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Locals say 'no' to proposed asphalt plant

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

About 30 people showed up at an event designed for the county to receive public comment on the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report for Northern Aggregate's proposed asphalt plant, which is to be sited near the intersection of Black Bear Drive and Highway 101, about seven miles south of Willits.

This public comment event is the latest installment of a 14-year long epic struggle, which has pitted a tenacious, locally-owned, gravel extraction company against an equally tenacious association of neigh-

The history of the battle goes back at least to 2005, when Northern Aggregates applied for a use permit for a proposed expansion of its operations at Harris Quarry as well as for an asphalt plant and a cement plant.

An EIR for the project was submitted to the county in January 2010. That EIR eliminated the proposed cement plant but analyzed the proposed asphalt plant. The EIR was approved in June 2012, and the local citizen's group Keep the Code sued shortly thereafter.

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Registered sex offender arrested for violating parole

Officers from Mendocino County Sheriff's Office arrested Hurtado, 29, of Willits, for felony violation of parole October 4, after being contacted by a concerned parent. Hurtado is a registered sex offender.

A deputy from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the 24000 block of North Main Street in Willits on September 30 at 9:50 am by a concerned parent after she had discovered her 13-year-old daughter was Facebook friends with a 29 year-old male, who was believed to be a sex registrant. The parent also advised that her daughter and the 29-year-old male been messaging had each other via Facebook Messenger.

The deputy initiated an investigation and confirmed that Hurtado was indeed an active sex registrant and was also on active parole through the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, after having served a prison sentence for a previous conviction for lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 years old.

The deputy contacted Hurtado's parole officer and

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Above: Riata King sends a calf down the arena during the 8th annual Ranch Rodeo at Willits Frontier Days. Ronnie Seever tries to rope the heels of the calf during the calf branding event. Spur X Ranch team members, Mike Fonsen, Ronnie Seever and Stetson Burgess, all try to push the calf through the barrels in team sorting. Below: Mike Fonsen, left, goes for the heels of the calf already headed by Anthony McKemy in preparation for the paint branding.



Ranch Rodeo 2019

Willits Frontier Days holds 8th annual cowboy and cowgirl event

It was a day to display real life Western activities and showcase those skills for bragging rights for the year - and for shiny silver buckles - during the annual Ranch Rodeo, held Saturday at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds.

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Two teams were named victorious for their scores earned throughout the October 5 contest's five events, which included calf branding, ranch

doctoring, team sorting, dally calf roping and trailer loading. Those three-riders teams earning top scores included first-place cowboy team: Spur X Livestock with members Ronnie Seever, Russ Piazza and Colt Piazza; secondplace cowboy team: Seever Livestock with members Ronnie Seever, Russ Piazza and Mike Fonsen; and the third-place cowboy team: Burgess Livestock with members Ronnie Seever, Stetson Burgess and Colt Piazza. The top cowgirl team that won first place was Rawhide Roses with members Riata King, Kayla Zich and Nicol Kunka.

A separate ranch horse class was held for all riders; first place went to Riata King, second to Nicol Kunka, third to Danielle Barry, fourth to Richard Dukes, fifth to Colt Piazza, and sixth to Claire Case-Brackett.

Results provided by Mattie Pinon Owen







At top: Cattle wait to be sorted before the events start. Above, left: Ranch Rodeo team cowboy winners include Spur X Livestock's Ronnie Seever, Russ Piazza and Colt Piazza, at left, and cowgirl winners Rawhide Roses' Riata King, Nicol Kunka and Kayla Zilch and little Hunter. Above, right: Blair Beeson chases calf No. 5 away from the herd. Below, left: Russ Piazza and son Colt work on roping a calf. Below, right: Nicol Kunka tries to keep her calf separated and headed toward the barrels.





WPD chief Warnock responds to DA Eyster

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Willits Chief of Police Scott Warnock sent a letter last week formally responding to Mendocino County District Attorney C. David Eyster regarding his strong criticisms of Warnock in a previous letter which became public last month.

Eyster had admonished Chief Warnock for failing to disclose to the DA's office alleged misconduct by Officer Jacob Jones while at the Eureka Police Department before he began working for the Willits Police Department in June.

