Collective, visit: www.mendocinocraftweek.com/about-us.html

Shanachie Pub: Jacob Green, one man band, "original songs and a fair amount of covers in his own adapted blues/folk/grass style." Visit

What's Happening Around Town

Tuesday, October 6

Reception for "Viva Kubal!": a photographic tour of western Cuba, at Brickhouse Coffee through October, with photos by June Ruckman and Jerry Albright, who spent 25 days in Western Cuba earlier year and will be sharing photos and stories at the show opening and artists reception, Saturday, October 3, from 6:30 to 9 pm. 3 South Main Street. Wines by Barra. Brickhouse Coffee hours: Monday through Friday, 6 am to 4 pm, and Saturday, 7 am to 4 pm. www.facebook.com/brickhousewillits.

Benefit Fundraiser: Music and more to benefit the Norvell/Palmieri family of Laytonville, at the Wheels Cafe & Pub, 44930 Highway 101, Laytonville. Live acoustic performances by singer/songwriter Ingrid Kerr, Joe Tucky of Gypsy Thorns, Harley (lead guitarist of Shotgun Jesus) and Keith Buck (from Pick & Pull). Plus DJ Knight, DJ CNtrl Alt Delete and DJ Selecta Konnex. With other special guest artists. A raffle with fun prizes from local vendors. All ages welcome. Music starts at 7 pm. JoyeD Productions.

Sunday, October 4

Sunday Bingo: at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Doors open 10:30 am; snack bar opens at 11 am, games begin at 11:30 am, bingo buy in \$10. 459-6826.



Tuesday, October 6

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: "Hotel Transylvania" and "Black Mass." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Avenues to Wellness: This month's presentation in the Avenues to Wellness speaker series, "Need Relief? Therapeutic Bodywork Can Help" features Karla Downing, RN, iRest/Yoga Nidra teacher, and Higher Brain Living facilitator. "Attend this ATW presentation and discover the benefits of therapeutic bodywork." Tuesday, October 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Free; donations appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Info: 459-2777 or visit www.avenuestowellness.org.

"The Truth About Cancer": an 11-part video series presented over six Tuesdays, at 7 pm, started September 22, and continuing through October 27, with a discussion the final evening. "28 doctors, 11 scientists, 9 survivors and 1 attorney break their silence and expose the truth about cancer, what causes it, conventional protocols, and the proven alternatives to prevent, treat and beat it 100 percent naturally. Don't miss any part of this important series. It may be lifesaving information for you or a loved one. Mark your calendar for all six evenings. Each information-packed episode builds on the knowledge gained from the last, ending with a finale of testimonials from those who have beaten cancer." Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street. Suggested donation at the door. Refreshments for sale. 459-4110.

Shanachie Pub: Grace Love & The True Loves, "original 9 piece soul sensation from Seattle." Visit www.graceloveandthetrueloves.

com. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, October 10

"Future of the Willits Center for the Arts": The public is invited to attend a community open house to discuss the future of the Willits Center for the Arts, set for Saturday, October 10 from 11 am to 3 pm. At the Great Room, upstairs at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Artists, youth and all interested members of the public are encouraged to come "envision a future for the Arts Center." The meeting will be facilitated by Alyssum Wier, executive director of the Arts Council of Mendocino County. "The current WCA leaderships seeks broad, diverse community input for the next phase of planning to ensure that the organization continues with programs that are of interest to the community and that the financial health of the organization is met."

Brooktrails Fall Festival: "Come join the Brooktrails Property Owners Association at Ohl Grove Park Saturday, October 10, 2015, and find your perfect pumpkin at The Great Pumpkin Hunt. Pizza, Crafts, Family Fall Photos, Jumphouse and More!! 2 to 6 pm, Ohl Grove Park, Brooktrails.

New Meditation Center Open House: The Inner Resource Fellowship announces the opening of its new Meditation Center, at 1500 Hearst Road, in the old Grace Church building. Saturday, October 10 from 2 to 6 pm. Please call The Center at 707-357-4676 to ask questions, book a seat, or come at 2 pm to make the most of our afternoon of free programs. Attend a short class on the practice, benefits and positive effects of Tranquility Meditation on daily life, followed by a group meditation. Our principal founder, Shri Chimayan, will also present sample segments from our "Spiritual Bootcamp 101" class, plus there will be a talk on "How to Access Divine Inner Guidance." Please see article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Sunday, October 11

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, October 11, at the Harrah Senior Center,

1501 Baechtel Road. Pancakes, eggs any style, and your choice of sausage, ham, or bacon Adults \$7, Members \$6, Kids \$5. Info: 459-6826.

95490 Town Hall on Recreation: 4 to 6 pm, Sunday, October 11 at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. "Let's re-create recreation! Would you like to see more art and recreation activities for your children, yourself, your pet? Come discuss your vision, your ideas and information about a new art and recreation district in the 95490 community. Share ideas on how we can improve the existing recreation opportunities in our 95490 area, and what you want to see here that we don't already have. Also, let's discuss how we can make our vision a reality. Speakers include: Brooke McFadden, who will explain her vision as a member of this community; Councilmember Holly Madrigal, who will discuss the nuts and bolts of creating such districts from his experience as a member of LAFCO (the local Area Formation Commission); and Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde, who will tell us what it was like to create a new district and what the benefits are now that the arts and recreation district is established in Fort Bragg."

The Mentoring Network Youth group for girls Starts Friday, October 23

"The Mentoring Network" is a part of the Little Lake Grange's Youth Program, and is open to girls in sixth through 10th grades. The free program is organized by herbalist Donna D'Terra, teacher coordinator, and Michelle J. Cummins, L.Ac., student coordinator. Topics include cooking and nutrition, movement, herbal crafts and life skills. Runs every Friday from October 23 through December 11, from 4 to 5 pm in the Cultivate Wellness Studio, Room 4 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Pre-registration is required. Contact Michelle at 707-972-1601

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Hotel Transylvania 2'

Caveat: Words about a silly cartoon.... I should draw my review with Crayolas.

The Story: Back to Hotel Transylvania with its lovable monsters. Drac's pretty goth daughter Mavis is getting married to Jonathan, a human doofus ... and then she's pregnant. But how? This isn't anime, so no sex acts are shown. Still, considering the doofus, one wonders. But let's put that aside for now, because the filmmakers want us to be concerned by the questions: Will the new baby be a boy or girl? Will it be a cuddly vampire, or a human? Such tension! Such suspense!

My Thoughts: Just because I'm being snarky does not mean the flick is a total loss. I believe that children who were into the first flick will like this sequel. It will make them laugh. I expect that those same children will probably pester their parents to come see this movie. I completely understand.

Without going into particulars, the moral of this movie is: It takes a monster to defeat a monster. That bears some thought. Also, the clichéd assertion: Men are clueless ... an idea that I find irksome.

Parents: While this movie "un-monsters" the monsters, which is not a bad thing, there are scenes at the very end which might frighten some children (though certainly not all). The good guys all win, and the values of family cohesion are celebrated.

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



Gaelic 'supergroup' Dàimh performs at WCT

Friday, October 2

The Gaelic "Supergroup" Dàimh will perform at the Willits Community Theatre on Friday, October 2 at 7 pm. The five-piece all-acoustic band hails from the western highlands of Scotland and takes their name from the Gaelic word for "kinship." Their energetic music is renowned across Europe, and they have been twice nominated for Folk Band of the Year at the Scots Traditional Music Awards. The Dàimh are also regulars on BBC television.

Their lineup includes Damian Helliwell on mandolin and banjo, Angus MacKenzie on highland pipes and whistle, Gabe McVarish on fiddle, Griogair Labhruidh on vocals, and Ross Martin on guitar.

The band draws on their native surroundings and experiences touring the northern hemisphere to compose all their instrumental material. Very much in keeping with the Highland tradition, the band's trademark is the driving pipe and fiddle. Adding in their performance of subtler, more personal pieces, they run the full expressive gamut of Gaelic folk music at its best. From their pyrotechnic jigs and reels to achingly poignant ballads, they are justly renowned for thrilling their audiences.

After releasing their first two albums, "Moidart to Mabou" in 2000 and "Pirates of Puirt," in 2004, the band completed a third album in 2007 with "Crossing Point." Their fourth studio album, "Diversions," was released in 2010 with a mixture of high-energy and fast-flowing music from the Gaelic tradition. Their songs both old and new cover all the favorite subjects of the Gaels – love, death, war and drink. Irish Music Magazine has termed Dàimh, "One of the most exhilarating acoustic bands on the Celtic map." Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– Steve Hellman, for WCT



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Saturday October 10, 2015
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The Great Pumpkin Hunt

Pizza, Crafts, Family Fall photos, Jumphouse and More!!

