#### County to look at satellites for pot permit enforcement

Mike A'Dair Reporter \_mike@willitsweekly.com

On a 3-2 vote, the board of supervisors on Tuesday directed County Counsel and Planning and Building staff to explore the feasibility of using satellite imagery to assist with code enforcement tasks and also to consider re-opening Phase One of cannabis cultivation permit application enrollment. The motion included direction that staff was to return with a recommendation within 60 days.

Supervisors John Haschak and Dan Gjerde voted against the item.

Read the rest of Enforcement

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#### Supes take no action on Measure V – yet

Mike A'Dair mike@willitsweekly.com

The board of supervisors on Tuesday took steps to make sure that another ballot initiative like Measure V won't come before the voters in the same way that Measure V did. However, because of the linguistic delicacy of Measure V proponent and current Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams, the board did not vote to enforce Measure V, although they did not clearly vote to say they wouldn't enforce it, either.

What the board did was to vote 4-1 to send an action item which had

Read the rest of Measure V

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#### Measure B Committee spends money

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

On Wednesday, the Measure B Committee approved recommending to the board of supervisors that the board approve the expenditure of Measure B funding on three measures. At the meeting, nine members were present, and only County Auditor Lloyd Weer and Fifth District representative Ross Liberty were absent.

First, on a 9-0 vote, the committee endorsed a joint proposal by Sheriff Tom Allman and committee Vice Chair Donna Moschetti to spend \$250,000 to upgrade and refurbish the newly acquired Regional Mental Health Training Center in Redwood Valley.

Measure B

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Above, from left: Delicate French macarons are one of the tasty treats offered at Cake Mendocino. Baker and owner Phil Roland pours chocolate glaze over a chocolate cake. Savory options are also available to order from Cake Mendocino, including these ham and cheese rolls. Below: One of the morning puff pastries offered by Cake Mendocino, complete with blueberries and sweet cream cheese.



Above: Phil Roland, owner and baker at Cake Mendocino. Below, from left: Chocolate glaze drips over a chocolate cake. Sheets of puff pastry, handrolled by Roland. Donuts of all shapes and sizes, fried in peanut oil, are another tasty Cake treat.

At right: Baker Phil Roland levels

chocolate ganache with an offset spatula.

Below: Roland shows off the finished

cake. Below, center, top: Creme-filled

eclairs are frosted in chocolate and are

just perfect for sharing. Below, center,

Below, far right: Wedding cakes are

bottom: A pile of puff pastry sweets and savories offered by Cake Mendocino.

available from Cake Mendocino, and can

Photos by Maureen Moore

## **Get Caked**

Willits baker Phil Roland starts new dessert-focused business offering cakes, donuts, eclairs and more

Bagels may be in his blood, but that doesn't mean that's where Willits' Phil Roland's culinary talent ends, no way.

Originally from New Jersey where he graduated from Union County Baking Institute, Roland moved to Mendocino County over 20 years ago and has been baking in the industry for himself and others for over 35 years.

Maureen Moore

Many may remember enjoying his goods through Willits' Escape from San Francisco, Bagel Boys, at Roland's Bakery and Bistro,

and through the original Roland's Baking Company. Roland also had Roland's Bakery and Café in the lower Haight of San Francisco, which is where he also met his business partner, Jennifer Westmoreland, over seven years ago.

With their new vision for a bakery back in northern California, Cake Mendocino is already offering special select goodies that are almost too good to be true, all from scratch, all with quality ingredients, and all baked locally in Read the rest of Willits.

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Photos by Marueen Moore









#### **City gives** final OK

to adult-use cannabis business permits

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The Willits City Council voted 4-1 last week to pass several amendments to their city cannabis ordinance, including one to officially allow recreational business permits in Willits.

In addition to allowing recreational/adult-use permits for all business types (cultivation, processing, distribution, testing, research, transportation, dispensing and manufacturing), the amendments also will "allow processing, testing, research and manufacturing of industrial hemp for purposes of cannabidiol (CBD) extract or oil production; allow for full Type-7 (using volatile solvents) cannabis and industrial hemp manufacturing facilities to operate in industrial zoned lands; allow for both a cannabis indoor cultivation and nursery business to operate on the same property; clarify that authorized retailers may sell cannabis products specified for use by animals; and to retain the existing buffer zones ap-

Read the rest of Adult-use

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board, land owners agree over emergency sewer route

access

**Brooktrails** 

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At their final September meeting, the Brooktrails Community Township board reviewed and clarified one important issue regarding ingress and egress, along Willits Creek, for residents in an emergency situation. Board members also noted "Special Districts Week" in California and agreed to join in the 50th year celebration of special districts in the state.

First, a representative from General Counsel Chris Neary's office told the board that in the matter of Poland v. Brooktrails his final appeal in the Appellate Division was denied. However, it is fully expected that he will pursue the litigation to the California Supreme Court.

The Willits Creek access route drew most of the attention from the Brooktrails residents in attendance. A sewer easement runs adjacent

Read the rest of Access

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## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Bike lanes and less parking

To the Editor:

While attending the meetings on how downtown should look after the bypass, it was decided that "temporary" lines safety and convenience of the community. Well, it seems the decision was made that this process wasn't necessary, and we now have bike lanes and less parking.

Businesses that pay taxes to the city have lost the parking in front of their places of business. As city license fees are important to the city, one would think that the city would want to take care of those businesses.

Carlin Horger, Willits

#### Lumberjack Handcar Races

To the Editor:

Regarding Willits Weekly's September 26 "Mystery Medal" story: The Lumberjack Handcar Races were held for two or three years on the tracks next to the Skunk parking lot. Jim Baskin organized them. Both the Skunk and the NWP helped sponsor the race, let the handcars use the tracks. Richard Jergensen and Cindy Mihelcic were the judges. I

A promoter from Sacramento brought the show to different railroad towns all over the west. He had two handcars that

#### Caltrans wraps up nearly a year of Camp Fire recovery work

Submitted by the California Department of **Transportation** 

Paradise, California – Just a week after the Camp Fire erupted last fall in Butte County, Caltrans launched one of the region's largest recovery efforts to make the state highways safe for emergency crews and motorists.

Nearly a year later, signs of recovery are clearly evident across the landscape. New traffic signs, guardrail, fences, culverts and drainage systems are in place. Crews have shored up bridge footings to prevent scouring and repaved and restriped sections of damaged roadway.

Reseeded burn scar areas are showing signs of new growth. In the picturesque Feather River Canyon area, some 450,000 square feet of wire mesh material now covers steep slopes to prevent rocks from falling onto winding segments of State Route 70.

At the same time, transportation engineers set up new traffic management features, including a temporary roundabout and stoplights, to address increased vehicle traffic from debris haulers and the influx of wildfire victims who relocated to Chico and nearby valley areas.

A NewsFlash video showcasing these recovery efforts may be viewed at: bit.ly/CT\_News\_Flash\_213b

The video calls the Paradise clean-up the largest debris removal operation since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, with an estimate of 500 million tons having been hauled away.

This News Flash is the 213th in a series of videos highlighting Caltrans' activities that present the wideranging and critical work that Caltrans does to enhance California's economy and livability. To see more of these and other videos, search for #CaltransNewsFlash on Twitter or go to http://bit.ly/Caltrans\_News\_Flash.

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were full-size wood and cast-iron replicas, 750 pounds each. Two teams of five people competed against each other: four pumpers on the handcar and a "shover" who pushed the cars off at the start (and then fell flat onto a mattress between the tracks). The cars raced for 100 feet. would be put in place, to see if they would work for the At the finish line, one of the pumpers had to stomp down on the brake pedal to stop the car.

> There were racing categories: Men, women, mixed, over 55. Most of the teams were sponsored by local businesses. I remember the "Bank of America Babes," and the "Willow Bees" from the Bank of Willits (Richard Willoughby was the bank manager). There were also a couple of semi-professional teams that traveled to the events and competed as well.

The winners of each race then raced against winners from



other races to win in their category. Each winning team member got a medal like the one [John Wagenet] found, and the sponsor got a trophy with a wooden miniature handcar mounted on it. The names engraved on the medal you have were probably done by the sponsor or a team member after the race.

After a couple years, interest flagged, and we never had

Bear Kamoroff, Willits

#### Harris Quarry asphalt plant hearing

Keep the Code would like to invite interested people to comment on the 2019 Harris Quarry Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report. The county will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 7, 2019 to accept comments on Alternatives 4 and 5 of the 2019 EIR, and on significant and material new developments that pertain to this proposed project since the publication of the earlier

The hearing will be held from 5 to 7 pm, at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, in Ukiah. Written comments will be accepted until the close of business on Tuesday, October 15. Please visit the new https://keepthecode.blogspot.com website for addresses and further information.

Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, for Keep the Code, Willits

#### Adventist Health Howard Memorial promotes sepsis awareness to save lives

By Cici Winiger, for Adventist Health

]Sepsis is not something you often hear in the news. But at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, physicians and nurses are constantly on the

Sepsis is a serious condition that occurs when the body's immune system so overreacts to an infection that it becomes life-threatening and can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death.

Each year, an estimated 270,000 people in the U.S. die from sepsis and another 100,000 are discharged from hospital to hospice care. Those 1.4 million in the U.S. who survive sepsis each year face challenges in returning to their normal way of life. Up to half of survivors are left with

life-changing long-term physical, cognitive and/or psychological effects. These lasting effects force many to quit their jobs or school and can have a negative impact on personal relationships. Some face depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues. Thousands more are no longer able to cope with day-today activities on their own and must move into assisted care facilities

During Sepsis Month, the hospital is hoping to educate the community about sepsis, its symptoms, treatment and recovery to save more

Sepsis Alliance found that only 14 ways to improve processes. percent of Americans can describe the symptoms of sepsis.

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to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the best way to prevent sepsis are preventing infection by frequent handwashing and keeping any surgical site clean, getting vaccinated for pneumonia and the flu (35 percent of sepsis cases stem from pneumonia), and seeking prompt treatment for a

Just like stroke, time is critical when it comes to sepsis. So, the more you know about symptoms, the better for you. Sepsis symptoms can and some are very similar to other conditions. Remember to look out for: rapid breathing or pulse, feeling disoriented, chills or fever, nausea. vomiting, or diarrhea and low body temperature.

When it comes to preventing and treating sepsis, it's all about "TIME" - an easy-to-remember guide to sepsis symptoms:

T – Temperature (high or low body

 I – Infection (signs include fever, shortness of breath, and redness or swelling around a wound) or gastrointestinal symptoms

M – Mental decline – sleepiness or

E - Extremely ill - highly uncomfortable

At Adventist Health Howard Memorial, staff are also taking steps While so many know about other to save more lives. Kristy Bowen, RN, health conditions such as stroke or director for quality, says they have Adventist Health provides care heart disease, very few know about put a laser focus on sepsis initiatives in hospitals, clinics, home care sepsis symptoms. A survey by the and are continuously looking for

"We are doing more education and trainings for physicians and Bacterial infections are the nurses," she says, "improving howard-memorial for more typical cause of sepsis, according processes such as collaborating information.

with the lab department to improve timely testing and diagnosis, as well as with pharmacists to get treatment medications fast-tracked. Sepsis cases are also peer-reviewed so that staff can learn from them and

"We also started initiating "Code Sepsis" which then summons a critical care team to activate more aggressive interventions and quicker response," she adds.

