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***The dinner's time and date are added to the sign.***

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Don't speak German? That's OK: The menu includes marinated pork loin, roasted

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American Legion's fundraising  
Oktoberfest dinner this Saturday

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## KLLG Hometown Radio

To the Editor:

When the Willits bypass opens in November, the town of Willits is going to rebirth and transform itself. New visions of the town center are preparing to become reality. What a great time for Willits Hometown Radio to emerge, grow and help bring together an excitingly diverse community. Health, wealth and resiliency at the touch of your FM dial. KLLG 97.9 is alive and growing with the new vision of Willits.

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Contact Lanny Cotler; lanny@kllg.org; 707-367-1812 or visit the webpage kllg.org

Greg Schindel, Willits

## Shortage of Highway 101 signage

To the Editor:

As a community member and business owner in Willits, I was not happy about the Willits bypass, but now there is nothing to be done but move on and do all that we can to ensure that Willits continues to thrive.

I have noticed, as have others, that there seems to be a shortage of signage on northbound 101, south of Willits. (I have heard from others that there is signage issues on the north end of town as well.) As everyone I'm sure can agree, adequate signage is crucial for our town and the businesses that will try to survive post-bypass.

I have been perplexed at why Caltrans has stated that their sign coordinator would wait until after the opening of the bypass to evaluate if more signage is needed, when there are obvious signs that are not present.

Weekend before last, on a return trip from Santa Rosa, I decided to pay close attention to all of the Caltrans signage, especially for smaller towns. I saw an obvious "standard" emerging as I continued north and was especially frustrated when I started noticing the signage for Calpella. Just north of the North State Street exit in Ukiah, there is a sign indicating distances to towns. Capella is listed on this sign, but Willits is not. There was another sign for Calpella at the 1 mile point and another that stated that Calpella was the next exit, with one more at the actual exit. It was the same for Redwood Valley. Why is Willits not afforded the same signage as these very small towns?

A sign at the West Road exit does list Willits at 14 miles ahead. I had noticed this on a previous trip and this time I decided to clock it. 10.7 miles, that's the distance from the sign to the Willits exit, so why does it read 14 miles?

Lastly, there is not a single blue service sign indicating that Willits has gas, food and lodging. There is nothing to indicate that people will have to drive all the way to Laytonville if they do not exit in Willits. Caltrans put up an Adopt-a-Highway sign, but not the crucial service signs that help not just our local businesses, but travelers who may be in need.

So why the need to wait until after the opening to rectify the signage? If all other towns have what seems to be standard and predictable signage, why not Willits?

Evelyn A. Fisher, Nikos Gyro Shop, Willits

## Pharm not farm

To the Editor:

Measure AF, the "Agricultural Fraud Act" on the November

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2016 ballot, is a blatant, well-financed attempt by the pot industry to subvert the county planning and zoning process by permitting commercial pot production on virtually the entire Mendocino County land base.

Measure AF amends Mendocino County Code Chapter 10A to designate commercial pot production as an "agricultural operation," thereby protecting this activity under the county's "Right to Farm Ordinance," shielding the pot producers from neighbors' complaints about noxious odors, loud noise, glaring lights, and pesticide drift. In reality, pot production is primarily a pharmaceutical operation.

Measure AF amends Mendocino County Zoning Ordinance Section II Title 20 to permit commercial pot production in all zoning districts, including residential, public facility, and open space.

Measure AF imposes a regulatory scheme by initiative format that bypasses environmental assessment and eliminates public review by local elected officials, specifically the board of supervisors.

Measure AF, as an initiative, becomes entrenched in regulatory mumbo-jumbo that makes it virtually amendment-proof.

Measure AF bans criminal enforcement of pot permit rules and substitutes a civil enforcement procedure that would be totally ineffective.

Measure AF would allow explosive butane to be used in the production of hash oil as a "principal permitted use" in any industrial zoning district, even though the dangerous practice has caused many fires and serious injuries.

Measure AF would have a devastating effect on Brooktrails, west of Willits, opening the entire subdivision to commercial pot production – including the greenbelt.

Unverified reports reveal that parcels in Brooktrails are being marketed by real estate agents as potential places for pot production. The Brooktrails Township District Office has received numerous recent inquiries by "farmers" planning to clearcut lots to produce pot, who said they were told that it was allowable. In recent months, the Brooktrails Fire Department has actually encountered perpetrators in the process of clearcutting their lots for pot production.

Current law makes such clearcutting illegal under the Brooktrails Specific Plan; therefore it can be stopped through existing legal procedure. Measure AF, if passed, will allow legalized clearcutting and pot production on all Brooktrails parcels.

Measure AF is an arrogant, selfish attempt by the pot industry to write its own rules and regulations that circumvent environmental and community review.

Vote No on Measure AF!

Don Morris and Maryl Morris, Willits

## WEC says No on AF

To the Editor,

Medical cannabis cultivation and use is now legal in California and soon, in all likelihood, recreational cultivation and use will also be legal. We support legalization. We recognize its therapeutic value, and believe that adults and health care givers should have access to its benefits.

However, we are opposing Measure AF, the ballot initiative that proposes to regulate the cannabis industry in Mendocino County. We feel Measure AF opens the door far too widely to new land development pressure without providing adequate protections for the county's natural environment.

Measure AF would allow commercial cultivation of cannabis in every zoning district of the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County, from single and multi-family residential properties to forest land, timber production, range land and open space. Cannabis cultivation would be defined as a "principal permitted use" in all of these zones and as such would be protected by the county's right-to-farm laws. In addition, in most cases there would be no requirement for discretionary review of potential impacts by the county Planning and Building Department through an administrative review or use permit process. That means there would be no county process for assessing or mitigating the potential environmental impacts of cultivation from new roads, increased traffic, use of pesticides, grading impacts, removal of native vegetation, including oak woodlands and other unique ecosystems, and the effects on wildlife and watersheds. AF strips

the county, and the public, of our most powerful tool to make land use decisions and implement environmental protections, and that is through zoning decisions. Measure AF delegates the decisions about pesticide use to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, water use decisions to the State Water Resources Control Board, and water quality protection to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. We know through 30 years of experience that distant state agencies at best may try to mitigate damage, but almost never prevent the damage in the first place. That is our job, at the county level through our elected officials.

We believe that the best route to regulating cannabis is through writing and adopting a county ordinance. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, after months of foot-dragging, admittedly, is now working very hard to have a cannabis cultivation, processing and distribution ordinance in place by February 2017. The Planning and Building Department has begun the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, review process and has circulated the "project description" to agencies and the public for comment. The next step will be to circulate a completed draft for public comment and to hold public hearings. When the final version is ready, it will be presented to the board of supervisors for approval. During this process we have the opportunity to make every effort to include protections for the natural environment, as well as protect the interests of AF proponents.

The county draft ordinance contains the following provisions that we feel are already far more protective of the natural environment than Measure AF.

- The maximum size for outdoor cultivation would be limited to 10,000 square feet. (AF allows 1 acre cultivation sites.)
- The county ordinance would grandfather in cultivation sites in most zones, if the cultivation site existed as of January 1, 2016, with the exception of cultivation sites in single and multi-family residential and suburban residential zones. New cultivation sites would not be permitted in timber production, forest land or open space zones. In addition, new sites in zoning districts other than agricultural zones would need to "avoid environmentally sensitive areas" and show adequate water supply through a watershed analysis. (AF makes no distinction between existing and new cultivation sites.)

- The county ordinance would retain, in some cases, the ability to review and require certain modifications to an operating plan based on the particular situation. Measure AF strips the county of that discretion by making cultivation in all zones a "principal permitted use."

- The county process of writing an ordinance includes environmental review, and is an open public process. Measure AF was written by and for those being regulated. There was no assessment of the cumulative environmental impacts.

We are working to exclude new cultivation sites from rangeland zoning. We are also working to have in place a grading ordinance and an oak woodland protection ordinance, as part of the cannabis cultivation ordinance, to be a bulwark against the damages of unregulated grading and clearing that have been allowed, and undoubtedly will continue to go on under this new land development pressure unless specifically stopped. Measure AF leaves grading issues to the Regional Water Board, which in turn absolves itself of responsibility unless the permittee plans to grade more than an acre, or the banks of a stream. In other words, there would be no local grading oversight. Measure AF does not address the need to protect oak woodlands at all.

Finally, any county ordinance can be amended by the board of supervisors at any time, in a public process, as experience informs us and as circumstances may demand. Although Measure AF does have a provision that allows for the board of supervisors to amend the initiative after June 1, 2018, any amendment must further the original purposes of the initiative. The writers of the initiative, or a court, might have to make that judgement.

In opposing Measure AF and in working with the board of supervisors to craft cannabis cultivation regulations that protect Mendocino County's natural environments, we hope to help steer the county cautiously and wisely into this new era of legalization.

Thayer Craig, Greg Byers, David Drell,  
Dave Beebe, Ellen Drell, and  
Rosamond Crowder, members of the  
Willits Environment Center board, Willits

Above, from left: Mike Fonsen rides with the Willits "W" behind. First-place winners Moving on Cattle, including, from left, Anthony McKerny, Kelly Fonsen and Joe Dennis, right, pose with event emcee, Mike Matherly, in pink. Anthony McKerny rides in the 2016 Ranch Rodeo. Raylene Sizemore moves her steer in the sorting class. At right: Stetson Burgess was able to separate the steer from the herd in the sorting class. Below, from left: Mike Prescott and his horse, Kate, who won the Working Horse and Ranch Horse awards. Trying to sort cattle can have its challenges when the cattle want to head back to the herd.

Above: Barbecue participants including from left: John Thomen, Kevin Reedy, Mike Cornwall, Vicky Williams, Kiara Par, Dusty McKerny, Annette Pinon, Eli Owen, Emily Rose Smith holding Eva Pinon, Kinzie Barlow, Mary Fonsen and Caleb Vogel. At right: Joe Dennis moves through the cattle during the sorting event.

Marguerite Gowan celebrated her 100th birthday on September 28.

## Ranch Rodeo

### Willits Frontier Days hosts "real-life" ranching and riding competition and barbecue cook-off

Nine teams of riders and four teams of barbecue chefs competed Saturday at Willits Frontier Days' annual Ranch Rodeo event, which was

and Danny Moore; and Moving on Cattle, with riders Joe Dennis, Kelly Fonsen and Anthony McKerny.

After each team tried their hand at each event, points were tallied, and first place went to Moving on Cattle, second place to the Italiackys, and third place to Trouble A-Brewin'. Arena judges included Stan Cooley and Doug King and timers included Bobbie Tilley, Cindy Mihelcic and Nancy McFarland.