– Rev. Betsy Bruneau

Willits Summer Farmers Market: from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday at City Park on East Commercial Street, with summer produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

The Emandal Chorale: ongoing rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 pm, for the Chorale's 21st season, at the Little Lake Grange great hall, 291 School Street. No auditions: Open to all who love to sing.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club: Monday night workshops at the Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs in the great room. Newer dancers from 7 to 8 pm; plus dancing from 8 to 9 pm. Lawrence Johnstone, caller. Guests always welcome! Info: Jenny Watts, 459-9526.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. *Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery." Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects – we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in."

Willits Library Public Events: "Pajama Story Time" for families, Tuesdays at 7 pm. "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers." Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth

Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. Drop-in Knitting Circle, Saturdays from 3 to 4:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908.

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 4440 Willits Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.

Willits Garden Club

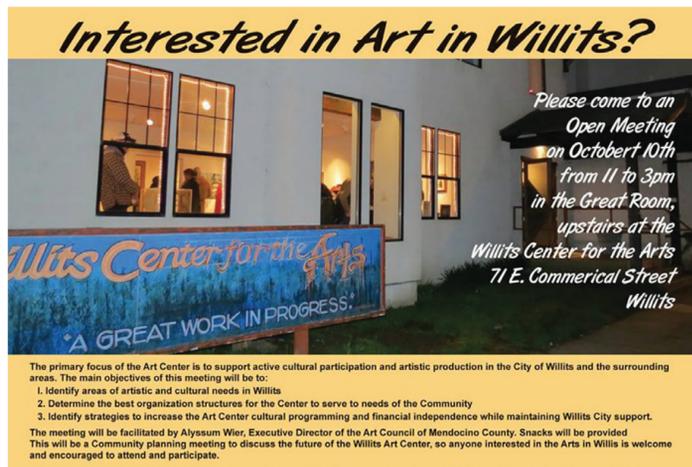
Monday, October 11

The monthly meeting of the Willits Garden Club is set for Monday, October 11 at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, 6 miles south of Willits, on the west side of 101 and south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. With guest speaker Jeff Koneck, who will give a presentation on "Bonsai." Starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshment; presentation starts at 1 pm; meeting ends around 2:30 pm. Guests are welcome, and there is no charge. Info: Lucille Garcia at 459-9995 or Gary Bodenstener at 459-2708.

Color-A-Thon school fundraiser

Saturday, October 17

Instead of the annual walk-a-thon fundraiser this year, Willits schools have decided to hold a Color-A-Thon color run on Saturday, October 17. Brookside, Blosser and Baechtel Grove students will be collecting donations for the Color-A-Thon fundraiser, while the high school students will simply pay their registration fee for the day. 70 percent of all funds raised go back to each school site to spend on things the district doesn't pay for, such as assemblies, school supplies, free book giveaways, and much much more! This event is for the whole community! Anyone who would like to participate in the Color-A-Thon can register in advance at <http://shop.schoolathon.org/181389>. The day of the event, registration will start at 9:30 am, and the race will begin at 11 am!! Registration is \$30, including a free T-shirt and a color dye pack. Don't worry if you haven't been training: The run is either a 3K or 5K, whichever you choose, and you can walk, run or dance your way around the track!! Just be prepared to get colorful!



Interested in Art in Willits?

Please come to an Open Meeting on October 10th from 11 to 3pm in the Great Room, upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts 71 E. Commercial Street Willits

The primary focus of the Art Center is to support active cultural participation and artistic production in the City of Willits and the surrounding areas. The main objectives of this meeting will be to:

1. Identify areas of artistic and cultural needs in Willits
2. Determine the best organization structures for the Center to serve to needs of the Community
3. Identify strategies to increase the Art Center cultural programming and financial independence while maintaining Willits City support.

The meeting will be facilitated by Alyssum Wier, Executive Director of the Art Council of Mendocino County. Snacks will be provided. This will be a Community planning meeting to discuss the future of the Willits Art Center, so anyone interested in the Arts in Willits is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate.

What's Happening at the Senior Center

All events are held at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 459-6826.

Sunday Bingo Sunday, Oct. 4
Doors open 10:30 am; snack bar opens at 11 am, games begin at 11:30 am, bingo buy in \$10

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 11, 8 to 11 am
Pancakes, eggs any style, and your choice of sausage, ham, or bacon Adults \$7, Members \$6, Kids \$5

Ice Cream Social Monday, Oct. 12, 1:30 to 2:30 pm
This month's entertainment is Erin Fisher. Games, drawings, pie, ice cream, music, friends and fun.

Adults \$1.50; members \$1

Cal Fresh (Food Stamps) Open Enrollment Friday, October 16, 9 am to 3 pm
Must bring: Identification, proof of where you live, Social Security cards, Earned income, Unearned income, bank statements, immigration status.

Oktoberfest at The Center

Saturday, October 24

The Center, at the corner of Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue, invites everyone to come to their first Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 24.

Welcome fall with beer, barbecue and bands.

New Meditation Center Open House

Saturday, October 10

The Inner Resource Fellowship announces the opening of its new Meditation Center, at 1500 Hearst Road, in the old Grace Church building. We have been rebuilding an old church in Little Lake Valley, just outside Willits, for the past four years. We are finally ready to open to the public for classes, programs, daily meditation, a Shambhala Hub and weekly Kirtans!

Everyone is invited to our free Open House on Saturday, October 10 from 2 to 6pm. Please call to ask questions, book a seat, or come at 2pm to make the most of our afternoon of free programs.

Attend a short class on the practice, benefits and positive effects of Tranquility Meditation on daily life, followed by a group meditation.

Tranquility Meditation is a simple, but very potent and blissful form of meditation which promotes serenity,



clarity, confidence and inner peace. It is a practice that will benefit anyone of any age in any circumstances.

Our principal founder, Shri Chimayan, will also present sample segments from our "Spiritual Bootcamp 101" class, where the core principles and practices necessary for spiritual growth and personal healing will be presented in a simple, non-dogmatic manner.

There will also be a talk on "How to Access Divine Inner Guidance," followed by a question and answer session. We will end with a Kirtan.

After this "Grand Opening," The Center will be open to anyone who wants to participate in our regular events. Please call The Center at 707-357-4676 for more information or to inquire about our volunteer opportunities

– Submitted by the Inner Resources Fellowship

Annual Blessing of the Animals at St Francis Episcopal Church

On Saturday, October 3, 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. There will be a short service of prayer and thanksgiving for our animal friends, and each animal will receive a blessing. All animals and their humans are welcome! For their safety, all animals must be restrained in a carrier or cage or on a lead. Children who do not have a live animal in their family are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal.

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. In case of rain, the smaller animals will move indoors; elephants will need to stay outside, but all will be blessed. The garden and parking lot are just north of the church.

The next day, 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. St. Francis's faithful life of poverty, service and joy has made him one of the most beloved saints in history. The church's regular 10 am service will include prayers and readings about Saint Francis.

– Rev. Betsy Bruneau



At top, from left: Julian Mendoza throwing the ball into play. Venancio Velasco fighting for a loose ball. Juan Medina gearing up for a clearing kick. Coach Noel Woodhouse strategizing with his team during a halftime huddle.

Below: Venancio Velasco racing to beat an Eagles player to the ball.

Wolverines win first league soccer game

Boys varsity beats Cloverdale Eagles 5-3 | Last week's game against Middletown a 2-2 tie

The Willits High School boys varsity soccer team won its first league game against visiting Cloverdale 5-3 Tuesday, improving the Wolverines record to 1-1-2 (in league play).

Damian Sebhuhian
Reporter

The Wolverines started slow, allowing Cloverdale an easy goal within the first two



Above: The Middletown Mustangs pose – in handmade "Middletown Strong" jerseys made from white T-shirts – with the WHS Wolverines at last week's soccer match in Willits, the first for the Middletown team since the Valley Fire.

minutes, as the Eagles did a great job of spreading the field and making crisp passes.

The Wolverines rebounded from their defensive breakdowns and took advantage of the Eagles' own lackadaisical defensive play, scoring the next two goals to end the first half 2-1.

In the second half, the Eagles responded with another quick goal to tie the game. It stayed 2-2 for several minutes before the Wolverines scored two quick goals, taking a commanding 4-2 lead. The Eagles, the game seemingly out of reach, were given hope on a breakaway goal.