Bowen cautions however, that the community also plays a very be tricky because there are so many, important role. "The success of all of the tools and technology we have is contingent on one thing: the patient presenting for timely treatment. Personal recognition of symptoms that may indicate a potential sepsis diagnosis and seeking treatment immediately is key. TIME-ing is everything. So, the more we can educate our community to recognize the symptoms, so they can get here in time, the better we can help and the more lives we can save."

> If you believe you have symptoms of sepsis, call 9-1-1 or go to Adventist Health Howard Memorial's

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#### Correction

In the "Fall Plantings" story in Willits Weekly's September 12 Real Estate section, the contact and location information for the Sparetime Garden Center retail store was incorrect: Sparetime's retail store is located at 208 East San Francisco Avenue in Willits. Call 459-6971 or visit www.sparetimegardencenter.com for more information.

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Above, from left: Doc Mehl sings about

pins serve as trophies. Bobbie Yokum's

coarse sugar is the winner of the Perfect

clever cowboy poetry. At right: Apple Pie

trophies: Linda Messerli (Most Creative),

Throwdown winners display their coveted

Linda Kostanecki (Most Delectable Filling),

Bobbie Yokum (Perfect Crust), Tam Adams

lattice-work apple pie sprinkled with

Crust award. Doris Daley recites her

(Most Aesthetically Pleasing), Cindy

Panzer (Best Overall), and Jerry Albright

(People's Choice). Below, left: Attendees

chat while waiting for the entertainment

to begin. Below, right: Pie Judges John

Adams, Brady Bissell and Will McCollum

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## Day at Emandal Apple pie, cowboy poetry, and music mix up well

in this annual fruitful fundraiser

Emandal – A Farm on a River, presented Adams, "people make a homemade apple their annual Not Just Cowboy Poetry event to raise money for the Friends of the Willits Library on Saturday, September 28. It was a colder-than-normal day, which kept a few of the regulars away, but those who showed up were greeted by a mélange of tastes, music and Mathew Caine comedy

The event treated clever cowboy poetry – musing on country life, the modern conditions of our technicaldriven world, and the beauty of millions

of stars in the Milky Way. The music was equally clever in its Western-themed comedic takes on life on the treeless plains of the Kansas prairie and bars where one And then there was the pie. Nineteen pies (one showed up late but was included

in the judging) were available for the people ala mode, all of them variations on the All-American favorite, apple pie. The eighth Library. annual Apple Pie Throwdown, offered a plethora of creative takes on this crusty, sweet treat. By the time intermission came, the pies had been tasted, savored and judged.

Tamara Adams, proprietor of Emandal and producer of the annual event, explained a bit of the history and goings-on, "It is the eighth year for the Apple Pie Throwdown. It's about the 15th year for having Cowboy Poetry in Willits or out here. It started after I went to Elko [Nevada] one year and I thought 'we should do this in Willits.' Since then we've tried to do this every year and bring an artist who doesn't normally get to Willits with this genre. This couple today come from Alberta, Canada.

"For the Apple Pie Throwdown," said

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pie and bring it for free admission to the event. We have three judges who first look at all the pies and take a sample of each pie. Then they take themselves away and they deduce who gets which prize. "People buy a ticket," she continued, "so

they can have a small sample of their choice of five pies, which is quite filling. They get to vote on which is the People's Choice. We don't serve food other than the apple pies. People can bring picnic lunches. There are people who stay here for the weekend and we feed them at night with the artists." In addition to benefitting FOWL, the

event this year honored the Willits Center for the Arts by providing a space for them to set up a silent auction of generously donated paintings, photos, objects d'art, and gladiola bulbs, which by the end of the afternoon had brought in \$1,617 to help with the needs of the center. FOWL benefitted to sample and savor, either straight up or by proceeds totaling \$2,526 which will be used for projects and materials at the Willits

The three brave pie judges: John Adams, Brady Bissell and Will McCollum were tasked with tasting each one of the 19 pies, comparing notes and coming up with winners in each of the five categories. By the end of the judging, the winners came up to the stage to accept their wellearned etched rolling pin prizes, along with bragging rights for the next year. "The Most Delectable Filling" was won

by Linda Kostanecki. Linda Messerli won "Most Creative" pie. The "Perfect Crust" designation went to Bobbie Yokum. "Most Aesthetically Pleasing" stayed local with winner Tam Adams. The "Best Overall" pie Read the rest of

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(Most Delectable Filling winner), left, and Bobbie Yokum (Perfect Crust winner) show their entries. At right: Melinda Clarke, Bobby Brumback and Wendy Copperfield from Friends of the Willits Library serve wine to guests. Below: Caleb Eberhardt churns the ice













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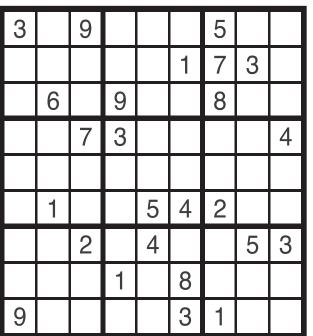
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## Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



#### 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

**POWDER** 

**ROLLING** 

SHEET

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**SPRAY** 

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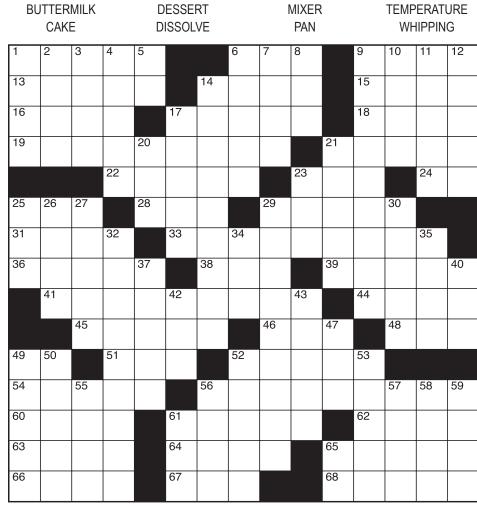
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**CUT IN** 



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Fertile desert spots

**BAKING** 

**BEATING** 

**BISCUIT** 

BLOOM

**BROWNIE** 

**BUTTER** 

- 6. Married woman
- 9. Some animals
- travel in one 13. Fear
- 14. Hawaiian island 15. Fit to work
- 16. Electronic counter-
- countermeasures 17. Former Senator Specter
- 18. Cambodian currency
- 19. Dave Matthews Band hit 21. Lists ingredients
- 22. Endangered antelope
- 23. Jerry's TV partner
- 24. Blue grass state
- 25. Obstruct
- 28. Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan 29. Fencing swords
- 31. Oh, heavens!
- 33. Insensitive to changes in price
- 36. Hillsides
- 39. Gland secretion
- 41. A typical example
- 44. Get up

- 38. Brew
- 45. You put it on your pasta 46. Expresses surprise 48. News organization

- 14. Begin 49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.) 51. One millionth of a gram 17. A good thing to have
- 52. Some are of the 'suit' variety 54. Group of organisms 56. Produces

63. Dry or withered

66. German river

1. Lyric poems

5. Memory card

6. Archipelago

8. It's up there

3. Ingroup

67. Midway between

68. Take something or

northeast and east

somebody somewhere

**CLUES DOWN** 

2. Genus of saltwater clams

7. Common Korean surname

9. Quantity that helps to define

10. First month of the Jewish

ecclesiastical year

12. A shade of green

11. Metal-headed golf club

4. Type of lounge chair

- 60. Passage into a mine 61. \_\_ and cheeses 62. Semitic fertility god
- 29. The largest existing land animals 64. Religious ceremony 65. \_\_ Winger, actress

25. Woman

30. Rumanian city 32. Equal to 10 meters 34. Historic Nevada city

26. Central Indian city

27. Volcanic craters

20. Language spoken in Laos

21. Loosely compacted sediment

23. Naturally occurring protein

- 35. A point of transition 37. Remove
- 40. Overwatch character 42. Records electric currents

#### linked to the heart 43. Settles in calmly

- 47. Partner to his 49. Banking giant 50. Slowly disappeared
- 52. End 53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
- 55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface 56. Wild cherry tree
- 57. Traditional Japanese socks 58. Make of your hard work 59. Stony waste matter 61. Woman (French)

The officers of the Willits Police disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek Department handled 251 incidents in this Drive seven-day reporting period. **Summary of Active Investigations** and Arrests

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**POLICE LOG** 

September 23 to September 29 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

9:25 am: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 400 block of North

2:11 pm: CAVINO, Dustin Michael (28)

of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block

of South Main Street. He was arrested

pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication)

and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report

2:58 pm: Officers initiated a fraud

6:07 pm: Officers responded to a report

of harassment in the 100 block of Creekside

11:55 pm: Officers responded to a

8:30 am: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection

9:00 am: ELLISON Sr., Terry Michael (59)

of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block

of South Main Street. He was arrested on

misdemeanor charges of failure to appear

10:42 am: Officers responded to a report

12:12 pm: Officers responded to a

12:41 pm: Officers responded to a report

1:07 pm: Officers responded to a

1:54 pm: Officers responded to a report

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report

10:40 pm: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious person in the 1100 block of

11:29 pm: CLEARWATER, Samava

Nicole (35) of Willits was contacted in the

200 block of South Main Street. She was

arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public

Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges

of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation

9:19 am: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 300 block of

12:02 pm: Officers responded to a report

1:54 pm: Officers initiated a theft

9:14 pm: Officers responded to a

9:31 pm: Officers initiated a missing

11:09 am: Officers responded to a

12:44 pm: Officers initiated a robbery

1:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of

2:52 pm: Officers responded to a

pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 800 block of South Main

threats in the 400 block of East Commercial

investigation in the 300 block of Coast

domestic disturbance in the 300 block of

person investigation in the 100 block of

disturbance in the 100 block of Harms

investigation near the intersection of Wood

of suspicious activity near the intersection

of probation.

September 28

East Commercial Street.

Street and School Street.

East Mendocino Avenue.

September 29

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of illegal camping in the 1100 block of

of trespassing in the 1700 block of South

disturbance in the 200 block of North Main

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of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue.

and violation of probation.

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investigation in the 500 block of West

of trespassing in the 20000 block of North

conduct (alcohol).

Highway 101.

Mendocino Avenue.

September 27

#### September 23

7:21 am: Officers responded to a report of possible brandishing of a weapon near the intersection of Gregory Lane and South

8:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:45 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Marin Street.

10:57 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

12:45 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Monroe

#### September 24

1:11 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of

1:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of several unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. 2:31 pm: LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank (49)

of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of

Bush Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation). 4:36 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1000 block of South

5:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North

5:29 pm: MAGISTRELLI, Stephen Andrew (50) of Willits was contacted in the 22000 block of Tomki Road. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

11:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

#### September 25

Main Street.

12:42 am: JOHNSON, Tavion Jamel (21) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street following a report of an assault. He was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Battery), 148 PC (Resisting Arrest). 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and disorderly conduct (drugs and alcohol).

6:55 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 2400 block of Center Valley Road.

9:43 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of Elm Lane and Manor Way.

10:28 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:01 pm: JOAQUIN, Fernando David (24) of Covelo was contacted near the intersection of Casteel Lane and North Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (Violation of Parole: to remain under legal custody to return to prison).

6:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 700 block of South Main Street.

7:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of South

Main Street. 7:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1500 block of

South Main Street. 8:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Pine Street and Maple Street.

#### September 26

4:55 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of South Main Street.

disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust 9:17 am: Officers responded to a Street and issued a warning.

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Above, left: This dancer from the Pomo Nation invites a tribal elder to join the dance. Above, right: The Sonoma County Dancers perform late Saturday afternoon around a blazing fire. At right: The color guard on horseback starts the long and sparsely spaced parade - "It's on Indian time,"

## **Indian Days**

Round Valley celebrates through prayer, dance and song at Hidden Oaks Park

30 years or more. It's a time for families and friends of the Native Americans living in Round Valley to come from other parts of the country and gather at the Hidden Oaks Park to celebrate their culture. "This is basically giving back to our tribes and giving them a chance to celebrate their culture and who they are," stated Kat Willits,

Ree Slocum

council member and program manager of the Round Valley Indian Tribes.

Willits continued: "It's making sure the young kids, who don't understand the culture that much, come and play and feel that sense of 'It's Indian Days! Our aunties, uncles and cousins come from out of town, and we all come home and we all eat together and celebrate together."

The celebration has changed over the years. There's something for everyone and now Indian Days includes concerts, a women's muddy trench running event, and a free carnival where kids and elders enjoy the rides. Horseshoe, basketball and softball tournaments are held throughout the event, and there's a war-call contest that brings lots of laughter.

The rodeo and the cultural dances are ever-present. The dances bring a sense of a long history of Native cultures with different languages. The handmade dresses and regalia paired with cultural songs, drumming

and dances is a primordial experience. Speaking about the children and the dances, Willits said: "They learn to become comfortable with the cultural dancing and accept themselves as culturally raised children. They have something to be proud of that builds. Maybe they start out as little kids and watch the dancing, and maybe next year they want to wear the feathers,

Indian Days has been around for about and then the year after that they want to

This year the ever-changing schedule of dancers included: the Kupa Song and Dance Group, All My Relations Wiyot Dance Group, Pomo Nations, Sonoma County Pomo Dance Group, Hopland Sho-Ka-Wah-Ke, Aztec Dance Group, Mission Dance Group, and the Round Valley Feather Dancers. The Ancient Cali dancers replaced a group that wasn't there, and there was a rumor the Men Bear Dancers might be dancing late at night.

The event is also a time when elders come with their families. Most of them attend the dancing, and this year some participated in one of the dances when the crowd was invited. By the sway of their bodies or their foot patterns on the earth, it was obvious some were once a dancer or

Machuchuk who's also known Read the rest of Over on Page 15 Indian

dance. It's a culture-building experience."

Diana Duro from the Pala Reservation in northern San Diego County dances with the Kupa Song and Dance Group. About the dancing she said: "We represent our families. My grandmother was one of the kids that was moved [by the U.S. government] in 1903 from Warner Hot Springs down into the valley to Pala [Indian Reservation] where we are now.

"She brought the language and the singing and the dancing," said Duro. "So we continue it on to this day." This sentiment was heard throughout when talking with the elders, singers, drummers and dancers Most had ancestors who faced genocide, relocations, discrimination, and inhuman



Above, left: The women of the Pomo Nation dance group perform with their traditional scarves and beautiful head regalia which are made by the dancer or passed down from one generation to another. Above, right: Elder Vera Avalos, left, who was born in Covelo in 1932, is surrounded by her family at the Indian Days Parade: "Indian Days brings pride to our little town." Below: People gather to experience the ceremony and watch the Kupa Song and Dance Group from Southern California.













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been proposed by Supervisor Williams to the board of supervisors, to instead go to the General Government Standing Committee of the board of supervisors, with the direction that the committee should consider how best to ensure that, when a voter initiative is to be placed on the county ballot, a fiscal analysis of the impacts of the proposed initiative shall also be presented to the voters, prior to that initiative being placed on the ballot.

Supervisor Williams cast the lone dissenting vote against

During discussion, board members said they understood that Measure V was at issue. Measure V was the ballot measure which was approved by 62 percent of county voters in June 2016. It declares that trees which have been intentionally killed and which have been left standing in the forest for more than 90 days shall be declared a public nuisance, and that the party who has committed the nuisance shall be held financially liable for damages, under certain conditions. Measure V does not state how it is to be enforced.

The item which Williams had placed on the agenda did not mention Measure V. It read in full, "Discussion and possible action including affirmation of the county's duty to implement and defend laws created through initiative."

Early in the discussion, outgoing County Counsel Katharine Elliott told the supervisors that the county was not obligated to enforce its laws.

"We don't have a mandate to enforce our own laws," Elliott said. "There are other things that we do have a mandate to do, and that is, to oversee the budgetary concerns, to act in a fiscally responsible manner.... You've got two requirements. I do think that the board of supervisors, politically but not legally, you are responsive to the citizens of this community, but also, as supervisors, again, your primary duty is to understand fiscal analysis, and what it will cost you in order to go forward."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak placed two motions before the board. His first motion, which was a two-part motion, would have sent the agenda item to the General Government Committee with direction that the committee, first, explore the mechanism of how Measure V would be enforced, as well as the costs to the county of enforcing it.

Secondly, the standing committee was to develop a policy that in instances when a ballot initiative is placed on the ballot, that there be a fiscal analysis included in the initiative, so that the public should be informed of what thev were voting on will cost.

That motion failed on a 2-3 vote, with John McCowen, Williams and Carre Brown voting no.

McCowen said he couldn't support the motion because the first part of the motion, that which directed the committee to explore the costs of enforcing Measure V, was not mentioned in Williams' agenda item. Brown said that her own reservations mirrored those of McCowen.

Subsequently, Haschak offered a second motion, proposing that the agenda item be sent to the General Government Standing Committee, and that the committee be charged with exploring how the county could provide a fiscal report on the costs of implementing each ballot initiative that should be put before the voters in the future.

In discussing Haschak's motion, an interesting exchange occurred between Williams and McCowen. "I could use some clarification of this cost analysis." Williams said. "I've heard it's the cost analysis for enforcement. But, I can think be charged with assessing the needs of the building. of a past voter initiative, Measure V, that did not contain language about enforcement. And so what the people passed - I don't think the cost analysis should touch on enforcement. All they want is for it to become law - for the county to follow through with its obligation. The cost analysis should be constrained to making it a law: whether it's printing costs, or noticing. Otherwise, the cost will effectively squash the motion, by saying, if we enforce it 100 percent, in the most costly manner, we can't afford it, so it's over. The cost needs to be constrained to the actual language, and if the language didn't mention enforcement, then we shouldn't have enforcement in the cost analysis," Williams said.

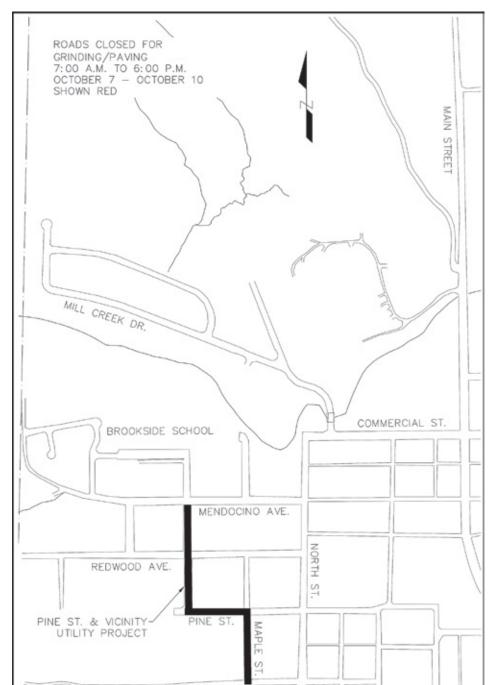
"The item is codified into law on the county books," McCowen countered. "It's been codified. It is law in the county.... Secondly, I appreciate Supervisor Williams saying that the measure is silent on enforcement. It doesn't name an enforcement officer, which would be the typical approach, if an ordinance contemplated having the county going out and taking a particular action to enforce something, you might have an enforcement officer, you might say that it was, particularly for nuisance abatement such as the county code 8.75, or some other measure, in law.

"[Measure V] has none of that language," McCowen continued. "It simply says, that trees killed and left standing are a public nuisance, and that the person responsible for killing tree and creating that nuisance is liable. That's the enforcement mechanism. If someone feels they were damaged by someone acting in violation of the ordinance and creating a nuisance, their remedy is to seek judgment against the person who is creating the damage. So there's nothing for the county to do by the terms of the measure. It's law, and the people can enforce it when they feel to be an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issue. they've been wronged."

As the issue came to its second vote, Williams told the other supervisors that he was dissatisfied with what had happened. "How do you intend to address the real issue, that was the catalyst for this item being on the agenda?" he asked. "You have a voter initiative that is sitting in the queue, not moving forward. Something needs to be done, whether it's putting it to a vote to decide to ignore it, or putting it to a vote to decide to take action. I don't think we Health Advisory Committee Chairwoman Jan McGourty want to leave it in this standstill," Williams said.

McCowen offered a remedy to Williams. "I would recommend you bring forward an item which is clear and straightforward and doesn't skirt the issue, and says what you mean it to say, to accomplish the goal you wish to achieve," McCowen said.

Haschak's second motion was approved 4-1, with Williams voting no.



#### Street closures next week for the Pine Street utility project

The grinding and paving phase of the Pine Street and Vicinity Utility Project is scheduled to begin Monday, October 7 and end Thursday, October 10.

The affected streets will need to be closed while the work is being completed. No access will be allowed (except for emergency vehicles) between 7 am and 6 pm. We ask the residents to park outside of the work area and walk to their homes.

The streets to be closed are: Spruce Street, between West Mendocino and Pine: Pine Street, between Spruce and Maple; and Maple Street, between and Laurel and Pine.

School traffic and those wishing to access Redwood Avenue and the area west of Spruce Street should use Mendocino Avenue.

Please call 459-4605 with any questions or concerns. We appreciate the publics patience as these much needed repairs and upgrades are made.

> - submitted by the City of Willits

#### Measure B

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The motion asked the board of supervisors to authorize an immediate expenditure of \$50,000 to be followed by an ad hoc committee report back to the committee next month, with an outline of what expenditures may be necessary to make the facility ready to become a regional training center. This second part of the motion asks the board to

Allman told the committee that he didn't think the building needed that much work to get it ready, but he wanted to ask for \$250,000 as a "not to exceed" number, so that he wouldn't be in the position of coming back to the board of supervisors for more money

However, some members, including Fourth District committee representative Mark Mertle, said they were reluctant to allocate money for Allman's project without knowing what the money would be spent for. Allman suggested that Behavioral Health Director Jenine Miller and himself be named to an ad hoc committee and that it

Allman announced that escrow on the property has closed, and that the county now owns it. It is the site of a former church and a house. The county paid \$389,000

Of that sum, \$270,300 came from Measure B funds and will be spent on the training center; the remaining \$116,700 came from the Sheriff's Office's asset forfeiture account and was used to purchase the house on the property for use as a sheriff's deputies substation.