In Warnock's four-page letter he apologizes to Eyster, but also explains his decision by describing the extensive background check Jones went through, which led Warnock to the conclusion that Jones would not have "Brady issues," and would be OK to hire.

"Brady" is a term referencing a 1963 supreme Court ruling, and is often used when a police officer's credibility has been impacted by misconduct in his past, causing their testimony in court proceedings to be potentially tainted. Eyster had asserted that Jones fit this category.

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Mendocino Redwood cut remains

low

Mike A'Dair

Both the 2016 and the 2017 forest stewardship certification reports for Mendocino Redwood Company affirm that the company is continuing to manage its forest according to the standards promulgated by the Forest Stewardship Council.

Both reports suggest that MRC's management style and philosophy is unchanged from that which the company embraced at its outset, in 1998. "[There have been] no significant changes to MRC's forest management that would affect conformance with the standard," according to the 2016 certification report, which was written by foresters who were working under contract with Rainforest Alliance.

Mendocino Redwood Company owns 228,800 acres of timberland in Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Of those acres, some 221,000 acres are in Mendocino County, making the company the largest landowner in the county.

MRC has a long history of having been certified. For many years, in fact, the

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Adopt-A-Family this holiday season

To the Editor:

Each year for more than a quarter of a century our community has come together to help the children of Willits by giving essential items and other appropriate Christmas

Persons who wish to assist a single child can select a card from display trees located at various locations around town that will be placed in participating merchants stores in the weeks before Thanksgiving.

These cards present the age, gender, need and wishes of

Selection of a single child works for most program supporters, but others have voiced an interest in adopting an entire family. If you or your group wish to adopt a family, please contact me directly, and I can help match a family in need with you.

My name is Laura Sleeper, and I am coordinating the Willits Rotary Christmas Program. I ask that you contact me so that I may assist you in choosing a suitable family.

My email is LauraSleeper@willitsunified.com and my phone contact is 707-354-1991. Leave a message if I am unable to speak to you, and I will return your call promptly.

In order to be efficient, we need to satisfy requests to Adopt-A-Family before our usual referral process begins in November. Please call (the earlier the better) if you want to discuss adopting a family.

Thanks to each of you who have made the Willits Kids Christmas Program a success for over 30 years. Local residents have responded with great compassion. Thank you in advance for your generosity and how our community exemplifies the Christmas spirit in giving to those less fortunate.

Laura Sleeper, Willits

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learned that Hurtado had specific parole terms that he have no contact with minors in any form, and that he shall not use or access any social media sites.

On October 4, the deputy responded to Hurtado's residence. The deputy contacted Hurtado and conducted further investigations regarding this case.

Hurtado was found to have additional parole terms that he shall consent to unannounced examination and / or search of electronic devices to which he has access, for the limited purpose of detecting content prohibited by the terms of his parole. One item of content which Hurtado was specifically prohibited from, was accessing and / or viewing

Upon examination of Hurtado's cellular phone, the deputy was able to determine Hurtado had violated numerous terms of his parole, by communicating with the minor, accessing social media sites, and viewing pornography.

Hurtado's parole officer was contacted, who authorized a parole hold. Hurtado was subsequently placed under arrest and booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held on a non-bail status.

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

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Editor's Note: This October 2, 2019 letter from Willits Police Chief Scott Warnock to Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster was provided by the City of Willits after a public records act request.

To the Honorable C. David Eyster:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 6. 2019. I have carefully reviewed the letter with our city attorney regarding its contents and would like to

At the very beginning, I would like say that I completely understand and am in agreement with your position on being able to review with us any potential "Brady" issues when/before we hire sworn personnel. In all honesty, and for the reasons I will outline below in more detail, I truly did not believe Officer Jones had such an issue, otherwise I would absolutely have consulted with your office before hiring him.

I assure you that in the future, this issue will never come up again. I recognize that whether an officer is on a "Brady List" is a matter fully within your discretion, and I respect that this difficult determination is within your area of expertise and authority.