Their hope was soon squelched when Julian Gomez, on a breakaway of his own, scored from the far left wing. Moments later, the referee announced the end of the game, and the Wolverines celebrated.

Recording assists were Aiden Bertolino-Haley, Juan Jacinto (with two), and Lalo Escobedo. Alejandro Lara led all scorers with two goals. Venancio Velasco, Victor Garcia and Julian Gomez scored one goal apiece.

Middletown at Willits, 2-2 tie

Tuesday's victory comes one week after a home soccer game against Middletown, a 2-2 tie. It was Middletown's first game back since the devastating Valley Fire. As a result of that experience, the Middletown squad was lacking in some basic equipment, including socks and cleats, as well as jerseys.

"It was pretty emotional for them," said coach Noel Woodhouse. "When they first got here, we went and welcomed them, gave them socks we purchased for the team and a few pairs of cleats." Middletown used white T-shirts for jerseys, with the words "Middletown Strong" written across the front.

After the game, Willits hosted a dinner for both teams, and the players, coaches and parents talked together about the past few weeks. Five of the Middletown players' families lost houses in the fire.

Up next for the Wolverines is an away game against Fort Bragg on Thursday, October 1 at 5 pm.

Lady Wolverines

The girls squad found themselves in a tight, defensive battle against Cloverdale, the game ending in a 1-1 tie. Cloverdale's only goal came from a penalty kick.

"Our keeper Araceli Aranello did an outstanding job, making six saves," said coach Melissa Johnson.

Alexia Duran scored the only goal for the Wolverines in the first half.

"Our defense did a great job keeping the ball on their half," Johnson said. "And senior captain Annalise Mendoza had a nice game doing her job at outside midfielder."

Coach Johnson also gave high praise to Nicole Karkar and center midfielder, Gisele Neito, noting: "That girl takes hits and pushes and still manages to spin circles around them."

The girls team's next game is at Fort Bragg this Thursday (October 1) at 3:30 pm.



Above: Veterans pose in front of the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" before their flight over Ukiah.

Above, right: Two 1940 Ford Coupes in front of the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast."

At right: Veteran Thomas McMahon of Shelter Cove poses in front of the B-17.

At right, bottom: The B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" takes to the sky with a load of veterans.

Below: World War II veterans salute the American flag while the National Anthem is played.

At bottom: Veteran Bob Axt of Willits checks the view from the B-17 while standing next to a 50 caliber machine gun.

Photos by Peter Armstrong



The rest of
Wowser | From Page 1

Groups like the Society of Creative Anachronisms used Wowser's space, utilizing the sewing room for making costumes and tents.

"The idea was that we were raising the quality of people in this town," Roger Wilson said. "Through us they have new skills and improved self-attitudes they didn't have before. When you develop people with stronger attitudes, it benefits the businesses in town."

Wilson was referring mostly to the youth in the community who have fallen through the cracks, and to seniors, who have a lifetime of skills but no one to pass them on to.

"People don't realize how many homeless youth there are in Willits," Cyndee Logan said. "They're under-the-radar youth. They couch surf. They don't want to be sent out of the county, and their friend network is what basically helps them. Those are a lot of the kids we work with here. When they're here, they thrive. The coffee shop is an example. They built it; they wrote a business plan; they did the whole thing."

Logan's daughter, Tiffany Logan, who works at the probation school, reiterated the positive effect Wowser has had on formerly troubled youth. "Willits went from 12 kids on average on probation per year, to zero. To me it's not just a correlation, it's a causation."

Tiffany explained most of the kids who were on probation were simply bored. "They're not bad kids. They're in the system usually because they are starving. Their parents are on drugs, and they didn't have the money."

One of the most popular activities for the youth at Wowser to engage in was building bicycles. "They come in and build crazy bikes," said Tiffany. "Then when they get their driver's licenses, they've learned how to build, paint and fix bikes, so working on their car isn't such a huge deal."

The most important relationship that has evolved since Wowser's existence is between the elderly and the young.

"Wowser has become a community of the teens and the seniors," said Cyndee.

"The interactions are wonderful. The seniors are happy they have a purpose, and they work with young people that want to learn. The kids are appreciative because they have a place where they're treated as people."

Not only has Wowser given youth a place for building skills, according to Cyndee Logan: "Every time they walk through the door, they're making a choice, no drugs, alcohol or altered states. The more times they make that choice, the less they're harming themselves [with drugs and alcohol]."

Wowser had ambitious plans to improve the community, including building tiny homes for the homeless, elderly, and low-income individuals. "I wanted to use the property for a permanent Daily Bread," said Logan. "And work with the college, because they want a kitchen here. Also permanent kiosks so people could sell their handmade things. The idea is all about grassroots economic development."

Unfortunately these plans will happen in some other community, unless a miracle occurs to save Wowser from extinction.

Given an initial two-year rent-free cushion, Wowser hasn't been able to come up with the funds to pay its rent. The notice from the owner calls for Wowser to vacate the premises by October 1. "We'd need several miracles," Wilson said. "The landlord would have to say he'd give us so many extra months to get ourselves stable. We'd have to have somebody come up with a big chunk of cash to help us work out our plan, to build a product that makes money as a business, and have that business make profits for Wowser to keep this maker space open. That would be 50 grand or more to attract investors outside the area."

"Lastly we'd need some people to step up and say they'd like to spend time helping keep Wowser open," Wilson said. "We need all those things."

For more information on Wowser, visit www.wowserllc.com.



Veterans take flight

Willits World War II vets ride the 'Aluminum Overcast'

A dozen World War II veterans from Willits enjoyed a flight aboard the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" bomber on September 17.

The Experimental Aircraft Association – EAA – organized the free flights for Mendocino County veterans as part of a four-day visit by the historic B-17 to the Ukiah Airport.

EAA's B-17 was built in 1945, and was delivered to the Army Air Corps too late to see active service in World War II. It is one of about a dozen airworthy B-17s remaining.

The veterans were honored on the tarmac by a color guard coordinated by the Willits American Legion and the Ukiah and Fort Bragg American Legion and VFW posts.

– Jennifer Poole



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MORNING SESSION 8AM — 12PM

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HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

9A, 10A, 11A & 12P - \$25 CASH FOR EACH WINNER

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WEDNESDAY
POT O' GOLD
PLINKO
Hot Seats

11 Random Hot Seat Drawings
Approximate Times of Hot Seat Drawings
1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm, 8:30pm, 9pm, 9:30pm & 10pm

Winner will receive one Plinko Chip. The Winner will place the Plinko Chip in a slot of their choice on the top of the Plinko board. The plinko chip will slide down the board and will land in one of 8 prize slots. Prizes will be randomly placed at the bottom of the Plinko board.

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11AM, 12PM & 1PM

BINGO \$200 GAME
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BINGO \$250 GAME
9PM & 10PM

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SATURDAY FUN

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS

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ROUND #2 • 5PM TO 8PM
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ROUND #3 • 9PM TO 10PM
3 RANDOM WINNERS/HOUR (3 WINNERS). EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$100 IN FREE PLAY. PLAYERS CLUB MEMBERS MUST PLAY MINIMALLY \$40 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ROUND #3 HOT SEAT DRAWINGS.

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OCTOBER 3 & 10
(FREE PLAY)

Grants available for diesel engine replacement

The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has grant funds available for the State Air Resources Board Carl Moyer Program and will begin accepting applications as of October 1, 2015.

The Carl Moyer Program provides incentive funding for the replacement of older diesel engines with newer, low-emission diesel engines, alternative fuel engines, or electric motor replacement for certain applications. Grants cover the incremental difference of the cost for the purchase and installation of a low-emission engine versus the cost of rebuilding

the older, less-efficient engine. More information on the program is available online at: www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/moyer/moyer.htm.

Application forms are available online at www.mendocair.org/carl-moyer.html, or at the district office located at 306 East Gobbi Street in Ukiah. Signed applications must be received no later than 1 pm Friday, October 30.

If you have any questions please call the district office at 707-463-4354.

— Submitted by the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District

The rest of Algae

swam in the Russian River. Both locations tested positive for cyanobacteria, after tests were carried out by the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, Hoy confirmed.

Algae blooms do have a limited life span, Hoy said. Triggered by warm, stagnant conditions, the algae will bloom and "stay that way for a number of days or a couple of weeks," Hoy said, "then it will run out of nutrients and settle to the bottom. Or wind or something else comes along and moves the water through and flushes it out."