#### Committee allocates \$35,000 for sound system

On a 7-2 vote, the committee passed a measure asking the supervisors to allocate up to \$35,000 on a wireless sound system for use in Conference Room C, the sonically challenged room in the county's Administration Center in Ukiah where meetings of the Measure B Committee have been held since January 2018, when the committee began

Because the committee has 11 people, and because at least two county staff attend the meetings, the members sit in a horseshoe arrangement over about 75 percent of the room, with the public sitting in back. It is often hard for the public to hear what the members are saying to each other. Sound quality is so low that the county Information Services tech worker has to enhance the sound back in his office, meaning the meetings cannot be livestreamed

Also, at many meetings in the past, several members of the public have commented that they cannot hear the proceedings. Deputy Executive Officer Jenelle Rau told the committee the poor audio quality in the room was deemed

A sound system would allow the members to hear each other, would allow the public to hear the meetings, and would allow the county's technical staff to livestream the meetings. During the September 25 committee meeting, it was generally accepted without much discussion that enhancing sound quality in the room would be a good thing. But how to do that was the question.

This decision was not without controversy. Behavioral told the committee the county had recently purchased a sound system for her committee, and that the Measure B Committee would be welcome to use it.

This prompted some committee members, including Second District representative Shannon Riley, to put the brakes on the momentum toward buying what would be a

"I appreciate Behavioral Health's offer to see if their

equipment might be useful," Riley said. "I would like to investigate that offer, over the course of the next month, and if for some reason it's not compatible with the conference room that we've been using, then I would recommend that we take this up again at the next meeting, and I would implore my colleagues to use their best projecting voices allocate up to \$200,000 for the purpose of bringing the at our next meeting, if for some reason the system is not

"As a steward of the taxpayers' money, I think we have an offer of a system that might work, and I think it is our responsibility to see if that would work before we spend \$35,000 of mental health money." Riley said.

After considerable discussion. Allman moved that the committee go ahead and pass a motion which would ask the supes to spend the \$35,000. The motion passed 7-2 with members McGourty and Riley voting no.

#### Money for grant writer

The committee also voted to request that the board of supervisors approve allocating up to \$30,000 of Measure B money for the purpose of paying a grant writer to write mental health-related grants on behalf of the committee. The motion stipulates that Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director Jenine Miller, who is a member of the Measure B Committee, is to be the coordinator and boss of the grant writer.

she will be kept informed by her staff, by grant writers the department already has, and by herself as she explores

Miller will explore grant ideas herself, to decide if a particular grant would be applicable to work that the county is trying to do with Measure B funding. She will also be kept informed about what mental health grants may be out there by her staff and grantwriters the Behavioral Health

The vote on this motion was unanimous, 9-0.

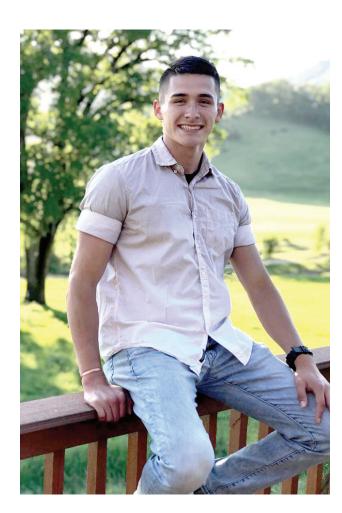
#### Other business

County CEO Carmel Angelo said the county had received 25 applications from parties interesting in the position of project manager for the Measure B project. She said her team will be conducting interviews in early October and that she hopes to be coming forward with a recommendation by November 1.

Deputy Executive Officer Rau told the committee that progress is moving forward in the county's hunt for an architect who will be working on Measure B project. Rau said that she is hopeful to be able to bring forward a recommendation for an architect by early November.

County Auditor Lloyd Weer was absent at the September 25 meeting, and there was no update on the current status of the Measure B account. However, Weer did present a financial update for the August 28 meeting. According to that report, as of August 22, the county had received revenues of \$9,552,363 from the Measure B tax. The committee had authorized expenditures of \$230,437 and the account had received interest earnings of \$69,570. The total balance of the account on August 22 was \$9,391,496. The county has been receiving monthly payments from

the state of California since July of 2018, when it was paid for April 2018. The most recent payment was for the month of May 2019. That means 14 monthly payments at an average value of \$682,311. That means an annual revenue from the tax at \$8,187,732; which means, assuming the local economy remains stable and the region avoids having a recession, that over the five-year period at which the Measure B tax is pegged at a half-a-cent per dollar spent by the purchasing public, that the county will take in \$40.9 million from the Measure B tax.







Congrats | Ricky Carrillo

Jorge "Ricky" Carrillo, a graduate of Willits High School class of 2019, graduated as Alpha Company Honor Graduate, or the "Company Honorman of Alpha Company, Platoon 1001," at the United States Marine Corps Boot Camp September 13, 2019 after enlisting in May of 2017 with plans to become a drill instructor. This accomplishment meant that Carrillo was the top recruit and Marine graduate out of 493 recruits and promoted him to a Lance Corporal, two pay grades above most of his peers. He also won the "Chesty Puller" award for outstanding performance. His long-term goal is to join the California Highway Patrol. He will go on to Camp Pendleton where he will undergo nearly three months of training at School of Infantry West before going on to Military Occupational Specialty training.

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Soccer | Tiana Dalton, 15, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: Six years Breakfast of Champions: Bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich

Love of the Sport: "I love how competitive it is. You get to meet new people when you play it. Every year is exciting.

#### Other Sports Played: None

Tiana has grown as an athlete through hard work and staying positive. She seeks out feedback in order to improve herself and the team. She's becoming a strong leader on and off the field.

- Submitted by Coach Tina Novelli

Varsity football | Eric Colvard, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: Five years Breakfast of Champions: Eggs and bacon Love of the Sport: Scoring and tackling Other Sports Played: Baseball

Eric is a great teammate with a great attitude on and off the field. Offensively and defensively he had a great game against Kelseyville, making some excellent receptions and tackles.

Submitted by Coach Brandon Norberry







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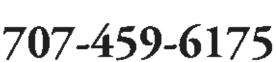




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#### **Ongoing Events**

Linda Posner's "Word Buffet": KLLG-LP, 97.9, "Poems and Sayings to Start Your Day." Sunday, 10 to 10:30 am. Flowers and Sleepwalkers: Local artist Margaret Pirrouette's latest show, "Flowers & Sleepwalkers" in oils and watercolors at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

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

cious plant-based options every Monday," 7 am to 5 pm. Collective Care: A Holistic Support Group: Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am. 44650 Highway 101, Laytonville, Holistic community support and information. Children welcome. By donation www.ninesistershotanicals.com

Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive. "Serving deli

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group:

Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tues-

day at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@vahoo.com. Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint

Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with tovs, ages 0 to 4); 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs. rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); 5 to 6:30 pm "Stamp Club" (Bring your collection); Thursdays: 11:00 to 11:30 am "Wiggle Time" (Explore movement and self-expression. Ages 4 to 7): 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring" (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Calming Stretches"; Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Write Live" (We provide a prompt and a space to create writing); 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

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

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

Soroptimist International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month at St John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time. Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room

at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM's Roots Restaurant. 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-

ins are always welcome Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: "Men-

docino Sheriff's Activities League" on Facebook or Mike

Tobin: 354-0565

Shanachie Pub: Mondays, 7 pm: "Monday Blues & Beyond" with Blue Luke & Special Guests. Tuesdays, 8 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form iamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

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

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#### Thursday, October 3

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



Suicide Prevention Training: One more free Suicide Prevention, Thursday, October 3, 5:30 to 7 pm, Adventist Health Howard Memorial. "Suicide is the third leading cause of death in young people ages 15 to 24. In a new social media world, the pressures and challenges for our teens face are ever changing. Suicide rates among teens and young adults have reached their highest point in nearly two decades. Through this training, you can get the tools to save a life. Learn how to recognize f someone you know is struggling and be equipped with the tools to have a conversation and refer them to help." Info or sign-up: 707-972-6387, winigecm@ ah.org. Walk-ins welcome.

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

#### Friday, October 4

"Creative at the Casino": Opening night for an exhibit of the works of Native American artist Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya, with a reception at the Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi Place, Friday, October 4, 6 to 8 pm. The first 100 guests will receive a signed Giclee print of the artist's work. Visit www. ikoshy.com. Show is first in a series, "Creative at the Casino," that Sherwood Valley Casino and the Willits Center for the Arts have teamed up to present, to showcase the region's Native American culture, and the "playful expression of creativity, color and composition" of local artists. The series will feature a new artist every quarter. Info: www.svrcasino.com or 459-7978.

"I and You": Opening night for the witty and touching two-person drama, "I and You," at Willits Community Theatre from October 4 to 20. Kelly Kesey's, directorial debut. Focuses entirely on two



#### 'Abominable'

The Story: Fanciful animated adventure comedy from Dreamworks. Yi, a fatherless Chinese girl, is emotionally estranged from her family. As fate would have it, a white furry Yeti escapes from a cruel secret compound and hides out in Yi's own rooftop shed. Yi and the adorable Yeti make friends. Soon after, Yi and the Yeti head out in search of the abominable snowman's original home

on Mount Everest. They are

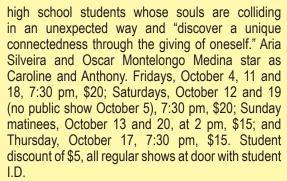
pursued on their journey by the Yeti's cruel captors. Pratfalls, and cliff hangers and narrow escapes become the order

My Thoughts: In general, I recoil from featurelength animation. Why? Because the characters in such flicks are "types." They are caricatures. And except for Bugs and Elmer Fudd, that's boring to me. In the case of "Abominable," the characters are emotionally and ethnically modern-day Chinese character types. The funny thing is these various Chinese heroes and villains and assorted hangers-on are still immediately recognizable and relatable, as in "I know that girl! I know that obnoxious little brother!" So let's party on together. "Abominable" is beautifully animated. It was made for children, but I enjoyed it despite my own somewhat advanced age. As an aside and for no observable reason, "Abominable" featured the song "Fix

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You" from Coldplay. Parents: The flick is wonderful for kids, probably fine for ages 6 or 7 and up. It carries a strong message about the universal importance of family.

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



#### Saturday, October 5

Chicken Processing 101: Whether you have backyard layers or want to stock your freezer with homegrown chicken, learning to implement on-farm slaughter and processing of chickens is important. Process chickens from start to finish with Eliot and Ruthie of the New Agrarian Collective, who will walk you through a low-stress slaughter technique, foodsafe butchering, all the way through packaging. Saturday, October 5, 8 am to 1 pm. School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Info: www.adaptiveagriculture.org

St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta: "A fun-filled afternoon of food and fun for the whole family!" Saturday, October 5, 11 am to 3 pm. Food served 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 58 Bush Street. Barbecued chicken and tri tip, marinated in delicious Mexican spices, with rice, beans, salad, tortillas and a dessert. Soda, beer, wine and Cowboy Margaritas available for purchase. Music by Mariachi Tarasco, Paquiyollotzin, Ballet Folklorico at 1 pm, games, raffle. Tickets: \$10 adults. \$5 children. Info: 459-

Annual Blessing of the Animals: St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial Streets. Saturday, October 5, 11 am. All animals of any kind, large and small, are invited to come to the garden at the church. For their safety, all animals must be in a carrier, cage or on a leash. Children who do not have a live animal are invited to bring a favorite stuffy. Info: stfranciswillits@hotmail.com or Willits High School Soccer: Willits vs. Cloverdale; Betsy: 459-3390.