A separate class was offered that was an individual event which focused on the horses' abilities, called the Working Horse class. The winner of this event went to Mike Prescott of Shamrock Ranch in Laytonville. His horse, Kate, also received the secretly judged "Overall Ranch Horse" title, too. It's not always the case that the same horse and rider win both of these awards, but Prescott and Kate were able to take both titles this year. Second place in the Working Horse class went to Joe Dennis and his horse, Clutch. The Working Horse class judge was Robin Cooley.

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Above: Family joined in to celebrate, including, from left: granddaughter Brenda Clark, grandson-in-law Mike Youngblood, birthday girl Marguerite Gowan, granddaughter Margie Youngblood, great-great-granddaughter Zoey Lindstrom, son Jim Gowan and daughter-in-law Peggy Gowan.

## Centenarian Birthday

Marguerite Gowan celebrated her 100th birthday on September 28, 2016 at Northbrook Healthcare Center, with her friends and family.

Marguerite was born in Sacramento, California. She is most proud of her five children, 19 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

According to her family, Marguerite is a "blue-ribbon baker," winning numerous ribbons at various Mendocino County fairs. Aside from driving fast, gambling and fishing, she gets the most enjoyment and pride from her family.

When asked how it felt to be a centenarian, she smiled and said: "It feels *perfect*!"

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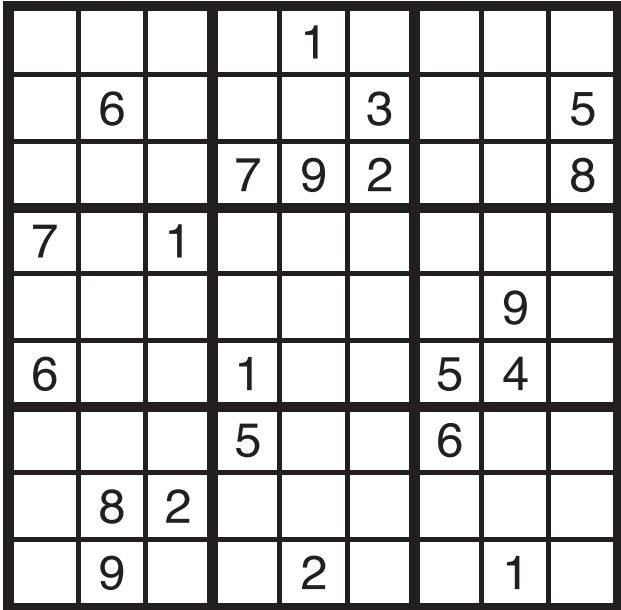
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Puzzle &
Sudoku



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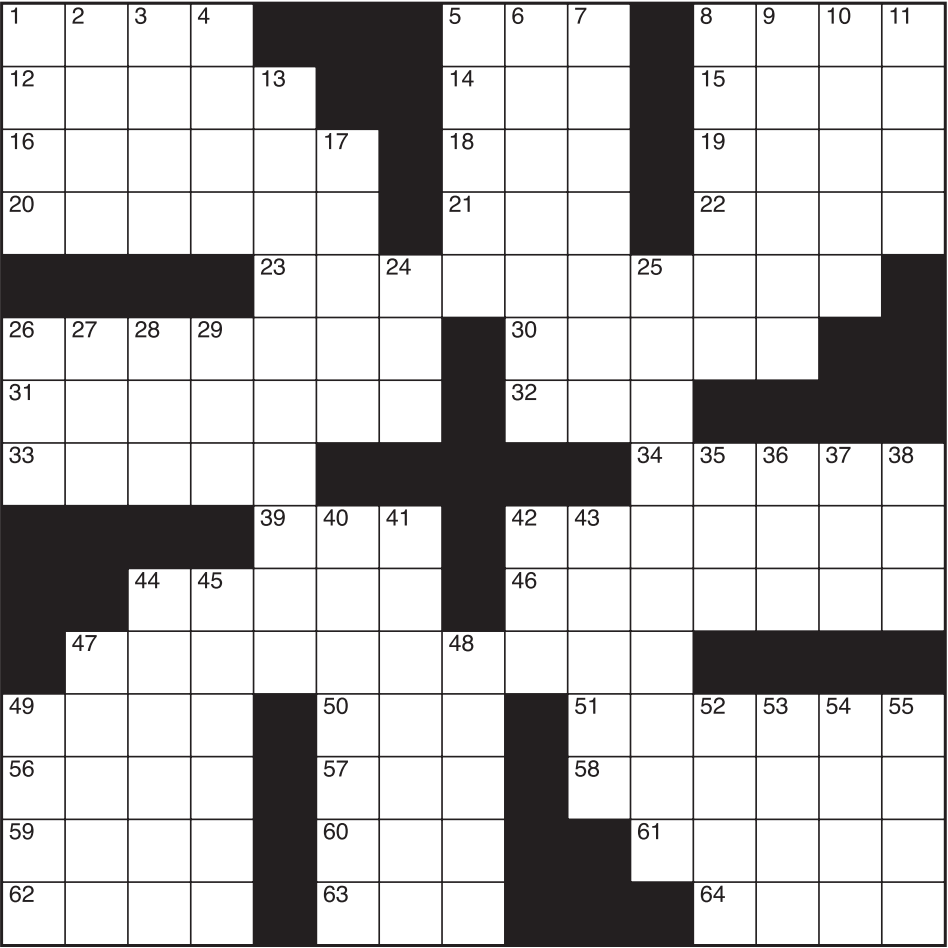
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. \_\_ Nui, Easter Island
- 5. Midway between south and southeast
- 8. Small mark
- 12. Small antelope
- 14. Protects from weather
- 15. Goddess of women and marriage
- 16. City in Washington
- 18. Independent voters association
- 19. Bird genus
- 20. Train line
- 21. Annoy
- 22. Waste matter
- 23. 41st President
- 26. Type of cracker
- 30. Remove
- 31. Looked quickly
- 32. The habitat of wild animals
- 33. Type of gene
- 34. Humble
- 39. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 42. Respectful compliments
- 44. Star Trek: The Next Generation doctor
- 46. Pithy remark

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Island north of Guam
- 2. Biblical region
- 3. Scottish ancestor
- 4. Hills in northeast India
- 5. A way to cook by baking
- 6. Attacked ferociously
- 7. Furniture with open shelves
- 8. Burt Reynolds film
- 9. A way to examine
- 10. Plant of the goosefoot

- family
- 11. Job
- 13. Capable of being thought
- 17. One seeded fruit
- 24. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 25. Platitudes
- 26. Very fast airplane
- 27. Pet detective Ventura
- 28. Resinous substance
- 29. Explosive
- 35. Purse
- 36. Swiss river
- 37. Separately managed account (abbr.)
- 38. Electron scanning microscope (abbr.)
- 40. Fable
- 41. Mythical monsters
- 42. Whale (Norwegian)
- 43. Domed recesses
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. Cause to be loved
- 47. Expression of surprise
- 48. Jessica \_\_, actress
- 49. Dove
- 52. Commands to go faster
- 53. Chinese dynasty
- 54. Military vehicle
- 55. Chinese Muslim



At top, from left: Crispin Cain and Tamar Kaye from American Craft Whiskey Distillery take a moment to pose with the varieties of whiskey they were pouring at the VIP area. Anne and Monte Vanderhorck keep people's whistles wetted at the "Watering Hole." Harrah Senior Center volunteer Sue Sawyer finishes up sign-up sheets for the silent auction. Boogie woogie queen Wendy DeWitt and her accompanist Kirk Harwood enjoy food and whiskey tasting at the VIP area.



Photos by Ree Slocum



Above: Auctioneer Rachel Britten takes bids for a miniature Calistoga wagon made by the late Mac McClellan, who made toys for kids. Below, left: Emandal employees Alex Ogle and Justin Durnell, with Sean Fitch helping, have a flair for forming pizza dough in the air. Below, right: Angie and Tom Herman, center, celebrate their birthdays at Not JUST Cowboy Poetry, with Angie's son Dylan Serkin and his wife, Marcie Evans. At bottom, left: MC Tamara Adams. At bottom, right: The cowboy band Dust in My Coffee performs their original songs.

Pizza, Poetry
and Pie

'Not JUST Cowboy Poetry' benefit
draws happy crowd to Emandal Farm

Situated on the Eel River northeast of Willits at the end of a dirt road, Emandal, A Farm On A River is far from the noise, small-town bustle and traffic of Willits. Besides being incredibly bucolic, the farm is surrounded by mountains graced with oaks, madrone, Douglas fir and other native trees. The golden hills are populated with native grasses, and the year-round river is home to lampreys, otters and other wildlife.

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It's also a place where people come to relax and unwind when they attend Family Camp, Art Stays or "Not JUST Cowboy Poetry," a fundraising event for the Friends of the Willits Library and Willits Daily Bread.

For years, Tamara Adams and her late husband, Clive, second-generation owners and directors of the farm, had always wanted to attend the cowboy poetry events in Elko, Nevada. After Clive passed away in 2003, Adams remembers, "sometimes when someone dies you do the things you both wanted to do but didn't." So a few years after his memorial, she traveled to the Elko event. Adams had so much fun she decided to share the unusual venue with her community while using it as a benefit, and Cowboy Poetry, which soon became Not JUST Cowboy Poetry was born.

On Saturday, September 24, the date of this year's Not JUST Cowboy Poetry benefit, it was promising to be a hot day inland, yet people swarmed to Emandal to enjoy the day's events. Some folks decided to get to the farm early to take a refreshing dip in the Eel River or to begin the fun by sitting with friends in the shade of the farm's 100-year-old walnut and apple trees.

Others roamed the gardens, viewed and bid on items in the auctions, or gathered around picnic lunches they'd brought. The entertainment started with family friend and musician, Jesse Young, when he began playing his delightful piano melodies. On the other side of the garden Kashaya Adams, Clive and Tamara's daughter, and staff began making Kashaya's renowned brick oven pizzas, and were soon feeding the waiting crowd with at least 20 different pizza toppings.

Those who'd bought special VIP tickets had a delightful area with drinks and appetizers, along with a variety of "Low Gap" whiskeys to taste poured by American Craft Whiskey Distillery owners Tamar Kaye and Crispin Cain.

Just after the first round of pizza was served, cowboy poet Dick Warwick drew people into the world of great animated storytelling with the magic of his rhythmic rhymes. Boogie woogie maven Wendy Dewitt on the piano and her soon-to-be husband, Kirk Harwood, on drums, got the crowd's attention and their toes tapping to some of the best boogie woogie to be found. The



Below, from left: Some of Emandal's famous apple pies waiting to be served later in the day. The sign greeting guests for the annual Not JUST Cowboy Poetry fundraiser at Emandal Farm. Dick Warwick, cowboy poet extraordinaire, tells of the horrors of muck in his poem, "The Barnyard One-Step." Queen of boogie woogie piano, Wendy DeWitt.