If the water is flowing, it should be OK, Hoy said, but surface water can also have contaminants in it. "Even then you still want to be careful about kids or dogs — or yourself — playing in the water," he said. "You want to clean off after you're done, wash your hands before you eat, and don't ingest the water, even if it is flowing." Dogs are particularly vulnerable because they tend to drink the water and lick the algae off their fur, the press release says.

The rest of Pick & Pull

samples and performance dates. In December, Pick & Pull will be engaging on a tour from Mendocino County up to Seattle over to Chicago and New York City and parts of New England.

Currently they are holding open practices at Shanachie's at 6 pm every Tuesday, for musicians and singers to join in the fun. As Fred explained: "We consider the band an open platform for people to participate. If they can show up and match the effort Keith and I are putting in, I have no problem with having them on board."

As Pick & Pull's website puts it: "We're interested in bringing on new members. We're interested in banjo, mandolin, harmonica, and fiddle. Know any good players in the Willits area or willing to commute that are serious about practice and playing gigs? Send 'em our way!"

Upcoming shows, as per the band's website, include a 3 pm show this Saturday, October 3, at the Wheels Cafe & Pub in Laytonville and an October 16 show at the Brooktrails Lodge. Pick & Pull will also perform at noon at the Saturday, October 24 Oktoberfest aka "Hidden Pearl" skate shop and tattoo customer appreciation party," at The Center, Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue.

"People respond really well to our shows," Keith said. "They're either dancing or beaming happy smiles. I lost count how many times someone has come up to me after a show and said, 'You know, that was really fun.' It doesn't even matter what music tastes they have. We've had guys who were hip-hopers, metal heads, Grateful Dead heads, country music fans. From little kids to older people, they just eat it up."

and jumping in the water" — leave them in the vehicle, and go check the water yourself. "If you have any doubts at all, find another location, or find some other recreation," Hoy said.

"Algae blooms can look like green, blue-green, white or brown foam, scum or mats floating on the water or along the shore," the press release says. "You cannot tell if an algae bloom is toxic by looking at it."

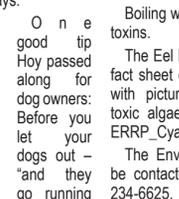
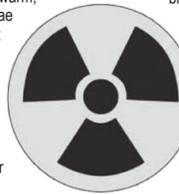
Algae toxins can cause a variety of symptoms including contact irritation (eye, nose, mouth and skin), gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, hepatic inflammation) and neurological symptoms (muscle tremors, seizures, difficulty breathing).

Never drink untreated river water. Property owners that draw water from the river for any use should never drink or come into direct contact with water that may contain blue green algae.

Boiling water is not adequate to eliminate toxins.

The Eel River Recovery Project issued a fact sheet on cyanobacteria in June 2014, with pictures and other info about the toxic algae: www.eelriverrecovery.org/doc/ERRP_Cyanobacteria_June2014.pdf.

The Environmental Health Division can be contacted with any questions at 707-234-6625.



The rest of Letters

resources be given the same significance as biologic resources and that the mitigation wetlands creation requirements under the mitigation and monitoring plan should not be used as a rationale for not properly protecting our tribe's ancestral sites. We have also asserted in government to government consultations that Caltrans should not be able to acquire mitigation credits for sites Caltrans has destroyed or failed to adequately protect.

6. Since the inception of our tribal government to government consultations, our tribe has requested that the tribes be given at least co-management authority over the management of the mitigation parcels. The natural resource group proposed to manage the MMP lands has no expertise in Native American cultural resource protection and preservation. Our tribe is very alarmed that the group being considered to manage the mitigation land has no one on staff who knows anything about Native American cultural resource management and protection. Mitigation must be expanded to not just include biologic mitigation measures for wetlands destruction but also for destruction and damage to our ancestral cultural and archaeological resources.

7. One of the most offensive sections of the PA deals with Caltrans' proposed mitigation measures for the damage done to our ancestral sites. (See Section III of the PA at pp. 5-6.) After the insincere, resistant and aggressive manner in which Caltrans has engaged in government to government consultations with our tribe, we cannot agree to Caltrans controlling the very anthropologists who prepare our ethno-history or interview our elders. The anthropologists for this work should be chosen by the tribes and should be independent of Caltrans.

8. The manner in which Caltrans has mishandled its obligation to identify, avoid and protect the tribes' ancestral sites is a case study in intentional neglect. The history of Caltrans' treatment should be evaluated by independent anthropologists chosen by the tribes. We would like the results of this case study to be presented to the Society for California Archaeology for its consideration so that no other tribe in California has to experience the suffering we have endured at the hands of Caltrans.

9. We believe that a Heritage Program Management Guide, similar to that used by the Forest Service, should be developed for Caltrans, and that a leading expert in Section 106 who is independent of Caltrans and the tribes should assist in its preparation. We believe that Caltrans is in serious need of training and guidance in cultural resource protection, not the tribes or tribal monitors.

10. We object to the proposed mitigation measure of Caltrans archaeologists conducting cultural resource training sessions for tribal monitors or our tribal youth. Caltrans archaeologists have so disastorously failed to implement the mandates of cultural resource protection laws in their management of the Willits bypass project. If there is to be tribal monitor and youth training, it must be done by experts in the Section 106 process who are not either employed by Caltrans or chosen by Caltrans. These trainers should be experts chosen by the tribes.

11. We object to the proposed mitigation measure of placing signage on Highway 101 adjacent to the Little Lake Valley memorializing the Little Lake Pomo heritage in the valley. If such signage is put in place by Caltrans, it should reflect: "Here is the ancestral home of the Little Lake Pomo that our construction activities desecrated



Staff outside the new district office at Blosser Lane, from left: Superintendent Pat Johnson, Jennifer Maples, Roberta Watkins, Trina Cardillo and Laura Sleeper. Photo by Mike A'Dair

The rest of Offices

Horizons school. The second building has been converted into the superintendent's office.

The third building is also being used by New Horizons school. Buildings four, five and six have been joined into one long modular for district office staff.

Coming through the main door of building five brings a visitor to the reception area, staffed by Rachelle Summers. Behind her is the office space for Laura Sleeper, the district's human resources director. Next to Sleeper's office is a technology station and a training area.

Moving westward down the hall from reception brings the visitor to building six, the fiscal services department, with offices for Director of Fiscal Services Tanya Michel, Lynda Walker (payroll) and Roberta Watkins (accounts payable.)

Moving back to the east, past reception, brings us into building four, home for Jennifer Maples, the district's new director of technology.

During a visit to the district office Tuesday morning, Johnson pointed out that Maples is doing her job in stellar fashion. She has been coordinating the district's technology staff and making sure job orders are getting taken care of in record time.

"School's been going for about a month," Maples said. "In that time, we have processed 285 tickets. One of our tech people who has been here for three years said the other day that he's never seen anything like it."

Behind Maples' desk to the south is a staff break room.

Johnson said plans are afoot to punch a hole between the break room in building four and to connect it with building three, the second New Horizons classroom. Building three is slated to be converted into a new office for Special Education, but that isn't scheduled to occur until next year.

Leaving building four and walking around

and destroyed."

Damages: Since the initial consultations with Caltrans, our tribe has insisted on receiving an award of compensatory damages as a result of the destruction of and failure to properly identify, avoid, and protect our ancestral cultural and archaeological sites. Caltrans has refused to compensate the tribes for damages done to cultural sites within the bypass project by an in lieu exchange of lands, stating that state law allegedly prohibits it from so doing: California Government Code 65967 permits the state to transfer lands when it is required to protect the property; however the permission is limited explicitly to mitigate any adverse impacts upon natural resources. The California legislature must give us that explicit permission before we are able to treat cultural resources in the same manner.

Section 65965 explains that the entity taking the land must meet specific requirements. If a non-profit corporation takes the land, it must have as its principal purpose and activity the direct protection or stewardship of land, water or natural resources. Therefore, while Sherwood Valley is a registered non-profit, the purpose of that registration would be key as to whether the tribe was able to take any legal responsibility for the future management of any natural resource mitigation parcels.

The tribes containing the lineal descendants of the Little Lake Pomo are prepared to organize into a nonprofit organization having as its principal purpose the direct protection and stewardship of land, water, or natural resources in order to assume stewardship over in-lieu exchange lands.

Our tribe has even proposed that lands be conveyed by Caltrans to the tribes for the building of a living Pomo village in which tribal children can experience the manner in which their ancestors lived. These lands

building three brings visitors to building two. Johnson's office building. There is a modest space for new executive secretary, Trina Cardillo; beyond that one comes into a stark, almost Spartan conference room, with a longish desk surrounded by 10 new chairs. Tucked into a corner past the conference table is the superintendent's office space.