Northspur Brewing Company Opening: Public opening for the brewpub is Saturday. October 5.

11:30 am to 10 pm. The craft brewery a starting variety of five beers, (three IPOs, a pale ale, and an amber ale), will be opening its doors to the general public. The new Northspur Brewing Company

is located at 101 North Main Street; 510-556-4499. Shanachie Pub: features Buddy Reed, "a seasoned performer and a vital part of blues history." Saturday,

October 5, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main

Ranch Rodeo: Willits Frontier Days' 8th annual event starts at 10 am on Saturday, October 5 at the rodeo grounds. Come watch cowbovs and cowgirls. compete in ranch-life activities including branding. doctoring and sorting. Event is free to attend. A barbecue contest will be held at noon, tasting tickets are \$10 each. Pie eating contest, dummy roping for

kids and more. Info: Marcy Barry: 272-5395.



#### Willits Garden Club Meeting October 14

Free admission to event spectators
Fun Kids Dummy Roping event at 2 pm

MORE INFO: MARCY BARRY- 272-5395 OR ROBBIE BURGESS - 489-0476

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

- submitted by the Willits Garden Club

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#### Sunday, October 6

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

School or Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101.

Romantic Parisian Music: The Willits Theatre Series presents an afternoon romantic and passionate Parisian

music by the fivepiece, all-star band, SonoMusette, "revive the enchantment of mid-20th-century Paris. Sunday, October 6, at

pm. Advance tickets \$20, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; brownpapertickets.com; or 1-800-838-3006; at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie

#### Tuesday, October 8

Tightwad Tuesdays: All 2D movies that are in their second week are discounted on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. Please note: the Tightwad Tuesday price has gone up to \$6. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are: "Downton Abbey" and "Abominable." Visit www. noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

Girls (Coach Martin Rodriguez) at 4 pm; Boys (Coach Christina Novelli) at 5:30 pm. Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street.

Willits High School Lady Wolverines Volleyball: Willits vs. Cloverdale; JV (Coach Julie Goyke) at 5 pm; varsity (Coach Jon Jessup) at 6 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. Art Night: The Willits

Library presents a workshop on "Decorative Masks." Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, and Friday, October 11, 11 am to 12 pm. 390 East Commercial Street; 459-5908. "Bring your imagination and make a unique mask!" Supplies provided. Ages 4 and up.

Tuesday, October 8, 7 pm. Ecstatic Dance Mendo hosts an evening of dance featuring The Human Experience (David Block). Authentic Embodiment with Kristina Block, followed by a two-hour dance

journey with The Human Experience. Tea, massage, treats. Alcohol-free vibe. Advance tickets \$25 at Mazahar boutique or BPT online, \$30 at door. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Senior Center

Lunch

Week of October 7 through

October 11

Monday: BBQ Chicken

Tuesday: Eggs Benedict

Thursday: Country Fried

Friday: Turkey Club

Wednesday: Ortega Chicken

Harrah Senior Center

serves lunch five days per

Includes soup, salad, entrée,

vegetable, dessert, and drink.

(Salad Bar available all year).

1501 Baechtel Road. Info:

459-6826.

#### Wednesday, October 9

Willits High School Wolverines Cross Country Team: Willits (Coach Liz Roripaugh) vs. Middletown: 3:30 pm. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Eckhart Tolle Class: at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Wednesday, October 9, 5 to 7 pm. "Video from a retreat in Louise, Alberta, Canada called 'Living through the Deep I' in which Eckhart discusses the shift in identity that is the hallmark

of spiritual awakening." Info: Andrea, 707-513-8139. Free

"Inspired Dreaming": with speaker Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, this event explores the hidden treasure of inner guidance through dreamwork. "Dreams are the royal road to your inner truth. Learning to navigate the symbols and language of your dreams opens wider options and choices in your life." Empowerment Events is a monthly speaker series, free admission, the second Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 pm, Little Lake Grange,

291 School Street.

SonoMusette

#### Thursday, October 10

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, October 10, 3 to 6 pm. See October 3 listing for details.

Willits High School Soccer: Willits vs. Lower Lake; Boys (Coach Martin Rodriguez) at 4 pm; Girls (Coach Christina Novelli) at 5:30 pm. Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street.

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

Sherwood Firewise Meeting: The next Sherwood Firewise Communities general meeting is Thursday, October 10, 6 to 8 pm, Brooktrails Community

Center. "We will review the recent progress of an additional emergency access route and updates regarding the working team projects and discuss neighborhood projects for current vegetation removal resources and additional grant writing goals." Info: info@Sherwoodfirewise.org.

"I and You": A special benefit performance to support the Harrah Senior Center. Thursday, October 10, 7:30 pm. Tickets for the benefit are \$20 and available at Willits Senior Center, 1501

KZYX 30th

**Anniversary Concert** 

October 19

KZYX, Mendocino County Public

Broadcasting, observes their 30th anniversary

Free hors d'oeuvres. See October 4 listing for details on the play.

#### Friday, October 11

Call to Artists

& Crafters

Willits Center for the Arts

is accepting entries for the

33nd Annual Holiday Craft

Fair, set for two days this year,

Willits Community Center.

booths are filled.

Art Night: Decorative Masks workshop on Friday, October 11, from 11 am to 12 pm, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. See October 8 listing for details.

Willits High School Football: Willits vs. Lower

subject to quality of work the Grateful Dead. Headliner is Roy Rogers and

and earliest postmark date. the Delta Rhythm Kings; Rogers is the "reigning

Applications accepted until king of slide guitar." Food by Zocalo Collective

October 15, 2019 or until all and Pilon Kitchen food truck. Childcare from

Lake; JV (Coach Matt Moratti) at 5:30 pm; varsity (Coach Brandon Norbury) at 7 pm. Willits High School's Maize Field, 299 North Main Street.

Opening Brickhouse Coffee: "Close to Home," Paintings by Laura Corbin. "Corbin's inspiration comes from walks in the woods, on country roads, Brooktrails walking loop, and other rambles in the county, including the river, the coast and Black Oak Ranch. Friday, October 11, at 6 pm.

Artist Reception and Opening: The Willits Center for the Arts will hold its latest opening

and reception, Friday, October 11, 6 to 11 pm. The works of Nancy New, Lynne Whiting Robertson, and Robert Yelland will be on display through October 27. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

"I and You": Friday, October 11, 7:30 pm. Willits Community Theatre. See October 4 listing for details.

#### Saturday, October 12

**REACH Open House: REACH Air Medical Services** celebrates five years of service in Willits. "Come meet the REACH team at our base in beautiful Willits." Saturday, October 12, 12 to 3 pm at Ells Field / Willits Municipal Airport, 1320 Poppy Drive, in

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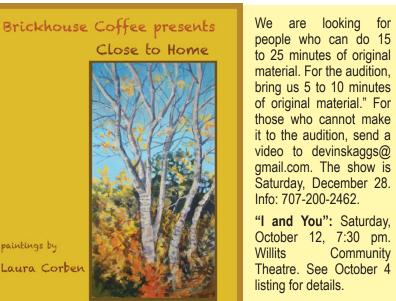
Brooktrails. "You can tour our facility and see our air ambulance helicopter up close. Enjoy some tasty treats while learning more about the life-saving services we provide to the

Saturday, October 12, 9 am to 3 pm. "We'll discuss different options for grinding the corn and look making masa for tortillas,

and make a delicious meal." School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Visit www. adaptiveagriculture.org for info and registration.

"Herbal Care for Children": Saturday, October 12, 12 to 1:45 pm. Herbs can help support the nervous, digestive and immune systems of your little one(s). Learn simple ways to include healthful and abundant herbs into your children's diet. This empowering course includes handouts with simple remedies you can make at home. School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Visit www. adaptiveagriculture.org for info and registration.

Comedy Show Auditions: The Willits Community Theatre will hold auditions for a "stand up comedy" show, Saturday, October 12, 2 pm, at 37 West Van Lane. The show is being directed by professional comic Devin Skaggs and produced by Mike A'Dair. "We are looking stand-ups, comedic musical acts, small improv groups, comic duos like Abbot and Costello or Burns and Allen or Cheech and Chong.



3 South Main Street \* Willits

Info: 707-200-2462. "I and You": Saturday. October 12, 7:30 pm. Community Theatre. See October 4 listing for details.

#### Sunday, October 13

Pancake Breakfast:

Sunday, October 13, 8 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. All you can eat pancakes, real maple syrup (available at extra charge), eggs any style, bacon or sausage, sugar free syrup, or Grandma's biscuits and gravy. Peet's Coffee. Adults \$8, Senior Center members \$7, children \$6.

"Getting to Know Electricity": Sunday, October 13, 1 to 3 pm. This class will remove some of the mystery and teach you to use electricity safely. Basic circuits, appliances, simple repairs, house wiring, and how to avoid getting electrocuted. "This is a hands-on class and we will measure electric current, monitor electric consumption, and wire electric outlets. Solar energy, LED bulbs, and batteries will be covered.' School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North

Highway 101. Visit www. adaptiveagriculture.org for info and registration.

"Benefits of Spices": Sunday, October 13, 10 am to 12 pm. "Did you know that in addition to adding great flavor, herbs and spices provide with abundant healing benefits? In this experiential class, we will discover how herbs and spices support us in food and as medicine. Herbs and spices support our digestive system, immunity, circulatory system and on.... Come ready to sample delicious new dishes that combine taste with health!" School

of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. www.adaptiveagriculture.org for info and

"I and You": Sunday, October 13, 2 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre. See October 4 listing for



### \$30 AT THE DOOR OM SHANTI PRODU Willits Harvest Moon

October 17

Celebration

Our Harvest Moon Celebration will take over downtown Willits Main Street, on Thursday, October 17, from 3 to 7 pm, bringing a fun-filled family event. Businesses, service groups, school groups and much more bring a carnival-like atmosphere to Willits. For more information contact the Willits Chamber of Commerce at 459-7910 or info@willits.org. We thank all of our wonderful sponsors who have contributed to making this a wonderful fun event.