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WPD Activity Report

September 24 to October 3

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 211 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active
Investigations and Arrests

September 24

12:40 am: Officers initiated an investigation of a family disturbance at a residence in the 300 block of Highway 20.

2:40 am: Officers responded to a reported traffic collision in the 10 block of Mill Creek Drive. During their investigation, officers placed HEFTE, Christopher (33) of Willits under arrest pursuant to 23152 VC (DUI).

4:50 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street. During their investigation, it was alleged BIANCHE, Christopher (33) of Willits had battered the victim. Bianche was arrested pursuant to 273.5(a) PC (Domestic Battery w/ Injury).

6:30 pm: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

September 25

9:25 am: Officers responded to a reported vandalism in the 100 block of South Main Street.

10 am: Officers responded to a reported traffic collision in the 700 block of South Main Street.

5 pm: Officers responded to a residential burglary in the 400 block of East Valley Road.

September 26

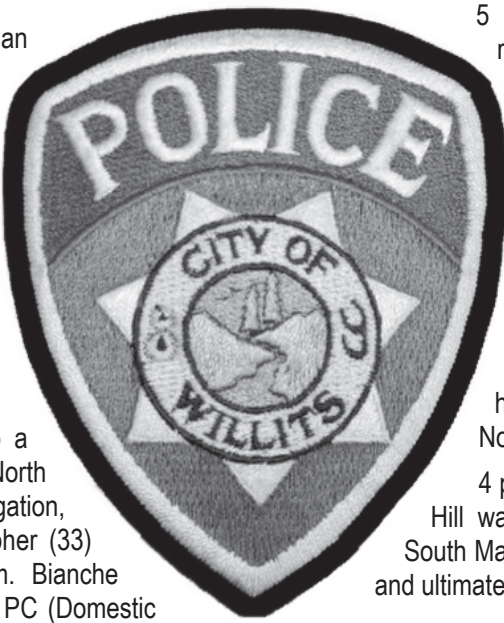
2 am: SALES, Robert (33) of Willits was contacted during a traffic stop in the 200 block of School Street and arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (DUI).

1 pm: Officers initiated a mental health detention in the 200 block of North Main Street.

4 pm: OWEN, Natalia (18) of Pleasant Hill was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street during a theft investigation and ultimately released with a citation.

September 27

1:30 pm: Officers responded to a reported man-down in the 200 block of South Main Street and upon responding



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contacted NEAGLE, Richard (30) of Willits. Officers determined Neagle was unable to provide for his own care due to his level of intoxication and placed him under arrest pursuant to 647(f) PC (Public Intoxication).

3 pm: Officers responded to a traffic collision in the 10 block of South Main Street.

September 28

11:15 am: Officers responded to a reported disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive where they contacted SHEPHERD, Ruby (25) of Willits and PINOLA Anthony (26) of Willits. Following an investigation, Shepherd and Pinola were arrested pursuant to 273(a) PC (Child Abuse) and 182(a)(1) PC (Conspiracy).

September 30

7:10 am: SCHMIDT, Heather (28) of Willits was contacted in the 1000 block of Locust Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

4:30 pm: Officers responded to a reported hit-and-run collision in the 800 block of South Main Street, and issued a citation pursuant to an active Sonoma County warrant.

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the September 20 meeting in Ukiah.

At the beginning of the September 20 meeting, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman told supervisors he had received a phone call from Woodhouse's wife, Carlyn.

"I spoke with Carlyn this morning," Allman said. "The family is going through a personal family matter, and certainly appreciates members of the board reaching out to them. I expect the supervisor to be back as soon as possible, and I appreciate your thoughts."

Contacted by Willits Weekly on Monday, October 3, Woodhouse acknowledged in a brief discussion that a "disaster" had befallen him, but did not specify what the problem was.

"We had a family emergency," Woodhouse said, "and everyone had to get together and talk about it, because of me. I was the emergency, because Tom had a disaster that lasted for two days, and after the disaster I was OK."

Numerous attempts by Willits Weekly in recent weeks to request a statement about why Woodhouse has missed so many board meetings have gone unanswered. Woodhouse has usually not answered the phone, or his voice mail box has been full. On occasion, he has answered the phone and said he would be available at a later time for a phone or in-person interview, but then was not available.

Supervisor John McCowen – who, along with Supervisor Woodhouse, was a member of the board's ad hoc committee tasked with drafting Measure AI, the county's cannabis business tax ordinance on the November ballot – said he couldn't comment when asked about his colleague's absences.

Supervisor Dan Hamburg said Woodhouse did attend the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority board of directors meeting in Willits on Tuesday, September 27. Woodhouse is a member of the MSWMA board.

Strong asked the "council to delegate responsibility to Holly Madrigal and Ron Orenstein to direct staff to assist them in coming up with specific options for proposals of cannabis regulations within the city limits."

After City Attorney Jim Lance said he could find nothing in the rules preventing such an action from taking place, Orenstein seconded Strong's motion and the council approved it 4-1, with Burton voting no.

"Lance got back to us [after the September 26 meeting] and said we really shouldn't call it a committee, because it's too close to an ad hoc committee," Madrigal said. "In order to be deferential to the mayor's authority, we're calling it a working group."

The working group will behave just like an ad hoc committee, only without the title. It will hold at least one public meeting, direct staff, and submit recommendations to the city council.

"We talked through everything, and we are restricting our focus to commercial cannabis growing," Madrigal said. "At this point we probably wouldn't get into the dispensary topic or residential backyard growing. We'll probably take on the commercial aspect first, given the timeline we're working with, and come up with recommendations on some options."

Madrigal said Moore and Lance have more homework to do before the working group can announce the date for the public meeting, but they hope to have a date set by the end of next week.

"[Staff] wants to come up with some samples and suggestions, so that when we have a public meeting there's some information to go off of," Madrigal said.

Options the group plans to research include limiting the number of cannabis cultivation permits.

"How would we select who's allowed to have a permit?" Madrigal said.

"Would it be a lottery; would it be a first-come, first-served situation? What kind of fee structure are we thinking about? Those are some of the things we're going to need to work out. I think what we're hoping – by our first public meeting – is that we'll be able to say [these are some of the ideas] we're thinking about."

The working group is endeavoring to keep public feedback directly related to commercial cultivation, and not dispensaries or marijuana cafes.

"Right now we have a ban on dispensaries in Willits," Madrigal said. "I think that's going to stay how it is until we can deal with it, or until we can check in with the council and see if they want us to take that on. But first we want to take care of the commercial growing aspect."

Cannabis testing labs are part of the ordinance conversation, however, according to Madrigal.

"There are at least two parties and probably a handful of people who would want to pursue [commercial cultivation], if we allow it," Madrigal said.

Once such party is SWS Consulting, which recently purchased the old AM&D site on East Hill Road and has transformed the building to accommodate a large indoor industrial cannabis grow operation.

Kevin Shi, an SWS representative who spoke to the council at its September 26 meeting, said the organization has plans to invest more than \$30 million into the city. "If you give us the chance to expand together, we can possibly contribute more than \$1.2 million to the city per year by 2018," Shi said.

Madrigal said the best-case scenario for the working group is that, by the end of the public meeting: "We'll basically have come up with a framework with options [for the city council] on how to move forward. That's what we would bring to the council meeting on the 26th."

## K9s used to subdue burglary suspect

A 29-year-old Pittsburg man was booked into county jail Wednesday after being treated for minor injuries suffered when sheriff's deputies were forced to use their canine companions Tuesday evening to subdue him.

Gary Richard Martin had led state police and sheriff's deputies on a chase through Willits and up Sherwood Road to Timberline Road, where he barricaded himself in a residence, according to sheriff's Lt. Kirk Mason.

The standoff started earlier in the day after state traffic officers reported a suspect believed to be Martin had been observed brandishing a handgun while driving north on Highway 101.

Law enforcement officers chased Martin's vehicle through city streets and up Sherwood Road to the 31000 block of Timberlake Road, where he allegedly broke into a home and barricaded himself.

majority vote, Measure AF on the November ballot would enact a permit, tax and regulation structure for the entire cannabis industry in Mendocino.

AF Campaign Manager Sarah Bodnar, along with proponents Swami Chaitanya and Tim Blake, spoke for about two hours at the event, describing various aspects of the measure, and explaining why they believed the big changes it would make to the industry are urgently needed. Their talks often became personal and emotional as they urged the audience to end "prohibition" against cannabis farmers who wish to be permitted and in compliance.

"The key element for me about AF is we say cannabis is agriculture, and I would really like someone to explain to me how it is not agriculture," said Chaitanya, who said he has been a cannabis grower (permitted through the county) and activist in the county for several years. "We want to get away from persecution because that calls us criminals.... We feel [the agriculture commissioner] is more qualified to inspect a farm than the sheriff."

Chaitanya, who was part of the initiative drafting committee, said the Heritage Initiative was their attempt to let farmers and others working in the cannabis industry come into compliance with California law as laid out in the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, or MCRSA, which "outlines 17 categories of cannabis enterprise," including cultivation, manufacturing and distribution.

"We [created] Measure AF to incorporate all of those state categories into the county zoning framework," he said.

The second hour of the meeting was a Q&A session, with the trio answering anonymous questions submitted by the audience, which included opponents of the measure such as Mendocino County 2nd District Supervisor John McCowen and Willits Environmental Center co-founder Ellen Drell. The WEC and the board of supervisors have both officially endorsed a "no" position on AF.

Throughout the meeting, proponents staunchly defended the hotly contested measure against various criticisms that have come up as the campaign has gone on, such as claims its environmental protections and zoning restrictions are too weak.

"It's really hard when I see the other side talking about how we're not environmentalists and we're not really trying to work within the county framework," said Blake, who spoke of his experiences as a cannabis farmer (permitted through the county) and activist in the county. "Because I personally have been doing that for 10 years now, and I'm really proud of that."

The panel argued that, under Measure AF and MCRSA, the agencies that would oversee various environmental standards with regular inspections of cannabis operations would include the state Water Resources Control Board, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Mendocino County Department of Agriculture.

One submitted question read: "AF takes the environmental review away from county Planning and Building and relies on state agencies to enforce environmental protection. If the state agencies fail as they have for the last 30 years, who will defend the natural environment?"

"We will!" Chaitanya responded.

"We are with you, and we will fight for environmental compliance," Bodnar added.

The AF advocates also discussed the board of supervisors' own county cultivation ordinance, which could be voted on by the board potentially early next

Willits police officers, state traffic officers and deputies surrounded the house and tried to talk Martin into surrendering, Mason said. Instead, Martin tried to make a break for it, and when apprehended became physically violent toward deputies.

Sheriff's Office K9s "Doc" and "Ruddick" were "released to assist the deputies," Mason said, and with their help Martin was taken into custody.