The new office complex cost \$139,000. A cost breakdown created by Fiscal Services' Michel includes the following: construction supplies: \$27,277; furniture: \$51,112; driveway: \$35,586; carpet and linoleum: \$19,400; and fencing: \$5,639.

The cost analysis goes on to show that spending \$139,000 on the district office actually comes out as less than five years' rent at the old district office building on Pearl Street. There, the district paid \$2,500 a month, or \$30,000 a year, in 2013-14. Allowing for an increase in rent over five years at just over 2.2 percent (year one: 2.2 percent; year two 2.4 percent; year three 2.6 percent; and year four at 2.7 percent) yields a five-year total expenditure on rent of \$157,350.

Without the incremental increases, the rent of the old district office on Pearl Street would be five times \$30,000 or \$150,000, \$11,000 less than the cost of the new office complex at Blosser Lane.

"The new district office space is a tremendous asset to the district," said Johnson. "Previously, whenever I wanted to gather people together for a conference or for training, I always had to take over some other space that was being used. Like for example, inter-district meetings. Sometimes we would be asked to host meetings from various districts in our area, because we are centrally located in the county. Every time we were asked, I never had a place to do that."

"The district now has a central hub we can do our work in. This is a deal for the district. We have a permanent location now. We are not planning on massive growth, but if we add a person or two, we will have space for them," Johnson said.

could include a native nursery of indigenous plants to be planted on damaged wetlands.

In negotiations regarding mitigation Caltrans once proposed granting an easement onto the mitigation lands for tribal gatherers of foods, medicines and basket weaving materials, and for traditional religious ceremonial usage. Without explanation, Caltrans withdrew this proposal. Our tribe requests that this provision be reinstated.

Conclusion: There is no way to compensate our tribe for the extensive damage done to our ancestral, cultural and archaeological resources by Caltrans. Our hearts are filled with the cries of our ancestors. We will continue to do all that we can to stand by them and advocate on their behalf. We firmly believe that it would be an insult to both our heritage and our integrity to sign off on the proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan. These documents do not provide a genuine means for protecting our ancestral sites in the future, let alone compensate us for destruction and desecration we have experienced.

For the past two years our tribe has attempted to engage in genuine government to government consultation. In response, Caltrans has presented us with draft after draft of proposed agreements that fail to recognize any positions taken by our tribe, instead tending a document filled by Caltrans with blatantly self-serving provisions.

Our tribe objects to and will not sign the proposed Programmatic Agreement, Post Review and Discovery Action Plan. We continue to request face-to-face government to government consultation on these documents and the issues they present.

Michael Hunter, chair, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians



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A local tradition

Sunday pancake breakfasts with family and friends at the Little Lake Grange

Little Lake Grange put on its monthly pancake breakfast on Sunday, drawing young and old to enjoy fellowship and conversation, buttermilk or sourdough pancakes, and crisp bacon.

Young waitresses and busboys helped out the kitchen crew, and the gals behind the counter created pretty fruit plates and poured servings of Amish maple syrup.

Kaleb Whitehurst helped his grandmother Darlene Bixler clear tables: Darlene grew up helping with Sunday pancake breakfasts at the Grange: her father Hank Strock was the pancake flipper back then, and his buttermilk pancake recipe is still used at the breakfasts today. "This is Kaleb's first time helping at breakfast," Darlene said proudly.

Kaleb's mom, Ashtan Bloomquist, enjoying this weekend's breakfast as a diner, said she also helped with the Grange tradition of neighborly breakfasts growing up.

World War II veterans Russ Clatty and Paul Krause are regular attendees at the Grange's pancake breakfasts – and the Harrah Senior Center's pancake breakfasts, too. "We eat a lot of pancakes," Krause laughed.

Lanny Cotler sat next to Paul Ubelhart, who was handing out pens to promote his reelection as trustee for the Mendocino College board. Nicky Keyes, also interested in politics, asked her table mates' opinions on Friday's news that Speaker of the House John Boehner was resigning from Congress. Another table's conversation focused on the weather: the cool evenings and hot afternoons, and just when the rain would start this fall.

The Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, offers pancake breakfasts every fourth Sunday of the month, featuring local farm-fresh organic eggs, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic coffee or tea, and your choice of sourdough wholegrain or Hank's famous buttermilk pancakes.

At top, above, left: Paul Ubelhart, left, and Lanny Cotler hold up Ubelhart's campaign pens. At top, right: Paul Krause, left, and Russ Clatty await their pancakes. Above: Jill Persico, left, and Annette Pinon enjoy a breakfast chat. At top, left: The crew in the kitchen, from left: Liam UiCearbhaill, Mike Burgess and Richard Jergenson. At left: Regular Grange volunteers Beth Riedel, left, and Cindy Morninglight show off the organic fruit plate. Below, left: Busboys Bodhi Waters, left, and Kaleb Whitehurst man the bus cart. Below, right: Dick and Maggie Graham enjoy their pancakes.

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Above, left: Elyjah Champion holds up one of the "Redneck Hippies" T-shirts in the back room which houses the screen printing business, Champion Ink.

Above, right: The four-man team of Hidden Pearl, from left: Jody Wells, Shiloh Massive, Eric Champion and Elyjah Champion.

Below, from left: Eric Champion works on a board for one of Hidden Pearl's customers. The showroom in the main retail space is filled with colorful and comfortable clothing for men, women and children. Jody Wells works on Shiloh Massive's arm in the tattoo studio.

Photos by Maureen Moore



It was serendipity for the creation of Hidden Pearl, a new tattoo parlor and skate shop located at The Center on the corner of Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue: The already-selected name happened to coordinate well with their Hidden Agenda neighbors; Eric Champion had a desire to reopen a skate shop; his son Elyjah could relocate his screen printing business, Champion Ink; and friend and tattoo artist Jody Wells wanted to set up shop in Willits.

The guys joined forces, and Hidden Pearl was created with the encouragement of fourth partner, Shiloh Massive.

Wells had been tattooing Massive over the past decade and had expressed interest in opening a local location. Having tossed around the idea with Champion of reopening the old skate shop, it was a perfect pairing for all involved. The group opened their doors for business in July after an eight-month build-out of their space, headed up by Eric.

The shop is now an artistic and visual mix of tattoo and skate culture; Wells' tattoo room sits to the left, behind the retail counter, alongside another space for aspiring tattoo artist Nick Lombardo, who is eagerly working at the

shop to gain experience. A third room for guest and traveling artists is also available. Wells, or "THE Jody" as he is comically yet respectfully referred to in the shop and by his fan base, is an accomplished tattoo artist and painter who worked for 10 years with Accent Tattoo & Piercing in Ukiah and at Accent II in Willits.

The main floor showcases racks of men's, women's and children's clothing, including yoga staples and popular skate brands Santa Cruz, Nor Cal, Mendo and Independent Skate Co. Back-to-school staples like backpacks, socks, shoes, sunglasses, watches, hats and other accessories are available at Hidden Pearl, too.

The right side of the shop houses a skateboard work station and several on-display boards for show and sale. The staff at Hidden Pearl are able to help new and experienced customers fix broken

Read the rest of **Hidden Pearl** | Over on Page B7

Hidden Pearl

New skate shop and tattoo parlor at The Center

By Maureen Moore



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Level: Intermediate

How To Sudoku:

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mythological bird
4. Norwegian sea inlets
10. Military mailbox
11. Curved span
12. One hundred grams
14. Chest muscle (slang)
15. Old Portuguese pennies
16. Remove connection
18. Gas storage container
19. Conakry is the capital
20. Erstwhile
24. W. Australian capital
26. Dr. Laura's initials
27. Death notice
28. Irish River city
30. So. Am. country
31. Last in a large series
34. Term for alternative musical passage
36. 12
37. A nesting hawk or falcon
39. Vice president
40. Detailed criteria for a piece of work
41. Six

CLUES DOWN

1. Plundering
2. Can-____, kitchen tool
3. Crested Australian parrot
4. 4th tone of scale
5. Author of "The Rings"
6. Mains
7. Major European river
8. PC publishing
9. 40th state
12. A tight embrace
13. Large African antelope
17. Impertinence
21. Wild Eurasian mountain goat
22. City in Malaysia
23. Small ornamental bag
25. Nelson's ship
29. Point midway between S and SE
31. "Untouchables" Elliot
32. Misprint
33. Heme
35. Italian mountain range
38. Surgical knife
41. Purple
43. Forfeited
44. Fixed a female cat
45. An edible tuberous root
47. Formerly included in genus Cedrela
49. Headed up
50. Soft shelled clam genus
56. Country doctor
57. Equally

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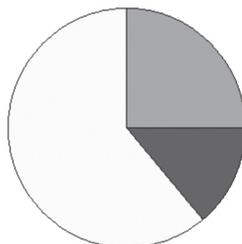
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WPD Activity Report

September 20 to September 26

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 217 incidents this week. The detail of that activity is broken down in the chart below.