- submitted by Willits Chamber of Commerce

**ABOMINABLE** 

#### **DOWNTON ABBEY** SPECIAL PREVIEWS Thurs, Oct 3rd at 4 & 7pm



5:15 & 8:00pm Mon-Thurs:



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Tightwad Tuesday Titles for Oct. 8th are in RED - All tickets now: \$6

lovie Times for 10/4 thru 10/10

### (PG) 2 hrs 2 mins

2:30, 5:15 & 8:00pm 1:30, 4:15 & 7:00pm

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**NEXT WEEK:** 

"From Kernel to Tortilla":

in detail at the process of nixtamalization - how to pronounce it, why it's necessary for making tortillas and tamales, and how to do it. We'll grind both types of corn, get hands-on experience

#### with a gala concert and party at the Little Lake December 14 and 15, at the Grange, Saturday, October 19. An all-day/ all-night affair, with a lineup of live music and All interested artists, hand dancing. Doors open at noon with the music crafters, and specialty foods and festivities beginning at 1 pm and running entrepreneurs who hand- to 11 pm! Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 at the make their own products, door A \$15 half-day ticket gets access from 1 should request an application to 5 pm. Live broadcasts during the event from from Bonnie Belt at belt. Clay Hawkins (Dusty Roads and Dirty Strings) bonnie@gmail.com or by mail: with the Back Porch Project, and Aline (Alma Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Latina) leads two-hour of dancing to Latin and Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Dr. World Music. Mendocino County favorites the Willits, CA 95490 and enclose Real Sarahs, with "their enchanting harmonies," a self-addressed stamped will play folk, blues and bluegrass. Keystone envelope. Acceptance is Revisited featuring Tony Saunders play music of







Above, from left: Edie Ceccarelli poses for a picture at last year's St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta. The front entrance of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Mike Horger attends to the meat being grilled for fajitas. At right: Eddie Llamas and Ricardo Carlos Peña were in charge of

the corn on the cob. Below, from left: Isabel Young and Jade Arbayo lend their faces to the St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta tableau. Fun inside the Fall Fiesta bounce house Diana Escareño offers conchitas, or "little seashell" pastries.



## St. Anthony's **Fall Fiesta**

set for Saturday, October 5

Come join St. Anthony's Parish Community for a fun-filled afternoon of food and fun for the whole family at the St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta, set for Saturday, October 5, from 11 am to 3 pm, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 58 Bush Street in Willits.

Entertainment includes music by Mariachi Tarasco and De Lorenzo Sandoval, dancers Paquivollotzin, and Ballet Folklorico of Petaluma (starts at 1 pm), a Bounce House, Corn Hole game, and children's games, and a raffle, with many prizes.

Food is served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, and features a barbecue consisting of chicken and tri tip, marinated in delicious Mexican spices, and served with rice, beans, salad, tortillas, and a dessert Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, Soda, beer, wine and Cowboy Margaritas will be available for a separate purchase

More info: 459-6588







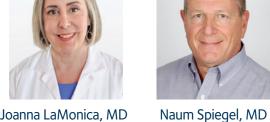
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CITY OF WILLITS SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 25, 2019 regular noticed meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2019-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLITS

AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.06, 17.22, 17.24, 17.26, 17.28, 17.29, AND 17.85 OF THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE TO: (1) AUTHORIZE THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION, TESTING, RESEARCH, TRANSPORTATION, DISPENSING AND MANUFACTURING OF ADULT-USE (RECREATIONAL) CANNABIS (2) ALLOW PROCESSING, TESTING, RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTS FOR PURPOSES OF CANNABIDIOL (CBD) EXTRACT OR OIL PRODUCTION: (3) ALLOW FOR FULL TYPE-7 CANNABIS AND INDUSTRIAL HEMP MANUFACTURING FACILITIES TO OPERATE IN INDUSTRIAL ZONED LANDS; (4) ALLOW FOR BOTH A **CANNABIS INDOOR CULTIVATION AND NURSERY BUSINESS** TO OPERATE ON THE SAME PROPERTY: AND (5) CLARIFY THAT **AUTHORIZED RETAILERS MAY SELL CANNABIS PRODUCTS** SPECIFIED FOR USE BY ANIMALS. (6) TO RETAIN THE EXISTING BUFFER ZONES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL UPON THE ADOPTION OF WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE 17.85.050 (3). The City Council adopted an update to the commercial cannabis

Ordinance by amending the City's Zoning Code to incorporate adult use (recreational) cannabis and Industrial Hemp land uses within the City's existing cannabis program. This ordinance will go into effect on October 30, 2019 A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2019-01 is posted and may be read at the City Clerk's office, 111 East

The forgoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting, held on the 25th day of September, 2019 by the following vote:

Stranske, Kanne, Strong, and Gonzalez Rodriguez

This summary of the adopted Ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code Section 36933. /s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk

Posted: October 3, 2019

Commercial Street, Willits, Ca.

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#### **Current Job Openings:**

**Corrections Deputy** Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I Eligibility Specialist II/III Heavy Equipment Mechanic Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Senior Planner

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:

www.mendocinocounty.org/government/ <u>human-resources</u>

**EOE** 

Cake

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Birthday and wedding cakes, cupcakes, cream puffs, éclairs, tarts and tortes, pound cakes, cheesecakes, donuts, macarons, and flake-filled puff pastry options and more are now all available to order from Cake Mendocino, direct from baker Phil.

"We do need about a day of notice for custom orders," said Roland. "Since everything we do is made from

They can also be purchased at any of the growing number of retail outlets carrying his goods.

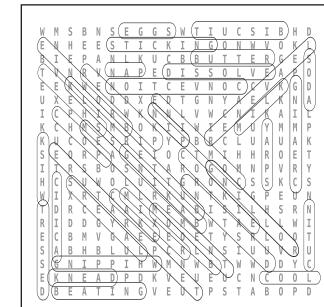
In Willits, Cake goods can be purchased at Mariposa Market, J.D. Redhouse. Roland's Bakery and Bistro. at the Sherwood Market, and hopefully soon at Karkar's Deli. Cake is also offered to the south at the Redwood Valley market and the Ukiah Co-op, as well as in Geiger's Market and Wheels Café to the north.

"I'm really passionate about scratch baking and using top-of-the-line ingredients and things like French butter cream for my goods," said Roland. "It's great to be back at it, working for myself again and really creating a delicious

His dedication to the craft can be seen – almost literally - in the handmade puff pastry which is featured in - and distinguishes - many of his goods; 30 layers of dough and butter are hand-rolled and manhandled into perfect, neat little squares used to create many items on the menu.

Roland also offers specialties like flourless chocolate cakes, Boston crème pie, an ombre strawberry shortcake, red velvet and carrot cupcakes, gluten-free cakes, and much more. Roland's can even transfer edible images, like photos or logos, onto cakes if desired.

Cakes range from around \$30 for an 8-inch to around



### **LEGAL NOTICES**

Fictitious Business Name Statement

> The following person is doing usiness as Lewis Landscaping 8 Garden Service, 427 McKinley address: PO Box 1028, Willits CA

Registered owner: . 427 McKinley Street, Willits, CA 95490 This business is conducted by an The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 12, 2019. Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on August 12, 2019. /s/ Benjamin Lewis

> Publication date 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 and 10/3/2019

WW243 **Fictitious Business Name** 

Statement The following person is doing business as Serenity Salon, 154 South Main Street, Willits, CA

Registered owner: Winter Wilson 7711 Poppy Drive, Willits, CA This business is conducted by an ndividual

The registrant commenced to ransact business under the ictitious business name listed above on September 5, 2019 Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorde on September 5, 2019. /s/ Winter Wilson

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Roland is baking out of the kitchen behind the Shanachie Pub, where he once started long ago, coming full circle, Roland joked, and where he will be working Monday through Friday. Orders can be placed by calling 415-307-6332 or by going online to the website, www. cakemendocinocounty.com. Cake Mendocino is also available on social media including Facebook and Instagram under "Cake Mendocino."

café, and is a great asset to the newly formed company.

really delve into making custom cakes, which is something I really enjoy," said Roland. "I'm not a box baker, that's not what we're about, and there is a great need in the community for scratch-made cakes to order. We're looking forward to making special birthday and wedding cakes for customers and also offering lots of everyday treats for enjoying at home or at events. We look forward to working

of Wake Mechanics and Roland's Bakery and Bistro for

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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

Computer Help Need help with your Giant Gym Yard Sale Deep Valley Christian computer? I will come to School, 8555 Uva your home or business. PC, Macintosh, Android Drive, Redwood Valley IOS devices. (across from the Broiler) Repairs, configuration Saturday, October 5, 8 and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call am to 4 pm, and Sunday, Liam 459-2470 or email October 6, noon to 4 pm.

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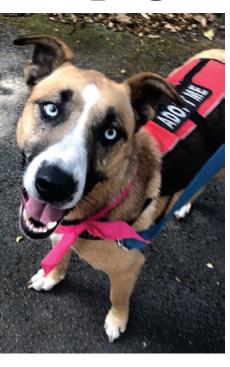
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The social media and website, along with the business end of things, is being handled by Westmoreland, who also is lending her hand to the baking, too. Roland noted her dedication to making the macarons, a delicate treat of puffed meringue with a sweet filling, forming a light, crunchy and creamy sandwich cookie. Previously the manager at Roland's San Francisco café, Roland noted that Westmoreland really "learned the trade" at the city

"Now that I'm back baking for myself fulltime, we can

The pair also expressed a special thanks to Wes Wake their continued support.

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Tilly is a happy, smart and enthusiastic girl. She loves adventure, so an active family would be perfect for her. Tilly is a social dog and happy to meet new people and make new friends. A staff member took Tilly out to the beach and the Botanical Gardens this week. She was absolutely great at both places! She was unsure about the ocean water, but we sat on a towel on the beach. and she snuggled right up and gave us tons of kisses. She was interested in birds and other dogs, and clearly wanted to go see them, but she didn't pull or try to run after them. Tilly is a 2-year-old spayed female

mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 47 pounds

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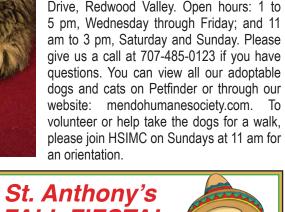
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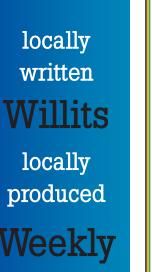
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#### **Evelyn Hayman**

Evelyn Lawthorne Hayman (nee Keyston) of Willits, California died unexpectedly on August 28, 2019 in Willits at the age of 71.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Spencer Rodney Hayman (Fort Riley, Kansas), Heidi Lawthorne Ahders (Willits), Trevor Roddy Hayman (Everett, Washington), and Tracy Stephen Hayman (Las Vegas, Nevada): her siblings: Robert Chester Keystone (California) and John Tassos Keyston (Oregon); her grandchildren: Marshall Kevin Steele Ahders (Willits), Keely Lawthorne Ahders (Willits), Hunter Alden Hayman, Hannah Garnet Hayman (Kansas), Emma Paris Hayman, and Henry Clayton Hayman and other nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephew. She is preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings: Tamsen Constance Horan, Craig Holmes Keyston, and James Paige Keyston.

Evelyn was born April 30, 1948 in Oakland, California to Robert Chester Keyston and Constance Lawthorne Keyston. She graduated from Valley School for Girls in Arizona in 1966. She attended California College of the Arts, Beautician School, and Diablo Valley College.

She lived in the Bay Area most of her life before moving to Willits.

She was an artist, hair dresser, draftsperson entrepreneur, realtor, costume designer, web designer, and bookstore owner. She was most proud of her family's heritage of owning Holmes Book Company in Oakland, where she worked

Evelyn was accomplished at painting with watercolors and loved taking classes at Mendocino College to learn new techniques. Her hobbies included painting watercolors. genealogy, puzzles on the computer and anything related to technology or computers. She was a generous individual who loved helping the seniors at the William Harrah Senior Center in the computer lab every Tuesday. She was an active and dedicated member of the Mendocino County Republican Party as their chairman. She will be missed.

A memorial was held on September 6, 2019 at Anker-Lucier Mortuary and reception followed at St. John's Lutheran Church. She will be laid to rest at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.