During his encounter with the dogs, Mason added, Martin "sustained minor injuries for which he received medical attention."

He was arrested on suspicion of burglary, felony vandalism, and resisting or threatening an officer.

Martin was taken to county jail, where he is being held on \$50,000 bail.

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



## Photo Club Party

Crowd loves 15th annual exhibit by Willits camera artists

Willits Photography Club's 15th annual opening reception at the Willits Center for the Arts on Friday, September 30, was a great success – gauged by the amount of laughter and the nearly 100 people in attendance. A highlight of the evening was the member hour, from 6 to 7 pm, where the artists in attendance shared their thoughts on their craft with members of the Willits Center of the Arts.

Jenny Senter  
Features Writer

Some of the artists' comments during the member hour were lost in the hustle-bustle of the arrivals and the enthusiasm of the large group in attendance, but some of the highlights are below.

Bruce Haanstra said his biggest challenge is dust, a problem many in attendance could identify with.

Jerry Albright lit up when he discussed his Grand Canyon rafting trip, where he was able to shoot some amazing photos.

John Glyer shared that his love of nature photography makes his travels around the county and points beyond take longer, because he is always stopping to get that perfect photo.



Photo by Damian Sebouhian



## Electric vehicle chargers in Willits, more to come?

The Schadeck family at left – Kaleigh holding Keegan; Tadd; and, in front, Quinn and Davin – pose with their Toyota Prius as it gets an electric charge from The Old West Inn's 50-Amp Universal Charger. The hotel also offers an 80-amp Tesla charger. The Old West Inn, located at 1221 South Main Street, is currently the only establishment in Willits that provides charging services for electric and hybrid cars, available only to patrons staying at the hotel.

In the future, however, there may be more electric vehicle chargers propping up around town. According to an October 4 press release from a Venice-based energy service firm, Recargo, Inc., the company has "selected the Willits area as a key site for their California-wide 'Electric Highway,' a state-wide network of ultra-fast electric vehicle (EV) Chargers."

Recargo, the press release says, is planning on completing their Electric Highway project by early 2018, joining



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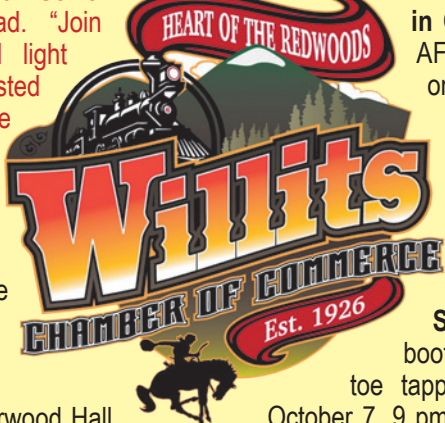
Thursday, October 6

**Radio Debate on Measure AI:** KZYY reporter Valerie Kim and "Cannabis Hour" host Jane Fletcher present a pro/con debate on Measure AI, the county's cannabis business tax measure on the November ballot, on Thursday, October 6, at 9 am, on KZYY Radio, 90.7 and 91.5 FM. Pebbles Trippett of the Mendocino Medical Marijuana Advisory Board will speak against Measure AI and its companion advisory measure, AJ (recommending how the tax money be spent); and 4th District Supervisor Dan Gjerde will speak in favor of them. Archives of "CannabisHour" programs, including this debate and the September 22 show with Supervisor John McCowen and the Willits Environmental Center's Ellen Dreil speaking against Measure AF (the Heritage Initiative), and Hezekiah Allen of the California Growers Association and Jude Thilman of the Dragonfly Wellness Center cannabis dispensary in Fort Bragg, speaking in favor, can be found at <http://jukebox.kzyx.org/>.

**Willits High School Volleyball Games:** at WHS home court against St. Helena on Thursday, October 6. JV at 5 pm (coach Tim Miller), and varsity at 6 pm (coach Jill Walton).

**Willits Chamber After Hours Business Mixer:** Chamber of Commerce's October After Hours Business Mixer is set for Thursday, October 6 from 5:30 to 7 pm, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. "Join us for networking, fun and light refreshments." Those interested in joining the chamber are welcome: Call 459-7910 for more information.

**Measure AF Town Hall Meeting in Laytonville:** The Yes on Measure AF (the Heritage Initiative) presents one of a series of Town Hall Meetings around the county on Thursday, October 6 at Harwood Hall in Laytonville, from 6 to 8 pm. "Measure AF is a citizens initiative to regulate cannabis that is on the ballot for Mendocino County voters this November. Find out more about this grassroots initiative drafted to protect community safety, natural resources, family farms and local businesses.



'To Couple, Or Not To Couple?'

"To Couple, Or Not To Couple?," a production of four sizzling, socially engaging one-act plays, opens at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, October 14. The second-stage production showcases the insightful work of local playwrights Don Samson and Damian Sebouhian, with two plays from each writer covering themes from relationships, money and sex, to crazy neighbors, burial and empty-nesting.

In "Foreverville," written and directed by Don Samson, Rod Grainger and Kelly Kesey star as Harold and Meredith, a pair of middle-aged empty-nesters in a spirited exchange over death, burial, kids, money and some sex. As local patrons may recall, Kesey and Grainger previously starred together in the 2014 WCT winter holiday hit, "Angel of Chatham Square."

Samson's second play, "Leftovers," is directed by David Patch and stars Ashley Rodriguez, Matt Gaynor, Kelly Kesey and Ron Greystar as two middle-aged couples and longtime friends who have fun mulling over one couple's relationship going "stale." The play sparkles with witty dialogue, unexpected funny twists, and incisive commentary on social issues, all popular earmarks of Samson's previous hits at WCT.

"Not Now, Cupid," written by Damian Sebouhian and directed by Lee Stipe, follows two women played by Gloriana Lucero and Christy Carlton on a nature hike. The pair explore their feelings on love and life, while one of them harbors a secret attraction. The ominous appearance of a stranger played by Rod Grainger puts the women on the defensive, and true intentions emerge.

Sebouhian's second play also offers a climactic ending in "Resurrecting Snowflake," starring Gloriana Lucero and Tori Perrault and directed by Mathew Caine. A young couple is struggling to balance the needs of their relationship while their out-of-control dog keeps bothering the crazy neighbor. When their dog runs away only to return with a surprise in its jaws, a climactic showdown with the neighbor reveals that not everything is as it seems.

Advance tickets are \$10 for all shows and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. "To Couple, Or Not To Couple?" plays on Friday, October 14 at 8 pm, Saturday, October 15 at 8 pm, Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm, Thursday, October 20 at 7 pm, Friday, October 21 at 8 pm, and Saturday, October 22 at 8 pm. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– Steve Hellman, for WCT

Town Hall meeting will feature presenters and audience Q & A." For more info, visit [www.yesonaf.com](http://www.yesonaf.com) or the "Yes on Measure AF: The Mendocino Heritage Act" page on Facebook or contact [mendocinoheritageinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:mendocinoheritageinitiative@gmail.com) or 707-200-8239.

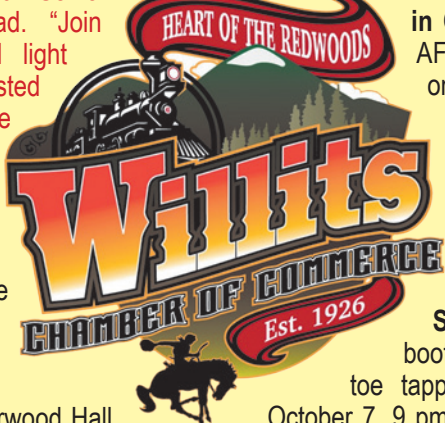
**Shanachie Pub:** Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford plays folks, Americana and blues every first Thursday of the month; this month, Thursday, October 6. 8 pm. No cover. Pick up a copy of his latest EP, "Where Have You Gone" or visit [www.cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord](http://www.cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord). 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, October 7

"Dinners from Around the World – Africa": Willits United Methodist Church invites you to join us "Dinners from Around the World, Foods & Customs from Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana." Music provided by Emandal. Friday, October 7. 5 pm and 7 pm seatings. 286 School Street, corner of School and Pine Streets, across from the Grange. Suggested donation of \$15; \$10 ages 6-10; free for under 5. A portion of the proceeds will go to support bio-intensive and sustainable agriculture project in Kenya, Nigeria, and Ghana through the works of Samuel Kag'ethe and Olawumi Benedict in partnership with Ecology Action. Advance tickets at Mazahar, the Methodist Church (M, W, F, 9-12), or RSVP by calling 459-2855.

**Measure AF Town Hall Meeting in Covelo:** The Yes on Measure AF (the Heritage Initiative) hosts one of a series of Town Hall Meetings around the county on Friday, October 7 at Mina Burger, 239900 Howard Street in Covelo, from 5 to 7 pm. See Thursday, October 6 listing for more details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Pick & Pull, boot stompin', heel clickin' and toe tappin' music, returns on Friday, October 7. 9 pm. No cover. This band features Fred, upright bass fiddle; Keith, guitar, mandolin, banjo, vocals; and Scotty, harmonica, washboard, guitar, and vocals, playing Old Time High Octane Acoustic Hillbilly Dance Music. Visit [www.facebook.com/pickpullmusic](http://www.facebook.com/pickpullmusic). 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration

Saturday, October 8, Downtown Willits, noon to 4 pm

The Local First Program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 10th Annual Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration to be held in downtown Willits on Saturday, October 8 from noon to 4 pm.

Come celebrate the bounty of our county! Glorious food and family fun! Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a plethora of fun-filled activities, including live music, fresh food, and Willits Future Farmers of America exhibits. Local participating businesses and restaurants along Main Street in the downtown corridor will have special sales for the event.

With a wide range of activities, this Hometown Celebration promises amusement for all ages.

New this year! The Future Farmers of America will take over the parking lot between Tiger Lily's Boutique and Moon Lady and showcase the talents of our future farming leaders. For the first time ever there will be a Petting Zoo! And lots of activities for kids of all ages! Plus demonstrations on canning, etc.! Don't miss out on fun activities ... Bounce House, Pumpkin Decorating, Face Painting, and more. Plus Harvest Moon Fall Photos with Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore in front of J.D. Redhouse. The audible pleasures of the local musicians are sure to bring smiles to all as you stroll throughout the event. Remember, Shop Local! Be Local! Think Local! ... and Party Local!