During this seven-day reporting period, Willits Police officers were assigned 16 criminal investigation reports, made 6 arrests, issued 5 citations, and investigated 5 traffic collisions. Included in the arrests were: 1 assault with a deadly weapon, 1 probation violation, 1 burglary, 2 traffic violations, and 1 credit card fraud.

Of note this week

On Wednesday, September 22, at about 6:45 pm, Willits Police officers were dispatched to a disturbance at a residence in the 10 block of Manor Way. Upon arrival, officers contacted the victim and discovered he was at home when a subject, Javier Garcia, who was unknown to the victim, attempted to gain entry into the victim's apartment. A subsequent confrontation ensued, during which Garcia swung a hatchet at the victim.

WPD officers located Garcia and ultimately placed him under arrest for Assault with a Deadly Weapon. During the pre-booking process at the Willits Police Department, Garcia became combative and assaulted one of the investigating officers. Garcia was ultimately subdued and booked into the Mendocino County Jail

Suspect: **Javier Garcia**, 27, Willits
Charges: 245(a)(1) PC Assault with a Deadly Weapon; 243(b) PC Battery Against a Police Officer; 647(h) PC Prowling; 488 PC Theft



Furry Friends

Hoping for a Home

Young Josie

Josie is a young grey-and-white kitty with a big personality. She loves attention and will always bring a smile to your face. She is a little bob cat with a short tail that whips about as if it were full sized. Josie doesn't like other cats much, but leaves them alone if they don't come too close to her. She needs a home that is preferably quiet and without kids, but she can do well in just about any home. Come meet Josie!



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Sara is a 4-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 63 pounds. Sara was beloved by her previous owner. With a very heavy heart, Sara's guardian asked us to find her a new home. She told us all about what a wonderful, well behaved, affectionate and smart dog Sara is, and we've found this all to be true. We know Sara gets along with other dogs and loves children. Sara also enjoys going for walks and playing with tennis balls. Sara does not get along with cats, so she is looking for a feline-free home. Since she has been a family pet, we expect her to make an easy transition into her new home and would like to get her there as soon as possible

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'Chopped,' the cookbook

If you are familiar with the Food Network show "Chopped," you'll be excited to know that there is "The Chopped Cookbook," subtitled, "Use What You've Got to Cook Something Great" (2014). The premise of the show is that contestant chefs must use all the ingredients in a series of surprise baskets to create an appetizer, then an entree, and finally a dessert.

The ingredients are deliberately quirky and unusual - venison, Chinese celery, bacon candy - to test the chef's knowledge and creativity. We are not faced with these extreme challenges in our own kitchens, but it's the goal of this cookbook to guide us in using the everyday ingredients in our fridges and pantries to create a delicious meal.

The cookbook starts with a list of ingredients you might want to keep on hand in your kitchen, based on how they function in a recipe, such as adding sweetness, crunch, acidity or saltiness. The idea is to guide the home chef in substituting one ingredient for another based on taste preference or availability. This gives you an exciting freedom of innovation while still adhering to the main taste and texture goals of the original recipe.

The book goes on to include such sections as Pasta Night, Chickens Gone Wild, Eggs After Breakfast, Fishing for Compliments and Short & Sweet: Easy Desserts. There's an excellent section on vegetables, arranged alphabetically from beets through zucchini, giving each one a page of easy preparation ideas.

Features I've enjoyed include the chart of pan sauces that explains how they are constructed and the range of flavorful ingredients that can be used, and a handy chart for cooking grains that explains all the different styles of cooking: rice, pilaf, pasta or risotto-style. Finally, there are appetizing color photographs throughout, which is a vital feature for me, as I like to see how the end product is supposed to look.

Undoubtedly, you have one cookbook on your shelf that has loose, stained pages or is held together with Scotch tape and a rubber band. For me that book is "The New Basics Cookbook" by Julee Rosso and Sheila Lukins (1989). Weighing in at 800 pages, it is an encyclopedic tome of food information and recipes with delightful drawings as illustrations. Rosso and Lukins cover the basics of American cuisine, but include French- and Mediterranean-style recipes as well. Every time I thumb through, I discover another nugget of cooking wisdom.

The cookbook that I consult for quick answers to food preparation questions is the slender volume "Julia's Kitchen Wisdom" (2000) by Julia Child, subtitled "Essential Techniques and Recipes from a Lifetime of Cooking." This book carries out what the title suggests, boiling everything down to easy-to-understand directions, with variation ideas succinctly presented. I also recommend her set of DVDs: "Julia Child: The Way to Cook," a six-part series produced in 1985. Julia continues to be a cooking guru for us all. With your pantry full and your favorite cookbooks at hand, you're bound to have successful adventures in your kitchen.

Whether you read by page or device, please utilize our library system and patronize independent bookstores, both new and used.

Local poet, Fran Resendez, is retired from 20 years of bookselling at the former Leaves of Grass Books in Willits. Getting her first library card was one of the happiest days in her reading life.

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My "Amazing Athlete" for this week is Justin Thom. Thom's highlights last week: a kickoff return for a touchdown; a touchdown catch from Blake Leslie; and 60 yards receiving yards. Great job! Awesome defense.

- Coach Sean Leslie



Congratulations

Eva Ann Pinon

John and Emily Rose would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Eva Ann Pinon, born May 29 (yes, that was four months ago - we have been a little busy). She has been long awaited by super-excited grandparents Kathleen Hennings, Peter and Heidi Smith, and Dan and Annette Pinon.

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At left, from far left: Tam Adams scoops a sample of pie. Sean Fitch hands a jar of sourdough starter to Kathy Shuster. Cowboy Poetry headliner Dave Stamey performs on stage.

Below: Winners from the 2015 Apple Pie Throwdown, holding their engraved rolling pins. From left: Anna Sommers, Spring Senerchia, Prana Roberts, Holly Madrigal, Kathy Shuster, and Gabe Madrigal.

Bottom: Grange Farm School's Rachel Britton holds a bottle of whiskey during the live auction.

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The Final Throwdown

Emandal's apple pie contest goes out in 'blaze of glory' at Cowboy Poetry event

At left, from top: Event attendees sit on the lawn under the trees while enjoying the Cowboy Poetry performances.

The judges for the 2015 Apple Pie Throwdown, from left: Cindy Savage from Willits Daily Bread; Patrick Pekin, candidate for Mendocino County judge; Erylne Schmidbauer, rancher/farmer and multiple award-winning pie maker; and Bay Area food critic Stephanie Rosenbaum.

Holly and Gabe Madrigal's award-winning pie, which took home both the All-Around Apple Pie and the People's Choice award.

Tasters peruse the apple pie table and mingle with other guests.

At right: Pies were also available by the slice for those needing more than just a small sample.

Far right: Scoops of pies are placed on the judges' tasting tray.

Photos by Rachel Belvin

A whopping 39 pies were entered for the title of tastiest and prettiest during the final Apple Pie Throwdown contest at Emandal's Cowboy Poetry event held last weekend at the picturesque ranch out at Hearst. Seven winners received engraved rolling pins and eternal bragging rights for their baking efforts. As is tradition, the event was held as a fundraiser for a local organization; this year, the Willits Library and the Harrah Senior Center shared in the earnings.

An esteemed panel of judges helped decide which of the dozens of pies submitted should win. Judges included Cindy Savage from Willits Daily Bread; Erylne Schmidbauer, rancher/farmer and multiple award-winning pie maker; Patrick Pekin, candidate for Mendocino County judge, to replace retiring Judge David Nelson; and Bay Area food critic Stephanie Rosenbaum.

Judges and tasters each sampled small spoonfuls — ensuring that they tasted all the entries — to help them make their decision. Homemade ice cream, churned from milk produced by resident cow Gidget, was available to be served alongside for all who attended.

After judging concluded, Pekin laughed: "I underestimated the amount of pie I could eat! I thought I would have no problem eating a slice of each pie, not the case!"