Adult-use

proved by the council upon the adoption current 200-foot buffer to be adequate. of Willits municipal code."

The previous city cannabis ordinance permits for "medical cannabis activities."

The amendment ordinance was approved for introduction at the August 28 meeting, and just like at that meeting, many from the community came out to the September 25 meeting to speak their mind regarding the buffer zone size between cannabis businesses and "sensitive receptors" such as schools.

Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez, who again cast the lone dissenting vote. and several parents at the meeting felt strongly that the buffer should be increased from 200 to at least 600 feet for safety concerns.

"From living here, I've seen what cannabis brings and it brings a lot of crime," said Melissa Jergensen, a longtime local resident. "I'm very concerned with this happening right next to our schools. We're putting our children at risk. We need to be looking at their safety.

"I'm not saying that I don't want this business to be here. I just don't want this business to be so close to our school," said Rebecca Diaz, another local parent. "I want to make sure that we keep our children safe."

Several who work in the local cannabis industry also spoke at the meeting. Mike Anderson of Leef Organics said that increasing the buffer zone would make much of the property they're currently operating in unavailable.

"I want to just reiterate the fact that I feel like we've been very good operators here in the city of Willits. We've made a very large investment here," said Anderson. "I think that if you were to extend [the buffer zone] it would put us in a position where we wouldn't qualify for the local ordinance for the next goaround. So it's something that we're strongly asking you not to do.... It would actually knock us completely out and of course it would be detrimental to our their facilities. Little Lake Fire Chief business.

He also addressed the concerns over public safety, saying, "I'm a dad, I have a 10-year-old daughter, she means the world to me," and noted that many others working for the company also were parents. "And so we share the same concerns. The idea of your kids getting around cannabis or being put in some sort of unsafe environment, it's just as important to us as it is to you guys. We've slated close to half a million dollar budget just having security around the facility.

Del Potter is the chief scientist at Leef Organics and also spoke about the company's professional operations and how seriously they took safety concerns.

"In our facility we're trying to raise the bar on cannabis medical products and their pharmaceutical production and that's what we're trying to bring to the community," he said. "World-class pharmaceutical manufacturing facility with high-level jobs and an international reputation. We run a secure facility with a perimeter under 24 hour surveillance and buildings that can only be accessed with electronic keys."

"I would invite members of the community to personally see our facility." he continued. "The safety measures we have undertaken, our compliance to state and local law and regulations, the level of security we have, and the quality of pharmaceutical operation we're trying to create."

Sarah Bodnar, who works with Henry's Originals out of the Laytonville area, said they would like to start some operations in Willits, but likely wouldn't be able to if the buffer zone were increased due to a lack of available properties.

"I can assure you that this industry is the most regulated and controlled in the history of California," she said. "There's never been a safer business to bring into your neighborhoods. And we would love to be able to do business here, and be able to support community events ... the gills." to be able to create jobs."

In the end, the buffer requirements were left as they were originally set in the city cannabis ordinance, which calls for at least 600 feet between cannabis dispensaries and sensitive receptors, but only 200 feet for all other cannabis business types.

The "analysis" section of the staff report stated: "Staff has found the current regulations to be sufficient in surrounding properties and finds the with some of these businesses."

No further changes are recommended."

The report noted that so far there had had approved a wide range of business only been one verified odor complaint originating from a permitted cannabis business in the city.

> "The odor was not detectable from outside the building but rather from a neighboring tenant within the same building," the report stated. "The business owner was able to rectify the odor complaint within 48 hours of staff

The report did add that "although the council did not provide direction to staff to amend the buffer distance, the matter is expected to be a topic of further discussion i

Rodriguez suggested the council compromise by allowing those who already obtained permits to continue with the same 200-foot buffer zone, but requiring any new recreational businesses who apply for a permit to have a 600-foot buffer. She also felt the city was rushing into allowing recreational permits too fast.

"We're barely 18 months in, we haven't seen a banking system come about to ensure that transfer of money is happening safely," she said. "This council hasn't put in place any impact fees to support our community."

The city does collect permit fees for all cannabis businesses, and all businesses also pay a cannabis excise tax - passed by Willits voters in 2018. But Rodriguez thought that overall the fees were "way too low," especially when compared with other jurisdictions.

"If this is truly what our community wants then we should do it right," she said. "And we should make sure that the impact fees are in place before we're rushing to bring on more cannabis. It

Following the 4-1 vote, Rodriguez inquired about cannabis businesses in town who had emergency calls at Chris Wilkes gave a lengthy response, assuring the council that the calls were largely due to the exceedingly high level of safety standards placed on those

"This is a good opportunity for me to put the safety aspect to rest, and so I hope that everybody's listening well," said Wilkes. "We don't have that many manufacturing facilities or industrial facilities left here. However [the cannabis facilities are] being held to a standard using alarm systems and equipment that we don't see anywhere else in our community in any other manufacturing industry at all.... But I assure you that if we had the same type of elaborate alarm systems at these other facilities we'd be getting alarms there as well."

He explained that they had been called to one cannabis facility twice due to one drop of ethanol getting on a sensor and triggering an alarm – an amount that really wasn't dangerous at

"I'm not standing up for the cannabis industry, but I'm trying to give you guys perspective at how hard we've worked for the safety factor ... at these facilities," he went on. "These have 2-hour fire barrier walls, sealed doors, Bluetooth light switches so there's no electrical between the switch and the fixture, full mechanical ventilation that keeps a constant negative pressure inside the room to get anything that's in there out. We worked hard to get these things in place."

Wilkes added that even when he's asked cannabis business owners to implement safety measures above and beyond what is technically required by regulations, they have complied without

"I've taken an unbiased approach to the cannabis industry," he said. "But when we're using safety as a reason to try to get this cannabis stopped, it's not fair because they are toeing the line to

Rodriguez also asked Wilkes if he felt like Little Lake Fire Department has been properly compensated for their time and efforts with cannabis businesses.

"Have we spent way more time than the money we've collected? Absolutely," said Wilkes. "And I'll tell you right now that our department has moved forward with doing a 'nexus study' for impact fees because we are affected financially. And no, right now we haven't collected minimizing cannabis facility impacts to money like we feel like we should have

to Willits Creek southeast of the township boundaries running towards Willits. Currently the district only has access to the easement road for sewer line operations and maintenance. This route is one of several that have been studied as potential alternative routes for evacuation purposes if Sherwood

Road is blocked.

Kim Bancroft, who lives in Spring Creek, addressed the urgent need for such access. Brooktrails board Vice President Tony Orth noted that the fire activity in the Spring Creek area this year had substantially increased. Resident Brian Taylor questioned the board on the width of the sewer access road for emergency vehicles. Before the matter was passed to General Manager Tamara Alaniz, board President Rick Williams said he had been inundated by residents in support of a measure to ensure that access was possible.

Alaniz presented a new "License Agreement for Emergency Access Route along the Willits Creek," between the Brooktrails Township and property owners Jann Smith, Richard Padula, and Frances and Larry River.

This agreement grants Brooktrails access to the emergency access route over the property of the owners, but "limited to the existing sewer easement service road in each direction from the centerline thereof," for the purpose of "facilitating the use thereof as an emergency access route in the time of an emergency declared by the Sheriff of the County of Mendocino, or his or her designee; performing road work facilitating such emergency use; maintaining signage directing emergency

by the board for the FirCo Road emergency access route. This license is provided gratis to Brooktrails, however it does not identify this access as a second access or alternative route for residents' evacuation.

access; and, maintaining a viable firebreak.

This agreement, Alaniz said, mirrored the

memorandum of understanding adopted

Fred Branson queried the general manager on the timeline of the MOU. She explained that the agreement ran indefinitely, but could be revoked by an owner by written notice to the township. By unanimous consent the board approved the memorandum.

The board also approved a resolution designating September 22-28 as Special Districts Week. Currently there are 52 special districts in California, and the board unanimously agreed to join in the 50th year celebration. Special districts work with the Association of Water Agencies, which acts as an advisory agency in matters of legislative consequence to special districts.

It should be noted that "Willits Area Walks." A Guide to Healthy Hikes" is available, free, at the Community Center Office. It is a well-done and comprehensive, illustrated guide to hiking in the Brooktrails area. It includes directions to trailheads, length, and difficulty of each trail in an easy-to-understand, thorough manner.

The next board meeting will be on October 8 at 7 pm in the Brooktrails Community Center. The scheduled October 22 meeting has been moved to October 29. Brooktrails residents are invited to all meetings and their input into township matters is greatly appreciated

Enforcement

The use of satellite imagery was seen by Second District Supervisor John McCowen as a way to bring more people into the county's Scott Ward. "The public is gonna have to be cannabis program.

During discussion that morning, Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams said that he believed about 9,000 people are growing cannabis in this county. Williams said he didn't know that number was accurate for a fact, but that "this was a figure that a number of people had given me." If that number is correct, that would mean that about 10 percent of the county's approximate population of 90,000 are engaged in growing cannabis.

As of August 22 of this year, 1,429 people had applied for a cultivation permit. Of those who have applied, only 244 have succeeded in obtaining a permit. Assuming that 9,000 people are engaged in growing cannabis, then 244 out of 9,000 or 2.7 percent of the presumed cannabis-growing population, have gotten a permit from Mendocino County.

Williams said satellite imagery would be useful as a way of determining how many people are actually growing cannabis in this

Williams had initially proposed using satellite imagery as a means of "demilitarizing" cannabis code enforcement. However, McCowen said that he disagreed with the use of the word "demilitarizing" and said that he preferred using the word "streamlining" as the stated objective in using satellite imagery. Williams then agreed that streamlining was

Both Williams and McCowen agreed that satellite imagery could be used as a way to bring more people into compliance with the county's cannabis ordinance. The idea would be, that after the cameras had identified that a property had a marijuana grow big enough to need a permit, staff would determine if anyone with an address at that property had applied to get a permit. If nobody had applied, the landowner would be sent a letter from the county, encouraging them to enroll in the program or face the consequences, which McCowen said could go as far as fines.

At the outset of discussion, the item was roundly condemned by members of the public who spoke at the meeting.

"Our ordinance, through the whole time, was a complaint-driven ordinance," said Ron Edwards, a cannabis nurseryman from the Willits area. "Enforcement was complaintdriven. This is not complaint-driven. understand that everybody's not in the program. But I think that is a failure of getting people in the program. I don't know if it's the ordinance [that is at fault]. But I know it's very complicated. I would rather see the ordinance re-worked to get more people in the program, to try to do this again, and to have input from the community," he said. Edwards mentioned that he believed it would cost the county about \$250,000 a year for a contract with a satellite imaging company.

"I think if you're gonna do this, you're gonna be changing the culture of code enforcement," said cannabis compliance consultant and former county Planning and Building inspector sold on this. Because you guys are not very well perceived in the cannabis community anyway, because of the onerous parts of the ordinance, and to have satellite images it's like Big Brother. Whether its true or not perceptions are everybody's reality. The money could be spent better - if we have that kind of money - I think the money could be spent better on staff, to get us over the jump. to get us into the next phase.

"I think this is a classic example of how regulatory creep occurs." said Mendocino Cannabis Alliance Policy Committee Chair Casey O'Neill, "when we take a populace that doesn't have the ability to stand up for themselves, we single them out for a new form of surveillance, and that becomes broader and broader and broader.