– Willits Chamber of Commerce Local First Committee

'Plant Your Tree'

Free Genealogy Tutorial Starts October 19

"Plant Your Tree: A Beginner's Tutorial For Researching Your Family Tree, Using Ancestry.com," is a free program Wednesdays, starting October 19 from 9 to 10 am, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Have you always wanted to know about your family tree, and don't know where to start? Then come on down to the library, and join us for some one-on-one assistance. Staff will walk you through basic searches, as you look for birth, death, marriage, census records, and much more." Let by Benjamin MacBean, Youth Services librarian for the Willits Library, has been an amateur genealogist for 15 years (13 of those years using ancestry.com). He enjoys research, and helping others "find their roots." Sign up at the library's Public Service Desk – must have basic computer skills. Limited to five people per session). Info: 459-5908

Saturday, October 8

**Brooktrails Flea Market:** Brooktrails Lodge and Prosperity Club host this Brooktrails Flea Market, Saturday, October 8, from 9 am to 2 pm. With close to 40 vendors in September, spaces for this market are still available but limited: to reserve a space call Jason at 707-489-4726. Food vendors, plus Jumperz hosts a free jump house for the kids.

**Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration:** the 10th annual Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration is set for Saturday, October 8 from noon to 4 pm in downtown Willits. Presented by the Local First Program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Live music on several "stages," food, and family fun (Bounce House, Pumpkin Decorating, Face Painting, and more) plus, new this year - Willits Future Farmers of America exhibits. Local participating businesses and restaurants along Main Street in the downtown corridor will have special sales for the event. Harvest Moon Fall Photos with Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore in front of J.D. Redhouse.

**Sit N Sew:** monthly drop-in sewing group meets at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, on second Saturdays. This month: October 8 from 1 to 5 pm. Free to all and open to the public. "Bring your sewing machine, tools, and any project you would like to work on." Questions? Call Rachel at 354-0605.

**American Legion Oktoberfest Dinner:** annual fundraising event for American Legion, Post 174, on Saturday, October 8 from 5 to 7 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Featuring: Schweinebraten, Rot Kohl, Kartoffeln mit Petersile, Grune Bohen, Salat, Desert, Apfelwein, or Bavarian roast pork, red cabbage, potatoes with parsley, green beans, salad, dessert, and apple

cider. Tickets, \$18, adults; \$9 per child under 12; and free for kids under 5, may be purchased at the door.

**Shanachie Pub:** Cricket & Cha Cha, out of Oakland, with Cassandra O'Connor of "Them Travelin' Birds" and Crickets Suess of "Laura Lacky's Rhythm Review, play a wide variety of genres including, Sassy Originals, American and Mexican Folk, Bossa Nova, and Jazz. "Guitar, accordion, banjo, flute, and haunting harmonies allow for surprise and a fun-dynamic sound." Saturday, October 8. 9 pm. No cover. Visit [www.facebook.com/pickpullmusic](http://www.facebook.com/pickpullmusic). 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



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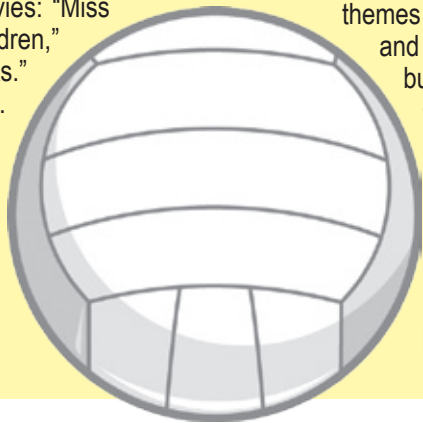
Sunday, October 9

**Sunday Breakfast:** on Sunday, October 9 from 8 to 11 am at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Choose from: 1. Pancakes, with eggs cooked your style (choice of sausage, ham or bacon) or 2. Biscuits & Gravy with eggs cooked your style. Plus sides if desired: 1 slice ham - \$2; 3 slices bacon - \$2; 4 links sausage - \$2. Adults, \$7, children under 8, \$5; Senior Center members, \$6. Info: 459-6826.

Tuesday, October 11

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children," "The Magnificent Seven" and "Storks." For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

**Willits High School Volleyball game at home court against Kelseyville on Tuesday, October 11. JV at 5 pm (coach Tim Miller), and varsity at 6 pm (coach Jill Walton).**



'Promoting Local Food and Farming'

Sunday, October 16

Little Lake Grange and the Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture present "Promoting Local Food and Farming: Achievements and Challenges," a forum, on Sunday October 16 from 3 to 5 pm, at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Panelists representing numerous organizations, from the Anderson Valley Foodshed to NCO to the Farm Bureau, will make brief presentations on their work and lead a discussion of what needs to be done to build a vibrant local food economy in Mendocino County.

"Mendocino County is a primarily agricultural economy, yet over 95 percent of our food is imported and most of our food dollars go to out-of-county enterprises. The forum will celebrate the work of more than a dozen initiatives and dozens of individuals who have been working to build our local food economy. What more needs to be done to build an economy that encourages local food production for local needs? Refreshments will be provided. Panelists include: Miles Gordon from North Coast Opportunities, speaking on the Gardens Project and NCO's incubator farm project; John Bailey, also from NCO, speaking on the Food Hub; Kyle Farmer, representing the Inland Mendocino Land Trust; Devon Jones, executive director of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau; Ann Waters, president of Little Lake Grange; April Cunningham, presenting on NCO's Food Systems Project and consumer education; Linda MacElwee, talking on the Anderson Valley Foodshed; Jen Dalton, representing the Mendocino County Food Policy Council; Scott Cratty, owner of Westside Renaissance Market, and general manager, Caroline Radice, on the Good Farm Fund; and the Mendocino County Farmers Market Association.

Info: Michael Foley at 707 216-5549 or [foley.mw@gmail.com](mailto:foley.mw@gmail.com).

Pick Up Your Paws!

Join Us for Blosser Lane

Walk to School Day

When: October 20th, 2016.

Where: There will be two meet-up spots

\*Back Parking Lot at Baechtel Grove 7:50 AM

\*Burger King Parking Lot 7:50 AM

Please make sure your children wear comfortable walking shoes. Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join. For additional information, please call Blosser Lane Elementary @ (707) 452-3232 or Walk and Bike Mendocino @ (707) 467-3217.

See back for route maps.

Willits Photography Club Show

The 15th annual show featuring photographic artwork by members of the Willits Photography Club will be at the Willits Center for the Arts through October 30. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726. Visit <http://willitscenterforthearts.org/> for more info.

22 at 8 pm. Advance tickets, \$10, are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

**ShanachiePub:** Marty's Garden, "a hefty dose of psychedelic boogaloo [blended] with a base of Backwoods World-Beat Banjo Jazz, playing a set that includes original compositions, standards, oddities, mantras, instrumentals, blues, and freak outs." Friday, October 14. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



Marty's Garden

Saturday, October 15

"To Couple, Or Not To Couple?," a production of four sizzling, socially engaging one-act plays, at Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, October 15 at 8 pm. See Friday, October 14 listing for details.

**Pura Vida Harvest Dance Party:** The Willits Grange presents Pura Vida Harvest Dance Party, a live music event with food and activities, featuring live dance music by 'salsa piquante' band Pura Vida. Doors open at 6 pm for dinner: Empanandas with organic Caribbean Rice & Beans plus mixed salad \$10. Take-out available. Music, 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Children's Activities include costume making 6 to 7 pm, and a movie at 9 pm. Halloween costume sale, live auction/raffle and more. 291 School Street. Advance tickets \$20 at J.D. Redhouse; tickets at the door \$25, all to benefit the Grange. Children under 12 free (donations welcome at kids' activity room to support the Grange Youth). Info: 459-9716.

**Shanachie Pub:** Voodoo Horseshoes, "original psychedelic roots rock from Missoula, Montana: Banjo, electric guitars, driving dynamic rhythm with some diggerdoo and keys thrown in for good measure. Their newest album: "Rambling Nation." Saturday, October 15. 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



**Parents:** This cowboy shoot 'em up has some of the good guys dying, which might disturb the little ones and some occasional sexual innuendo about Haley Bennett, but it's pretty low-key. So, you decide.

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

Marjo Wilson exhibit

at Brickhouse Coffee

Local super-multi-talented artist Marjo Wilson is showing paintings and prints with her distinct Mendo/Americana style at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Open 7 am to 3 pm, Monday through Saturday. Show runs through December.

– submitted by Brickhouse Coffee

'Ladies Night Out'

Howard Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, October 18

Grab a friend, sister or a neighbor and join us for "Ladies' Night Out" on Tuesday, October 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at our Medical Imaging lobby. Shop at the gift shop, try some appetizers from Roots, win great prizes, schedule your mammogram, and learn more about how to take care of yourself! RSVP: 456-3591.

– submitted by Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital

Senior Center Lunch

Week of October 10 through October 14

Monday: Lima Beans/Ham & Cornbread

Tuesday: Sloppy Joes

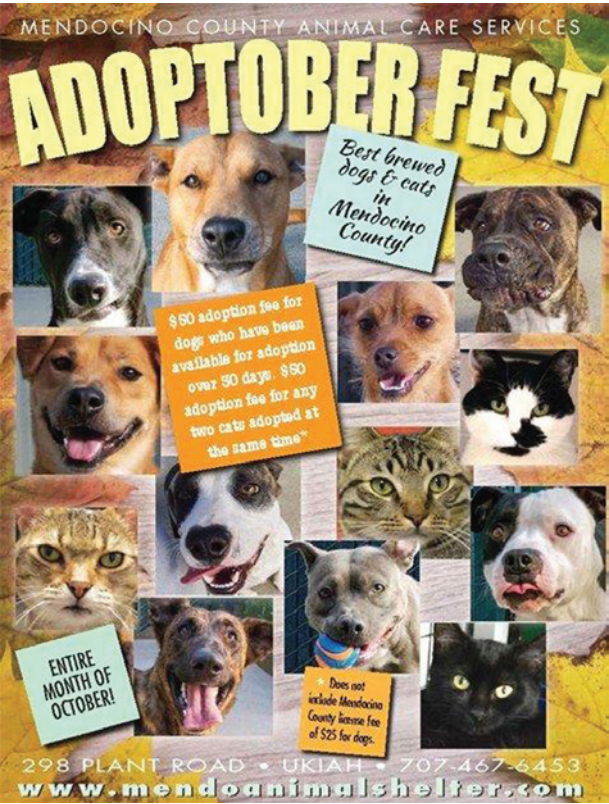
Wednesday: Spinach Lasagna

Thursday: Baked Chicken

Friday: Chicken Fried Steak

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Get your item included next week! DEADLINE FOR WILLITS WEEKLY: Monday prior to Thursday publication







Above, from left: Fred Turnbull registers with Donna Rice. Golfers, from left: Wayne Osborn, Jody McGee, Adam Delaga and Drew Lane. PGA Professional Ron Runberg explains the rules of the tournament. Below, left: Drew Lane takes a swing at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Below, right: Tristan Rex, aka "T-Rex," Heron seems a natural with a golf club. At right: Diana Levy Pearl tries to sink her putt.



Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: Golfer Fred Turnbull waits his turn. Below: Forest-dwellers watch the golf tournament. At bottom: Golfers, from left: Fred Turnbull, Michael Rice, Diana Levy Pearl and Doug Reed.



Above: Golfing under the redwoods. Below: Brooktrails Golf Course's Anne Cedarholm, left, with tournament organizer and Booster volunteer Donna Rice.



# Golfing in the Redwoods

Booster Club raises funds for extracurricular activities at Willits High

If you've ever thought it might be fun and rewarding to help out with raising funds for high school sports and extracurricular activities in Willits, this is a great time to join up. The Willits High School Booster Club is looking for new members, board members and volunteers – and they're having their next monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13, at 6 pm at the WHS food center.

The Boosters just hosted one of their annual fundraising events, the 4th annual WHS Booster Club Golf Tournament at the Brooktrails Golf Course on September 17.

Jennifer Poole "It was a beautiful day," said Bridgett Summers, secretary of the Booster Club. "Anne and John [the Cedarholms, managers of Brooktrails Golf Course] are great supporters: they helped us tons and participated in the tournament, too!"

Seven teams of four players enjoyed the course – and the taco bar lunch – raising around \$2,000 to add to the club's coffers.

All three top-ranked teams donated their winnings back to the club: the first-place team was Will Heron, Scott Kopman, John Cedarholm and Tyler Rudy. Golfer Todd Southwick won the gift basket donated by Brooktrails Golf Course for the "Closest to the Pin" competition, and Lupe Sanchez was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and donated a portion of his winnings back to Boosters, too.

Summers wanted to thank the businesses that were hole sponsors for the tourney, and to thank Booster volunteer Donna Rice for coordinating the tournament.

Other fundraisers the Booster Club puts on during the year are Cupcake Wars, a Winter Fashion Show, and a dinner and quarter auction at the Willits Community Center. "We raise money for extracurricular activities, like arts, drama and band," Summers said, "as well as sports."

The Boosters Club also works the concession stand at

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More information and detailed platform are at  
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cowboy band Dust in My Coffee captured the spirit of the North American West with their fresh original sound and Celtic flavor.

Also a part of the afternoon's entertainment was the fast-moving, quick-witted humor of live auction auctioneer, Rachel Britten. Sounding like the real deal she is, Britten delightfully coaxed hundreds of dollars from the audience, rounding out the benefit's fundraising.

The rest of the day was interwoven with another round of pizza, Emandal's famous apple pie and homemade ice cream, bellying up to the "Watering Hole" for a variety of drinks, deciding what to bid on at the two special art auctions (one for the Willits Center for the Arts and the other for the Harrah Senior Center) or and simply catching up with friends.

When asked about her experience as a first-year attendee, Dayami Puccio said, "It's so beautiful and well-coordinated. The food is delicious, and the views fantastic." Puccio's friend, Linda Kostanecki, added: "It's like coming to paradise!"

For more information about Not JUST Cowboy Poetry or Emandal, A Farm On A River, visit www.emandal.com.

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and weighs 19 pounds. Khan seemed to have a sixth sense about who to "reach out to," and thank goodness he knew I wouldn't be a fan of him slithering toward me.

Bob Asbury, husband of photographer Dorothy Asbury, provided the beautiful keyboard music for the evening.

Jane Camp and friend Susan Karp arrived for their monthly visit to the opening reception of the art shows at the Willits Center for the Arts. They said they "never miss an opening because they are all terrific."

You have all month to stop by and see these great images! The Willits Photography Club show runs through Sunday, October 30, and is sure to please. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Info: call 459-1726 or visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

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together "33 California locations, allowing drivers of long-range battery electric vehicles to travel to virtually any point in the state without the fear of running out of power."

In April this year, according to a press release from the California Energy Commission, Recargo, Inc. was one of four companies awarded nearly \$9 million in grants from the CEC for the installation of DC fast chargers along major routes on Interstate 5, Highway 99 and Highway 101. Fast chargers, the press release says, allow vehicles to fully charge in 20 to 30 minutes. Additionally, 40 sites will have one Level 2 charger, and one site will have two Level 2 chargers. Level 2 chargers allow most vehicles to go from zero to full charge in four to eight hours.

According to Recargo's Tony Rice: "Right now we're actively looking for a business in the Willits area with a parking lot large enough to host at least four chargers, ideally within a mile of U.S. 101." The deal would come with "a great long-term payment package," Rice said. If interested in finding out more, contact Rice at 310-910-2929, or email him at tony@recargo.com.

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in attendance to help serve the meal and dessert afterwards: chocolate and vanilla cake.

Tickets to the dinner are \$18 per adult and \$9 for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 and will be available to purchase at the door. Those under 5 are admitted for free. Oktoberfest and the St. Patrick's Day dinners are the two fundraising dinners held by the Legion, but they also put on a Veterans Day Breakfast, a sweetheart raffle in February, a poppy drive for Memorial Day in May, and a Community Programs Raffle in July. Monies raised at these events will go towards the host of veteran and community groups, projects and organizations the American Legion supports on local and national levels.

Some of those include: Boys & Girls State – a program which teaches high school juniors about state government; the National Oratorical Contest – helping high school students with scholarships and instilling knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in those

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There were four categories for the four teams to compete in during the barbecue cook-off: best ribs, best beans and best bread. Awards were available for each of these categories in both people's choice and judges' choice divisions. A best decorated table award was also available in the people's choice division. Those who purchased taster tickets were able to vote by placing colored stones in the jars of the team they felt should win. A group of official judges, including Claudia and Carl Magann and Willits High School Principal Robert Chavez, also tasted plates and debated on winners in the secluded office at the rodeo grounds.

Teams included Little Lake Fire, who won people's choice for best ribs; Folsom Ranch, which won best beans in both people's and judge's choice; Willits Power and Hardware, which won people's choice bread, judge's choice ribs, and second place in judge's choice for beans and bread; and Flowers by Annette, which won people's choice decorated table, second place for judges' ribs, and first place for judges' bread.

This was the first year Willits Power's Kinzie Barlow participated in the cook-off, and she noted how fun it was to be a part of the competition.

"I thought it was a super fun

students; providing academic and vocational scholarships to graduating seniors; making flags and poles available to schools, organizations and cemeteries; veterans affairs and rehabilitation – lobbying for veterans and their associated services and health needs; offering temporary financial assistance to veterans in need; helping hold and coordinate memorial services for veterans; providing color guard services to local events; and making donations to Willits Community Services and Food Bank, the Willits Toy Run, and other community programs.

The American Legion was originally founded in Paris, France in 1919 and has 14,000 members. Post 174 was chartered on October 15, 1929. They welcome eligible veterans, families of veterans and others to join or connect with the post for support, friendship, camaraderie and to give back to their community alongside their brothers and sisters of the service.

To learn more about joining Post 174 or about the American Legion, contact Roger Ham at 456-9858.

time," said Barlow. "We ended up winning three smokers for our prizes; we gave one to Willits Power mechanic Rocky Stansberry, since we used his secret barbecue sauce recipe for the ribs, which were cooked by Caleb Vogel."

The other two went to Barlow and to Willits Power owner and team sponsor, Mike Garrity.

"We really appreciate Mike for sponsoring our team for this year's competition," Barlow said. The winning bread was the secret recipe of Willits Power's Mary Fonsen; rumors were that the win was cinched by the quantity of cheese and toppings included.

"There's some stiff competition against these teams," said Fonsen. "I love to get to come and compete, to try our hand against some of the other teams who cook like this throughout the year for events and community functions. I would love to see some more teams come out for next year's event and really add even more to the competition."

The event is open to the public and is planned again for early October in 2017. Make sure to check the Willits Frontier Days website at www.WillitsFrontierDays.com for info when posted for next year's contest.

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**Willits Barn Sale**  
Saturday, October 8, 2016, 9 am to 4 pm, 1411 Buckhorn Road, off of Highway 101 and Muir Mill. Bag sale - fill up with clothes - for \$5. Tools, furniture, Christmas, craft supplies, BSA stuff, garden tools.

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# Raising Awareness

## Little Lake Fire Department wears pink for breast cancer

Members of the Little Lake Fire Department pose together on drill night, which took place on Friday, September 28. Some wore pink shirts; others had ribbons on their helmets to help raise awareness for breast cancer.

Back row, from left: Colton Scarberry, Chad Leshner, Ned McKinnon, Colter King, Kristen Colvig, Raymond Campbell, Adam Seminoff, Tim Caldwell, Bill Carter, and Tylor Yador. Front row, from left: Geoff Belford, Mike Cornwall, Robert McKenzie, Mike Wilder, Chris Wilkes, Daniel Mendoza, and Eric Alvarez.

## New yoga classes for families and kids at Our Yoga Center

Two new family and children yoga programs are kicking off at Our Yoga Center on Thursday, October 6. Family Yoga will be held on Thursdays from 11 to 11:45 am and is open to all ages of children with their family members. The class will be a way to get in some family exercise time and have fun with yoga games, songs, partner poses, and even breath work that kids love!

After School Yoga is geared toward children ages 8 to 13 and aims to help lay the groundwork for a lifelong yoga practice with an introduction to yoga poses, meditation and

mindfulness. Breathing, moving, and sharing fun together on the mat is what it's all about. Both classes are taught by Erin Dominy, who is passionate about sharing the joys of yoga with children, families, and anyone seeking to better connect with their own body and spirit.

While dealing with the daily stresses of a career in biopharma, Dominy experienced firsthand how yoga can ease physical and mental tension and foster a unique sense of well-being and community. She received a 200-hour certification through Yoga Tree in San Francisco and also trained with Headstand – an organization that teaches K-12 students “to combat toxic stress through mindfulness, yoga and character education.” Call 707-841-6100 to a reserve a space or ask about late registration. Both series will run October 6 to December 16.



At far left: Yoga teacher Erin Dominy. At left: One of Erin Dominy's family yoga classes in San Francisco.

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## The rest of Firefighters

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send “a big thank you” to crews from CalFire, Little Lake Fire and the Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp.

“From the planes to the helicopters that flew over, one after the other, and all the crews who worked all night and all the next day,” she said, “I appreciate them all so much. Although we have one structure that is a complete loss – and the family living there lost everything – my heart breaks for them – the firefighters kept that fire from coming over the hill to the home we live in and to everything else we have.”

Rhine mentioned that when the couple first started having to pay CalFire's \$150 State Responsibility Area fee, they weren't happy with the idea of another tax, but now, she said: “It's so worth it. They are just amazing, how they all work together – they do such great teamwork! And they were here so fast. We wanted them to know how thankful we were, and we wanted our community to know how blessed we are to have them.”