Once the votes were tallied, the winners were announced: All-Around Apple Pie and the People's Choice award went to Holly and Gabe Madrigal; Perfect Crust went to Anna Sommers; Most Aesthetically Pleasing went to Kathy Shuster; Most Delectable Filling went to Spring Senerchia; Most Creative Endeavor went to Prana Roberts; and Greatest Gluten-Free went to Heidi Iverson.

The Madrigals' winning recipe was made from a Cooks Illustrated recipe, and the two decided to bake and enter a pie just that morning.

"I was really amazed to realize that six of the seven winners were under the age of 40," noted Emandal owner Tam Adams. "I usually think of



great bakers to be in their 80s, but there's a whole new generation of pie makers emerging!"

Last year, only 12 pies were made, but this year, the pies came in from Emandalians past and present, as well as some even made by visitors from out of state.

"We've never had this many pies before," said Adams. "It's just great!"

Two of this year's pies came from Tina and Steve Flood, residents of Wisconsin, who came to visit their daughter Savanna Flood, who works at Emandal. This was the first time they have been out to Emandal, and they noted how amazed they were with the beauty of this area and the scenery driving up Highway 101.

There was more than just pie tasting to entertain, however, including the musical stylings of Cowboy Poetry headliner Dave Stamey. Adams attributed some of this year's success to Stamey's more modern style. "He's not really a country western singer-songwriter," Adams explained. "He's much more contemporary, and I think it really brought in lots of new people to the event."

Prior to Stamey's arrival on stage, Holly Madrigal hosted an open mic which was available for anyone wishing to perform spoken word or musical entertainment.

The live auction was another hit: Rachel Britton of the Grange Farm School was the auctioneer and kept things lively and the bids rolling in. One

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Story Time

Fun and learning for little ones at the Willits Library

New children's librarian Benjamin MacBean led a rabbit-themed story time during "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers" at the Willits Library this past Thursday. MacBean has been a librarian for 19 years and a children's librarian since 2001, most recently working in Salinas.

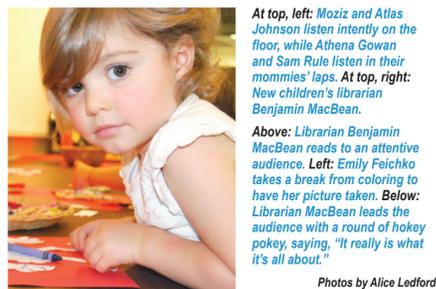
His experience was evident during last week's event, as he kept children engaged and encouraged audience participation. He likes to choose a new theme each week and to mix well-known classics with new favorites. In between the three stories he read, MacBean kept the children's attention with some interactive songs: "Wheels on the Bus," "If You're Happy and You Know It," and "The Hokey Pokey." The event concluded with a craft project and social time for the kids.

On Tuesdays at 7 pm, "Pajama Story Time," is the newest library event for children. As the name implies, children are encouraged to come in their pajamas to listen to bedtime stories. It is geared towards slightly older children, since it occurs in the evening, but MacBean says it is "fun for all ages." It also features a light snack towards the end of the program.

Parents and children enjoy coming to the weekly events at the library, and parents recognize the importance of reading and socialization on early childhood development. "Reading is a lifetime skill, so exposure to books and libraries is a good foundation," says Melissa Gowan, who brings her daughter Athena as often as she can. John Orantes came with his daughter Ursula and points out: "It is a nice way to socialize kids before they're in school."

Parents and children build a small community during the weekly event: Jaynene Johnson has brought all three of her children, and she has enjoyed "seeing everyone's kids grow up."

MacBean has other exciting events in the works for October. "Cuentos para Families" is a bilingual story time that he hopes to begin soon. Older children can look forward to "Wii Saturdays," along with the ongoing "Friday Game Night" which provides children a safe space to gather and play games. MacBean is also busy planning a Halloween story time for October 31. He hopes to include a costume party and parade through the library. Check the Willits Weekly Calendar pages for more details on these events as they become available.



At top, left: Mozzi and Atlas Johnson listen intently on the floor, while Athena Gowan and Sam Rule listen in their mommies' laps. At top, right: New children's librarian Benjamin MacBean.

Above: Librarian Benjamin MacBean reads to an attentive audience. Left: Emily Feichko takes a break from coloring to have her picture taken. Below: Librarian MacBean leads the audience with a round of hokey pokey, saying, "It really is what it's all about."

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Above, from left: Tomatoes, radishes and pimento peppers, for sale at the September 24 Farmers Market. Below, from left: Bolliwer's Fine Foods and Confections' cookies and walnut fudge bars, and cheese from Bodega Goat Cheese.



At left, top to bottom: The Pilon Kitchen cooks make arepas on the grill. Red and green peppers. A tiny quail egg is delicious on sushi, or fry or hard boil them for adorable tiny treats. Mendocino County wildflower honey: jars of local goodness. The Distinctive Tastes vinegar and oil booth offers many tasty choices.

At bottom, from left: Gowans' Oak Tree's very popular apple cider. Carrots, fresh from the farm.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Let's go marketing

Willits Farmers Market in full swing with garden goodness

There's still a few weeks left to catch the outdoor Willits Farmers Market before it moves back indoors at the Little Lake Grange the first week of November. Vendors are on site at the City Park from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday.

Tables line both sides of the sidewalk on the north side of the park, offering ready-to-eat meals and ingredients to take home and create your own recipes. Pilon Kitchen has Venezuelan options including the arepa, a round corn pocket (kind of like a cross between an English muffin and a pita pocket made of polenta) that is stuffed with savory fillings like beans, meat and cheese. Jon Maglente's Delish booth serves up natural beef dogs and chicken sausages with a myriad of toppings, as well as fruit smoothies, hibiscus iced tea and salty and sweet sugared almonds.

Maybe you're just ready for dessert? Perfect. Bolliwer's Fine Foods and Confections has walnut and fudge oat bars to die for. The lime chiffon pie and the ginger

snaps are always worth a purchase. Owner Robert Goleman also offers pre-made savory items you can pick up and eat at the market or take home and bake for dinner.

Really more of a do-it-yourself cook? There's ingredients galore just waiting to be made into delicious dinners. Bodega Goat Cheese offers traditional and seasoned choices, John Ford Ranch offers beef cuts from cows raised in the Willits valley, and K Lamb – owned by Kinzie Barlow – offers locally raised lamb.

Gowan's Oak Tree is back with their almost slushie-consistency "frozen" apple cider, corn, apples and more; the Grange Farm School, Brookside Farm, Green Uprising Farm, Covelo Organics and other vendors offer produce ranging from tomatoes to carrots to leafy greens to eggplants to peppers. Fresh eggs, even quail eggs, are available still, even as the days shorten. Honey, lavender, oil and vinegars can add a fun and different flavor to many meals and desserts.

The market also has an EBT/WIC program to offer a way to expand their

customer base and to allow a wide range of shoppers to frequent the market. All seven of the markets in the Mendocino County Farmers Market Association (McFarm: Willits, Laytonville, Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Boonville, Mendocino and Redwood Valley) accept the EBT and WIC coupons. They offer a match program for EBT where shoppers can receive double the tokens up to \$15, turning \$15 into \$30 to use at the market for produce, cheese or meat.

Willits Weekly is at City Park every week too, offering hot-off-the-press copies of our weekly edition, which just so happens to come out every Thursday: market day! Come grab a copy, get a subscription, pay your bill, or get an "I <3 Willits Weekly" T-shirt – just \$20 each. Subscriptions are available in the mail for \$75 for 1 year and \$40 for six months or if you're in our greater Willits/Brooktrails local delivery area, we offer home delivery for \$50 for one year and \$30 for six months.

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The guys of Hidden Pearl pose outside their shop, including, from left: Eric Champion, Elyjah Champion, Shiloh Massive and Jody Wells (kneeling). Photo by Maureen Moore

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boards, replace parts, make recommendations for upgrade features, and help with standard maintenance and upkeep. Helmets, pads and other safety gear are also available to purchase at the new shop.

At the back of the store sits the screen printing space, complete with shirt blanks and screens allowing for any number of custom designs. Champion Ink created the "Redneck Hippies" brand, and they are able to help business owners and individuals showcase their marketing on shirts and other apparel.

The guys welcome everyone to come and see the new shop during The Center's Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 24. The event will welcome fall time with beer, barbecue and bands. Hidden Pearl is also open regularly seven days a week from noon to 7 pm, and sometimes later. The store can be reached at 456-9370 or online at Facebook under "Hidden Pearl Tattoo & Skate." Tattoo appointments can also be made directly through Wells at jodywellsart@gmail.com.