"I think a lot of people live in Mendocino County for a reason, and the idea that the eye in the sky is going to be keeping an eye on you on private property is something that - this is a drastic and dramatic shift for our county, and I don't think it's the appropriate methodology, O'Neill said.

The public's advice did not deter the supervisors. McCowen reminded the other board members that the item under consideration was to direct staff to explore the feasibility of using satellite imagery to assist with code enforcement activities, not to actually sign a contract. Nevertheless, two supervisors opposed even going that far.

"I worry about spending a lot of money on this 'eye in the sky' and having a lot of people. instead of growing out in the sunshine, going into hoop houses, going into greenhouses, where you're creating a lot of plastic waste. and people going back into hiding because of this maneuver," said Third District Supervisor

Fourth District Supervisor Gjerde opposed the motion because of timing issues. "I think the only way this would work is if we re-opened Phase One," he said. "And my concern is, what would be the effect on the Planning and Building Department if they're inundated with several hundred applicants who did not come into Phase One originally, but who are now coming into Phase One, because of the letters, and, at the same time, when the county is moving ahead with Phase Three?

"Would this disrupt our ability to take in new applicants on land that we've identified as appropriately zoned for Phase Three, and bringing in what could be significant revenue

"We might be better off going ahead with Phase Three, bringing in some real revenue to the county's general fund, and then, two or three years down the road, looking at this program as a re-opener for Phase One, Gjerde said.

When the vote took place, the motion passed, and Gjerde and Haschak found themselves in the minority.





## Rhythm and Movement

Master guest instructor Moustapha Bangoura leads Willits dancers at Thursday night class

Once or twice a year, a whirlwind of African dance arrives That's our culture." in Willits, creating a night of energetic and enthusiastic movement amongst the aficionados of this exotic ancient art. Itinerant instructor Moustapha Bangoura, who has danced with the Les Ballets Africains de Guinea for 22 years, travels the country from his base in Chicago, instilling various dance classes with his infectious energy and joy of movement.

Mathew Caine

Bangoura brings with him the drum beats from his original home in Guinea, West Africa. From the time

the students begin their drum-driven warmups to the final sweat-moistened moments, they respond with full-body movements and smiles through the exhaustion of an hour and a half of constant dance

"I've been dancing for 50 years now, and I thank God for that," explained Bangoura in a thick rich accent. "You never know who is going to be at the dance class, very beginner or advanced. I will figure it out when I start to warm up with them. I have a lot to teach. I know how to go with them and make them enjoy the class because they love African

"African dance," said Bangoura, "is totally different than modern dance and other dance. It's so easy for me to teach them how to go in Africa, how the body follows the movement. The dances connect to the music.

"It's a beautiful thing to do," he continued, "representing Africa everywhere. People want to dance African. That's what I want to do, take Africa everywhere in a good way. We have something nice we can share with the world.

very little since first it arose. It has not been commercialized

and has given rise to gospel, the blues, jazz. and rock and roll, amongst others. Watching a room full of dancers losing themselves in the beats and rhythms, it becomes apparent that this is a unique and pure art with the ability to create uninhibited

There is something primal about the dances of Africa.

The music and the beats connect the dancers to the earth

and the source of all energy and spirituality. It is an art form

that predates even the drums. It is pure and has changed

Neno Villamor, one of the older participants, has been dancing African for over 20 years. "The dance form fits my body. I grew up dancing, mostly ballroom, early. There are certain dances my body did not want to do. When I was going through a tough time in my life, a Congolese friend took me to an African dance class to get me out of the house. I walked in. The drums were playing, and I said, 'Oh God, I'm home.' It just fit."

Carla Starla, a local DJ, healer, energy and meditation worker, is part of an African dance troupe based out of Willits. "I've been doing this class for the past year and a half. It's movement for the body. It's community building. It's something that's sustainable. It gives me discipline. The dancing has really given me a chance to evolve, to be a part of a community, to have a commitment to

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Above, left: Live drumming adds to the dance lines. Above: All body parts are in movement at an African dance class. At far left: The participants dance in lines. At left: Moustapha Bangoura, master instructor from Guinea, teaches a move to two

Below: Carla Starla, DJ and member of a local African dance troupe, warms up. The beat is provided by three drummers. Jaynene Johnson feels the rhythm.











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Thanksgiving and Family Fun Baskets

Young from the All My Relations Wiyot Dance Group pose in full ceremonial dress after performing a healing dance called "the Brush Dance" with other members

of the

group.



The rest of

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Tom Brown – a name given him by the U.S. government when his family was applying for C-rations in the late 1950s – is a member of the Elem Indian Colony in Lower Lake and a singer for dances. He translates some of the prayers from the Native language to English. "So everyone involved will feel comfortable and know what I'm saying," he said.

He was also hired as cultural director by Lake County's Behavioral Health to work with his people around post-traumatic stress disorder. "So for the first time ever, we get to talk to our people about historical and racial trauma," he said. "I've been on a good journey doing that."

It's been 20 months since the tragedy of Khadijah Britton's disappearance. There were women dressed in red, many with a painted red handprint across their mouths. It signified that "We have to be the voice

Missing Indigenous Women and MMIP -Murdered or Missing Indigenous People!"

The movement is growing, and her hope

healing. It's alcohol- and drug-free, and is a place for Native people to gather to

Valley Indian Tribe and Indian Days, visit



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Ottis E. Smith (pictured above) founded Willits Furniture

accessible furniture in Willits, and decided that he would be

the person to provide it. In the beginning, Smith would have

would keep the company evolving and thriving for over 50

While Ottis E. Smith

was developing his

mission would

ultimately be

safe return of the

astronauts involved.

no way of knowing that his son, Michael Smith, and his family

Center, Inc. 51 years ago. He saw the need for quality,

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body. In the very beginning it was painful. I was in my 20s.

Mario Dejuan comes to drum on the Butler. "It's infectious. You cannot help

which differ in size and tone. "I feel the community. There's no right or wrongs to

Marshailena Butler normally runs the and they're responding to what we're

a lot of experience. We predominantly do our steps. If we do something a little extra,

Dance

But I stuck with it."

something. I can express myself with the

sangban, the dununba, or the kenkeni,

West African drumming unexpectedly helps

my mental clarity and my focus. It's really

meditative in that way. There are super

class, as she has been doing for the past

five years. "We have a lot of dancers with

West African which is where Moustapha

is from, Guinea. He is one of our masters.

We are blessed to have him. It's like an

"We have another teacher," continued

intricate, really refined rhythms."

since I was 22. I love it when Moustapha

or Youssouf come through. It's like seeing my big brothers. They're so encouraging.

teach because they encouraged me when

but come in. It calls the village. It calls the

it. It's a big circle; it never starts or stops. It

"The drummers play," she added, "and

we're responding to what they're playing

dancing. It's circular. They play calls on the

drums. It tells us to stop or start. They mark

you'll see a drummer marking us. It's a

village. It's community. It's a safe, beautiful

African dance classes are held every

Thursday, 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Willits

Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial

Street. \$12, but no one is turned away for

space to connect and share rhythm."

Butler said. "Bring an orange."

never ends or begins. It's just a circle.

"This music is your heartbeat," shared

anomaly. We get him maybe once a year. for the voiceless," explained Michelle He has an infectious joy about him. Merrifield. "My thing is for no more stolen sisters, no more MMIW - Murdered or Butler, "Youssouf Koumbassa, another master. Moustapha is like fire and Yusef is a lack of money. "We'll work it out," teacher different kind of fire. I've known Moustapha

is that "We'll get the word out so somebody will shake some trees in case somebody knows something and has the heart to feel for their community and speak out against Indian Days provides a time for fun and

experience family and take pride in their cultural identity. It's a time for them to feel free to be themselves under the canopy of For more information about the Round

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Above: Gary Martin collects his five pie samples. Photo by Mathew Caine

was won by Cindy Panzer. Years of experimentation and tasting, trial and error, paid off for Jerry Albright as he took home the "People's Choice" award. He said, "It's been a long dry spell. We're going to go home now and eat my test pies." Albright reluctantly revealed his secret ingredient, "fresh ginger root ... but don't tell anybody."

The highlight of the afternoon was the performance by husband and wife couple Doc Mehl and Doris Daley. With the ease and skill of a seasoned performer, Daley spun tales of cowboys on the lonesome trail, real housewives of bling and cleavage, and small-town living ("The town of Black Diamond is up in arms. The old stop sign is now a new stop light"). She entertained the crowd with a tale of appreciating the simple beauty of nature and the universe called "Million Star Resort." She read a poem about the couple who started the Calgary Stampede a hundred years ago, and offered wry commentary on modern life juxtaposed with tales of bygone days.

Mehl entertained and amused the people with some of his own cowboy poetry in between adroit songs of the San Francisco "Whine Bar," where one could "start with a big vat o' tude and fill it up with sour grapes, stomp up and down and seal it in a time jar and allow that sour mood to ferment." He also mused on the trials of being a stranger in a small town, homesteading in Kansas, and a "stupid dog." There was also a song about a cowboy "who could spell."

Emandal – A Farm on a River exists in an idyllic setting by the Eel River. It is a working farm that produces food and preserves amongst other commodities. In the summer, around 60 to 70 people a week stay at the farm for a beautiful getaway from city life.

To learn more about the farm, visit www.emandal. com. For information on the performers, check out www.dorisdaley.com and www.docmehl.com. Friends of the Willits Library can be found online at www. mendolibrary.org/about/ friends-of-the-library and Willits Center for the Arts at www.willitscenterforthearts.



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Apollo 11 Astronaut, Michael Collins

Smith's independent company predates the moon landing, and many more pivotal events which will be highlighted here throughout October.

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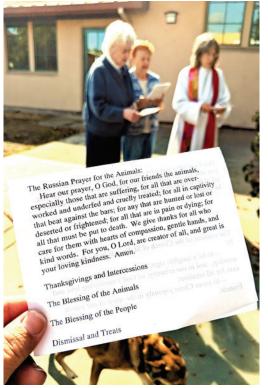
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At far left: A prayer is spoken at the beginning of the Blessing of the Animals event.

At left: Reverend Betsey Bruneau sprinkles water and gives her blessing to all who attend.

Below, left: Debbie Frye brought her 25year old warmblood, Mars, to the animal

blessing in 2018.

Below Bruneau blesses Peppermint the stuffed animal for Cordelia. At bottom: Attendees gather at the St. Francis in the Redwoods garden for the Animal Blessing event.

> Photos by Maureen Moore



#### 'Blessing of the Animals' at St. Francis in the Redwoods set for Saturday, October 5

On Saturday, October 5, at 11 am, all animals of any kind, large and small, are invited to come to the garden at the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, at the corner of Main and Commercial streets for the annual "Blessing of the Animals." The garden and parking lot are just north of the church.

There will be a brief service of prayer and thanksgiving for our animal friends, and each animal will receive a blessing. All animals and their humans are welcome!

For their safety, all animals must be restrained in a carrier or cage or on a leash. Children who do not have a live animal in their family are invited to bring a favorite stuffy.

St. Francis of Assisi 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.

For more information: stfranciswillits@hotmail.com or Betsy at 459-3390.

- Submitted by Betsy Bruneau for St. Francis in the Redwoods







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