Clarence Rhine was raised on the property on the east side of Oil Well Hill owned by his parents before him.

Lisa Rhine also wanted to send a special thank you to Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann: “He was so very helpful and compassionate,” she said.

Chief Magann told Willits Weekly about 16 firefighters from the Willits volunteer fire department worked the Oil Fire. “Our guys were coming back – we had three engines on the Shimmins Fire [earlier that same day], and they were released from Shimmins, returning to Willits, and came upon the fire near the top of Oil Well Hill, just about the same time we were called out for it,” he said, at 3:18 pm. Another Little Lake engine was also dispatched, as well as water tenders from the Hopland and Ukiah Valley departments.

“CalFire was stretched,” Magann said “due to the fire in Santa Cruz, but they did a really good job getting the resources up to us. The fire started alongside the road, and went up the hillside. It was 20, 22 acres by the time they got the progress stopped.”

Magann said evidence picked up by CalFire showed the fire was probably sparked by a faulty exhaust system on a vehicle.

He thanked the mutual aid resources, including a CalFire engine strike team from outside Mendocino County, which was traveling through and was first diverted to the fire, and then assigned to cover Mendocino County.

“We were released off the Oil Fire at 8 pm that night, but it took another 2.5 to 3 hours to get the three engines back in service. We floated all our hose, so it needs a little work, to get them ready for the next call. CalFire did have crews there all night.”

Chief Magann reminds residents that “it still is fire season, even despite the rain. The long-range forecast doesn't show rain again for two or three weeks,” so it would likely be a while before the seasonal burn ban was lifted.

## The rest of Housing

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Duley stressed the city is not charged with actually building any new housing, “but we're charged with making sure those opportunities exist, so that when a developer comes in, there aren't too many constraints that would hinder [developing that housing].”

In order for Willits to be eligible for state-funded grants, the city must update its housing element every five years.

According to Mike Martin of Michael Baker International, the consultant firm hired by the city to help update the housing element, Willits is two years behind schedule.

“This housing element was due in June 30, 2014, and goes through June 30, 2019,” Martin reported to the Willits City Council during its September 14 meeting. “The reason why you have to have an adopted and certified housing element is it maintains local discretion over land development. If you don't have an adopted certified housing element, the state can actually take over your land development process, which takes away the ability of the city to make decisions in that area.”

Duley is confident the housing element will be completed and state-certified by spring 2017 at the latest.

“We've had a study session with the council, and so now we're going to be bringing a draft housing element update for the council to consider at either the October 26 meeting or the November 9 meeting.”

Once approved by the council, the housing element goes to HCD. According to Martin: “HCD has 60 days to review it for comments and ideas for changes. It goes back to the city council. At that point in time, the city adopts it, and it's sent back to HCD for another 90-day review process [before being certified].”

Along with the update, the state has required the city to revise a number of its zoning codes, “before they'll even consider certifying our housing element,” said Duley.

One such zoning amendment for Willits is allowing for second units to be added to residential properties.

“By allowing a homeowner to put a second unit on their property, they can rent it out,” Duley said, adding that this is a way to provide more housing for low-income residents. “Some people call it a mother-in-law unit, [and] there's other common terms for it. Making accommodations for second units is one of the required zoning code revisions we have to make.”

Other amendments the state is requiring of Willits, according to Duley, include updating “our safety element to deal with fire hazard planning. We have to provide a definition to allow residential care facilities. We have to allow for emergency shelter as a permitted use in at least one zone.”

Duley identified one tool for increasing senior housing.

“You waive parking standards for senior housing with the understanding that each unit doesn't need a parking space,” Duley explained. “That promotes senior housing by waiving some of the parking requirements, and that allows a developer to use more space for building units rather than having to provide parking.”

Duley said he foresees Willits being an attractive place for seniors and retirees.

“We're just getting into the nuts and bolts, but I can really see Willits attracting more seniors and really see that being our population growth,” Duley said. “I've talked to a number of folks who were able to sell their home in the Bay Area

and now have a chunk of money and are looking to buy something up here.”

## Consultant's report

Martin, in his report to the city council, cited a 2015 study called the Department of Housing and Community Development Income Limits.

The study breaks down income levels from “Extremely Low” to “Moderate,” and identifies their respective affordable mortgage/rent payments.

An “Extremely Low” income group is identified as having an income limit of \$24,300, matching its affordable monthly payments at \$608.

The “Very Low” income group has an annual income limit of \$30,450, with a \$761 affordable monthly payment.

The “Low” income group has an annual income limit of \$48,700, with a \$1,218 affordable monthly payment.

The “Moderate” income group has an annual income limit of \$70,700 with a \$1,768 monthly payment.

As part of the housing element update, Martin recommends Willits allocate a total of 13 housing units in order to satisfy the state's requirements, with one unit for the “Extremely Low” income category; two units for the “Very Low” income category; two units for the “Low” income category; two units for the “Moderate” income category; and six units for the “Above Moderate” income category.

Duley and Martin both discussed the importance of providing more opportunities for its “special needs” groups, identified in Martin's study as making up 68 percent of the population.

Gleaning data from the 2000 and 2010 U.S. Census and the 2014 American Community Survey, Martin broke down the special needs groups into five categories:

1. Seniors: comprising 16 percent of the total Willits population.
2. Persons with disabilities: about 25 percent of the total population has some type of disability.
3. Large families: 4 percent of families have five or more persons.
4. Single-parent households: approximately 16 percent of households in Willits.
5. Native American: represent 7 percent of the total population.

Martin's study found that 45 percent of homes in Willits are owner-occupied, while 55 percent of homes are renter-occupied.

Other findings Martin share with the city council show that while the population of Mendocino County – at 81,187 people – has increased in the last 16 years by 4.56 percent, Willits – at 4,879 people – has decreased over that time by 3.98 percent.

“Our job as the community is to identify what kind of housing we want to see,” said Duley. “I've heard from people saying that it would be great if their son could afford to live here.”

Duley used his own family as an example, explaining how difficult it was for he and his wife to find affordable housing in the Willits area, despite both of them having “good jobs.”

“It's hard to find anything in Brooktrails under \$200,000 that's in decent shape,” Duley said. “So we can identify that need [in our housing element; now how do we address it? A lot of times the cost isn't based on the cost to build a house. It's based on supply and demand. In that scenario it's like, yeah, we need housing, period. And more of it.”

## The rest of Deadline

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to report contributions and expenditures via 460 forms. The due dates for the November 2016 election are August 1, September 29 and October 27. The Heritage Initiative committee, also known as the “Yes on Measure AF” committee, did file a 460 form with the local office on August 1.

Although the instructions for filing Form 460 on the Fair Political Practices Commission website clearly state the dates the forms need to be filed – and that they need to be filed with the local elections office in the county where the measure will appear on the ballot – a press statement the Heritage Initiative committee sent to Willits Weekly on Wednesday says there was “confusion about an additional filing deadline.”

“All of our quarterly FPCC filings have been submitted in full compliance with the state election code,” said Sarah Bodnar, campaign manager for the Heritage Initiative, in the press release. “There was confusion about the additional filing deadline with the county clerk, and we have been in communication with the elections office and will be providing them with a copy of the 460 form immediately.”

Bodnar also claimed FPCC staff have confirmed “our filings are complete and no further information has been requested of our committee.”

The 460 form the committee filed with the county voter office on August 1 reported a total of \$15,005 in contributions, and \$14,471.48 in expenditures. A total of \$6,700 in three large contributions was reported, as well as \$8,305 in “unitemized monetary contributions of less than \$100.”

California campaign finance law requires that any contribution of \$100 or more to any political campaign must be itemized, reported with the name and occupation/ employer of the donor. Cash contributions of \$100 or more are prohibited.

According to an October 3 press release titled, “Yes on AF installs illegal sign, fails to file campaign finance statement,” issued by Mike Sweeney, campaign coordinator for the No on Measure AF Committee: “The Yes campaign is hiding the blizzard of \$100 bills they are using to try to buy this election. Contributions of more than \$100 in cash are illegal,” Sweeney said.

“It's not surprising that the Yes on AF group is running an illegal campaign,” Sweeney continued. “The whole point of Measure AF is to eliminate any effective laws about the marijuana industry and allow a free-for-all unlike anything we have experienced to date.”

The press release quoted an August 23 story in the Cannabis Now magazine about a Yes on AF fundraising event in Laytonville on August 18:

“Casey O'Neill of Happy Day Farms and president of the CGA was the first with his stack of bills. Shortly thereafter came Adam Steinberg with a check from Flow Kana – a real check instead of cash! This is a new age indeed in our industry! We raised \$18,000 that night, but we still have a long way to go to match what our fellows on the Mendocino Coast have put up by raising \$40,000.”

In the Yes on AF press release, Bodnar responded: “The optimistic statements made in the Cannabis Now article by a citizen journalist do not reflect the campaign's actual accounting or fundraising. All official financial reporting is being handled appropriately in accordance with the law. Contributions of over \$100 have been reported in compliance with FPCC code.”

Elections law also requires that contributions or expenditures of \$1,000 or more “in the aggregate” must be reported to the local elections office within 24 hours during the 90 days leading up to any election; in this case, August 10 through November 8.

The Yes on AF press release continued:

“These totally unsubstantiated claims about financial misconduct [made against us] by the No on AF Committee are more untruths from a campaign that consistently misleads voters and resorts to fear and anger as a strategy to attract media coverage and distract from the real issue: ending prohibition to protect the people of Mendocino and our natural resources and generate crucial tax dollars.

“This is the patriarchal advancement of the self-interest of a handful of well-off men who have sabotaged the county's efforts to move forward with cannabis regulation in the past, and will continue to do so at all costs, because they want their name on it. Measure AF is about thousands of members of our community finally being able to put their names on a business license and pay taxes and move the county forward. It is the policy of the many, not the few.”

The Yes on AF sign alleged to be illegal by the No on AF Committee is, according to the press release, “a huge 4-foot by 16-foot sign at the intersection of Highways 1 and 20 in Fort Bragg.” Sweeney cited State Business and Professions Code Section 5405.3 in alleging the “temporary political sign” is too big to be legal.

In their own press release, No on AF countered by writing “all of the No on AF signs posted were in clear violation of election code, and we have contacted the sheriff's office, elections office and the DA to file complaints.”

According to Deputy Registrar of Voters Bartolomie, the county elections office can charge a penalty of up to \$10 a day for late submissions of 460 forms. Bartolomie said the decision on whether or not to levy a penalty is at the discretion of Mendocino County Registrar of Voters Susan Ranochak.

Additional reporting on this story was done by Jennifer Poole.