New era of healthcare attracts family nurse practitioner to Willits

By Cecilia Winiger, for HMH

There's a new era of healthcare happening in Willits, with the opening of a brand-new hospital and a medical office building later this year. These improvements have already brought in some benefits, including attracting new clinicians to work in a state-of-the-art facility in a small town atmosphere. This is true for Beverly Draudt, a board-certified family nurse practitioner who joined Redwood Medical Clinic in September.

Draudt is no stranger to Willits or northern California. She first moved to the area from northern Arizona in 2004. She has been caring for patients in Mendocino County for most of the time since then. She started out caring for patients at Mendocino Community Health Clinic, and then moved to Ukiah Valley Rural Health Center. Most recently she has been working for Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital.

But what attracted her the most to Willits was the chance to be part of creating a healthier community in partnership with a hospital that has a great reputation for excellent patient care. "I like the small town setting, and the cultural diversity of people in the community. It's exciting to be able to play a role in establishing a rural health practice that will work alongside Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital in creating a healthier community."

"What makes it even better," she added, "is the great team at both Redwood Medical Clinic and HMH. To be able to provide care with the help of a friendly and talented staff and in the context of a small and supportive medical community is the icing on the cake."

As a family nurse practitioner, Draudt specializes in caring for the whole family: men, women and children. She evaluates and treats many conditions and offers a wide range of services, including preventative medicine, such as vaccinations and annual physical exams, management of ongoing chronic illnesses such as diabetes and



hypertension, and treatment of acute medical conditions. She has many years of experience in caring for women throughout their lifespans, including pregnancy.

Asked what a patient can expect from her, Draudt says: "A thoughtful and thorough approach to their health issues, a willingness to listen, and an interest in partnering with them to provide care that truly meets their needs."

"What I love about my job," Draudt adds, "is that it allows me to meet and engage with so many different people in the course of each day. The job provides both an intellectual challenge and an opportunity to connect with people, so that I can hopefully make a difference in their lives."

When she's not busy taking care of patients, Draudt loves spending time with her daughter and her dogs, and also being physically active, whether it's swimming, camping, kayaking or traveling.

Draudt is now accepting new patients at 88 Madrone Street in Willits. To schedule an appointment, please call 459-6115.

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hot item was a lot of whiskey donated by Redwood Valley's American Craft Whiskey Distillery. Proceeds from that lot were donated to the Lake County Deputy Sheriffs fund. This fund was established to help rebuild the homes of several Lake County deputies who lost their homes in the fire.

Another lot that gained excitement was for sourdough starter courtesy of Sean Fitch, who comes up annually to help Adams and the Emandal crew with their Sip Some Soup bread-making extravaganza. Three sourdough loaves baked in Emandal's brick oven were also up for auction. Another biggie was from friend-of-the-farm Shelley McDonald of Sebastopol, who donated wine and a handmade bottle stopper.

The really hot battle came over sheet music for "The Ballad of Davy Crockett," which contained all of the verses

of the theme song for the 1950s era TV series. A photo of actor Fess Parker on the cover made Adams, along with other bidders, nostalgic for the heyday of that time.

"He was the idol of all the pre-teen girls of my era!" laughed Adams. "I just kept bidding, and I didn't realize it was against my friend David until I finally got it for \$160. He laughed and said he was going to buy it for me, that's why HE kept bidding! He ended up matching my donation for \$160, making the piece a \$320 winner for the Senior Center. We thought it was just too funny to be bidding against each other so I could win it!"

Even without the Apple Pie Throwdown, Adams insists that Cowboy Poetry will continue – and NOT JUST Cowboy Poetry at that. Another fun activity? New contest? We'll just have to wait and see.

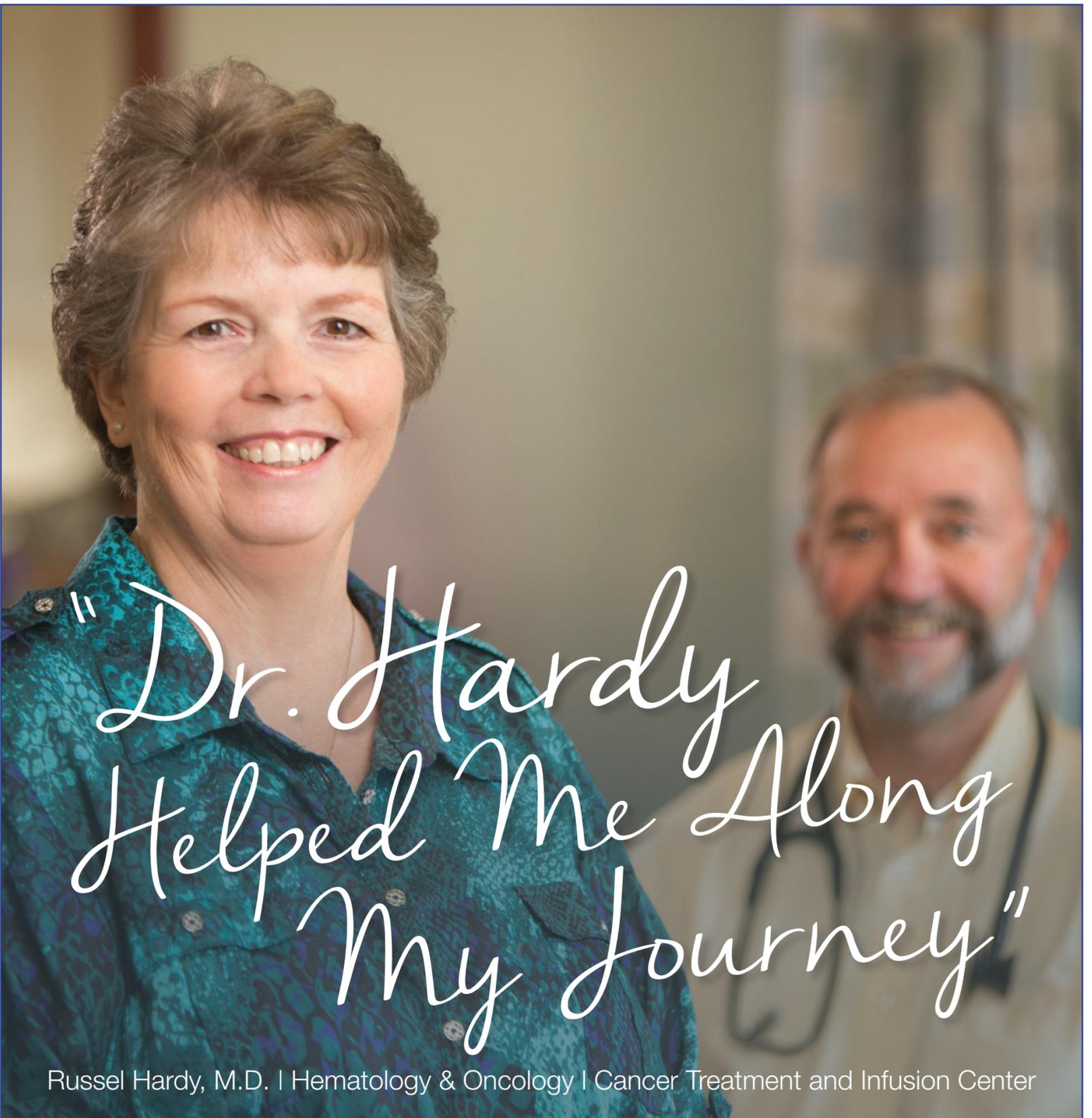
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Willits United Methodist Church on School Street celebrated its new roof with a BBQ after Sunday services this weekend. Methodists, standing behind the dessert table, from left to right: Kevin Blundell, Dick Hobson, Gayle Ann Holz, Lynn Williams, Rick Williams, Nicky Keyes, Bruce Andich, Cassandra Andich, Marna Garcia, Frank Barr, Allen Garcia, Eria Barr, and Karen Oslund. Kevin Blundell, at left, sports a handsome "Valley Fire / Rocky Fire / Jerusalem Fire" T-shirt, "supporting those in our community of Lake County tragically affected by the recent storm of wildfires." These T-shirts are available at Brown's Corner in Willits and the Club Calpella restaurant in Ukiah, and all proceeds from sales are going to the Lake County Wildfire Relief Fund managed by North Coast Opportunities and the Mendo-Lake Credit Union.

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