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## Panda Cat Sweet Mamita

Have you ever wanted to own your very own panda? Now you can! Panda is a 2-year-old female who gets along with other calm kitties. She loves attention and would make an excellent lap cat. Call or visit us for more information on Panda or any of our adoptable animals!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit, play with and/or adopt Sammy or other

Mamita is 3 years old and has quickly become a staff and volunteer favorite! Mamita entered the shelter on September 12, 2016. She is social with people and other dogs. Mamita knows basic commands like "sit" and "down" and "shake." We think further training should be a breeze with this bright and very sweet dog.

At 76.4 pounds, Mamita is a big girl who would love a home with lots of room to stretch her legs and daily outings. If you have a soft spot for the big goofy dogs, please come and meet Mamita.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com) or visit the shelter. Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month, October 15 this month, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise! More info about adoptions: 467-6453.



## Willits High School's Athletes of the Week



### JV Football | Eric Colvard, 14, Freshman

**Position:** Wide receiver

**Breakfast of Champions:** Eggs and bacon

**Love for the Sport:** "What I love about football is hitting other people and catching the ball."

**How Long Playing the Sport:** Two years

My nomination this week is Eric Colvard. Eric is one of the many starting freshmen on the team. This week, Eric stepped up in a big way. He had 5 catches for 54 yards and a touchdown. Eric almost had 2 touchdowns, but he was just shy of the end zone, which still allowed the Wolverines to score. I was excited to see Eric step up and expect more big games from him this year.

– Coach Billy Arms



### Volleyball | Eden Hincker Tye, 15, Sophomore

**Position:** Backrow hitter

**Breakfast of Champions:** 3 pound block of cheese

**Love for the Sport:** "I love the intensity and competition."

**How Long Playing the Sport:** Three years

I would like to nominate Eden Hincker Tye for Athlete of the Week this week for her dominant performance against Middletown in our first league win of the year. Eden had 2 aces, 13 kills, and 19 digs in the match and had many crucial saves throughout. She continues to exhibit a natural instinct for the game, and her focus and dedication are unmatched. As just a sophomore playing on the varsity squad, her potential is off the charts.

– Coach Tim Miller



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It is opposed by the California Taxpayers Action Network.

PROP. 52 extends indefinitely an existing statute imposing fees on hospitals to fund Medi-Cal health care services, care for uninsured patients, and children's health coverage. Revenue raised would be used to create state savings, increase payments for hospital services to low-income Californians, and provide grants to public hospitals.

Passage will have an uncertain fiscal effect that ranges from relatively little impact to state general fund savings of almost \$1 billion per year and increased funding for public hospitals in the low hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Proponents argue Proposition 52 extends the current state Medi-Cal hospital fee program, which generates more than \$3 billion a year in federal matching funds that pay for health care services for children, seniors and low-income families. Proposition 52 will prohibit the Legislature from diverting that money for other purposes without voter approval.

Opponents claim the measure removes all accountability and oversight from the over \$3 billion in taxpayer dollars. It will give "\$3 billion to hospital CEOs with no independent audit and no requirement the money is spent on health care. Public funds can be spent on lobbyists, perks and salaries for hospital bureaucrats instead of children and seniors."

Those favoring the initiative include Yes on Proposition 52, a coalition of California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and nonprofit healthcare organizations, the California Hospital Association, California Association of Nurse Practitioners, California Senior Advocates League, California Children's Hospital Association, California Medical Association and the Congress of California Seniors.

Opponents include Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West.

PROP. 53 requires statewide voter approval before any revenue bonds can be issued or sold by the state for certain projects if the bond amount exceeds \$2 billion.

State and local fiscal effects if the measure is approved are unknown and would depend on which projects are affected by the measure and what actions government agencies and voters take in response to the measure's voting requirement.

Proposition 53 proponents point out that while "the initiative requires voter approval for state megaprojects costing over \$2 billion in state revenue

bonds – like the bullet train – it doesn't impact local projects."

They also argue the measure "increases transparency so taxpayers know the true cost, holds politicians accountable and stops blank checks."

Opponents argue Prop. 53 "erodes local control by requiring statewide vote on some local infrastructure projects," while empowering "voters in faraway regions to reject your community's needs. The measure, they argue, "jeopardizes water supply, bridge safety, and other repairs." There is, they point out "no exemption for emergencies or disasters."

Proponents include the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

Opponents include the Association of California Water Agencies, California Professional Firefighters, California State Sheriffs' Association, League of California Cities, California Hospital Association, and California Chamber of Commerce

PROP. 54 would prohibit the state Legislature from passing any bill unless published on the internet for 72 hours before a vote. It requires the Legislature to record its proceedings and post them on the internet, and authorizes the use of recordings.

Its approval would result in a one-time cost of \$1 million to \$2 million and ongoing costs of about \$1 million annually to record legislative meetings and make videos of those meetings available on the internet.

Proponents claim the measure will stop "special-interest, surprise legislation from passing either legislative house without 72 hours for review. Prop. 54 posts all the Legislature's public meetings online so voters can review legislators' public actions." The initiative, they say, "requires no new tax money."

Opponents argue a "no" vote "continues free internet and TV access for any California citizen to see how laws are made, and prevents special interests like tobacco, oil, and drug companies from delaying passage of state laws. A "no" vote also limits political "attack" ads.

Proponents include the League of Women Voters of California, California Chamber of Commerce, California State Conference of the NAACP, Latin Business Association, California Common Cause, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, League of California Cities, California Forward, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, California Planning and Conservation League.

Opponents include Californians for an Effective Legislature, and the California National

Organization for Women (NOW)

PROP. 55 extends by 12 years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over \$250,000, with revenues allocated to K-12 schools, California community colleges, and healthcare, in certain years.

Approval will increase state revenues between \$4 billion and \$9 billion annually between 2019 and 2030, depending on the economy and stock market. It will result in increased funding for schools, community colleges, health care for low-income people, budget reserves, and debt payments.

Proponents of the initiative claim the measure will prevent \$4 billion in cuts to California's public schools and increase children's access to healthcare by maintaining current tax rates on the wealthiest Californians – with strict accountability requirements.

Opponents argue that voters supported higher taxes in 2012 because Gov. Brown said they would be temporary. "State budget estimates," they say, "show higher taxes are not needed to balance the budget, but special interests want to extend them to grow government bigger."

The initiative is supported by the California State PTA, California Teachers Association,

California Children's Defense Fund, California Children's Hospital Association, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, and California State Controller Betty Yee.

It is opposed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the National Federation of Independent Business - California, and the California Taxpayers Association.

PROP. 56 increases the state's cigarette tax by \$2 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine.

Passage of the measure would provide additional net state revenue of \$1 billion to \$1.4 billion in 2017-18, with potentially lower revenues in future years. The revenues would be used primarily to augment spending on health care for low-income Californians.

Initiative proponents argue "tobacco-related healthcare costs California taxpayers \$3.5 billion annually, even if you don't smoke." Prop. 56, they claim, "works like a user fee, taxing tobacco to help pay for smoking prevention and healthcare – so smokers pay their fair share for their costs."

"The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network sponsored Prop. 56 to prevent kids from smoking and save lives."

Opponents call the measure a "\$1.6 billion tax increase

[that] gives \$1 billion to health insurance companies and special interests." They claim Prop. 56 "cheats schools out of \$600 million a year by circumventing [the state's] minimum school funding guarantee."

"Only 13 percent of the money helps smokers or prevents kids from starting," opponents say.

Initiative supporters include the California Division of the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association in California, the Western States Affiliate of the American Heart Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, California.

Opponents include the California State Board of Education, the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs, and the National Tax Limitation Committee.

PROP. 57 allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons. It also authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior and education, and allows a juvenile court judge to decide whether a juvenile will be prosecuted as adult.

Passage of the measure is likely to save the state savings tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on implementation. It will likely cost California counties a few million dollars annually to implement.

Proponents argue Prop. 57 "focuses resources on keeping dangerous criminals behind bars, while rehabilitating juvenile and adult inmates and saving tens of millions of taxpayer dollars."

Opponents, including Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster, claim the measure "authorizes early release of violent criminals, including those who rape unconscious victims." The initiative, opponents argue, "authorizes immediate release for 16,000 dangerous criminals, even convicted murderers." It "amends the California Constitution; takes rights away from victims; grants more rights to criminals."

Prop. 57 proponents include California Gov. Jerry Brown, and Chief Probation Officers of California.

Opponents include the California District Attorneys Association, San Francisco Police Officers Association, and the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

PROP. 58 preserves the requirement that public schools ensure that students obtain English language proficiency. The initiative requires school districts to solicit parent/community input in developing language acquisition programs, as well as instruction to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. It authorizes school districts to establish dual-language

immersion programs for both native and non-native English speakers.

The measure will have no notable fiscal effect on school districts or state government.

Proponents argue the initiative will "help students learn English as quickly as possible and expand opportunities for English speakers to master a second language." while giving school districts "local control to choose the most effective instruction methods for their students."

Prop. 58 opponents counter that the initiative "is not about modernizing the way we teach English. It's about eliminating parental rights to an English-language education for their children."

Proponents include the California Federation of Teachers, California School Boards Association, California Language Teachers' Association, California State PTA, Association of California School Administrators, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

Opponents include English for the Children, Bakersfield Assemblywoman Shannon Grove, and San Diego County State Senator Joel Anderson.

PROP. 59 asks whether California elected officials should use their authority to propose and ratify an amendment to the federal Constitution overturning the United States Supreme Court decision in Citizens United vs Federal Election Commission. Citizens United ruled that laws placing certain limits on political spending by corporations and unions are unconstitutional.

Approval of the measure would have no direct fiscal effect on state or local governments.

Proponents argue Prop. 59 will tell Congress "we want big money out of politics and overturn misguided Supreme Court rulings saying unlimited campaign spending is free speech and that corporations have the same constitutional rights as real people," and "send a message to Congress that we'll hold them accountable."

Opponents argue the Legislature "should stop wasting taxpayer dollars by putting do-nothing measures on the ballot that ask Congress to overturn the Supreme Court."

Proponents include California Common Cause and Money Out Voters In.

Opponents include 28th District State Senator Jeff Stone, and 35th District State Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian.

*Willits Weekly will continue this roundup of information about the propositions on the state ballot in future editions.*

## Deadline to register to vote is October 24

October 24, 2016 is the last day for electors to register in order to vote in the November 8, 2016 Presidential general election.

A press release sent out by Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Susan M. Ranochak and the county elections office, located in Room #1020 of the County Administration Building, 501 Low Gap Road, in Ukiah, advises that voters who have moved and/or changed their name must re-register.

To register or re-register to vote, residents may visit the elections office in person, or may call 707-234-6819 to request that a voter registration card be mailed to you. California voters can also register online at: [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration). Voter registration forms are also available at the most city halls, libraries and post offices.

To be eligible to register, you must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of California, 18 years of age or older as of the day of the next election, and you must not be in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony.



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