As you know, peace officers have to go through rigorous background investigations, including medical and psychological testing. Although not required by law, most law enforcement agencies also conduct detection of deception examinations (polygraphs or computerized voice stress analysis). Willits Police Department is no

The Willits Police Department has rigorous standards in hiring because honesty and credibility is an essential trait for a police officer. As you well know, but what probably most people do not, is that the majority of applicants for police officer positions do not get hired because of prior instances in their lives that show a lack of integrity and honesty.

In the past, any applicants we were considering for hire that I thought could have had "Brady" issues, I have brought to your office for evaluation and have appreciated that you were able to vet these applications

The honest reason that I did not discuss the hiring of Officer Jones was because I did not feel that he had a Brady issue, because of the totality of the circumstances of his personnel records and because of the underlying details of his case that I will outline below that may not have been apparent from his bare record.

Mr. Jones, as you will see, has a somewhat unusual case. If I had been In any doubt, I would have vetted him through your office before hiring him. Now, that I fully understand your position, going forward, I will contact your office If there Is any question whatsoever. Here are the facts that I considered before hiring Officer Jones:

Through our Investigatory process, I found out that he had worked for Eureka Police Department for over a year and a half and was taken off his probationary period of one year because he was considered a good and competent officer. Further reports of his work substantiated his good employment history.

On May 25, 2018, he was sent to a call In which a dog had been killed. While on that call, he had to break away to go to another call of a man with a gun. Later that day his sergeant, in passing, asked about the call. Jones described the wound to the deceased dog as looking like it was made by a BB or pellet gun. The sergeant asked him if he took photos. Jones, thinking that he did, told the sergeant that he had.

The next day he tried to find the photos In his assigned camera and on his cell phone. He couldn't find them and said he realized he had not taken photos as he had thought. Immediately realizing that he did not take those photos, he told a field training officer and the original sergeant that he was mistaken and hadn't taken photos. Jones said that the sergeant said "OK" and did not chastise him or rebuke him In any way.

On about June 19, 2018, Jones submitted his paperwork to Willits Police Department to start his background in the hiring process. He said he wanted to work for Willits Police Department because he and his wife are from Willits and wanted to return and serve his hometown community.

Within a week of turning In his background paperwork to me, he advised his captain at Eureka Police Department that he had applied at Willits Police Department. Jones told me that the captain was visibly disappointed. On July 10, 2018, about 6 weeks after the deceased dog call, his sergeant submitted a "letter of concern" to the chief about the photo statements by Jones.

An Internal Affairs investigation was started regarding "alleged dishonesty" to cover up inadequate work. Jones told me he was upset because he was being truthful about the Incident. He also told me that he thought about quitting. I told him that If he quit before the IA was

completed, I would not even consider hiring him. He can document that he had to rush from the dog call to a "man with a gun" call.

WPD's contract background investigator conducted a background, which included reviewing Jones' personnel file, his previous background Investigation file at EPD, and Interviewing his coworkers. Because the IA was not completed, our investigator was appropriately not allowed to review any of that Information at that time.

The internal investigations were eventually completed, and the dishonesty Issue was determined by a captain at Eureka Police Department to be "sustained." Jones was told he would receive days off without pay as the penalty and had a "Skelly Hearing" which is the obligatory administrative hearing that every public employee gets, usually with his boss (in this case, the chief), to contest the penalty. The chief upheld the penalty.

Officer Jones did not, however, appeal the IA and his legal counsel did not notify him that this was an issue that could be considered a "Brady" issue that could affect his career. At that time, he was frustrated and just wanted to leave and work for the City of Willits. According to Jones, if he had had any idea that anyone would have considered this a potential "Brady" issue, he would have

There are other mitigating factors for Officer Jones that I'm not comfortable putting in a public document that I would like to share with you in person and work with you on how to deal with.

During the IA investigation, Jones was placed on desk duty where he took reports from people who came into the police station to report crimes. After he received his penalty of days off without pay, he was returned to full duty as a police officer and not put on a Brady list. The chief of police told Jones that this incident would not be a career-ender and they were giving him a second chance. This is another reason it did not occur to him to contest the IA finding.

In April 2019, I spoke to a Eureka Police Department captain. He told me he was concerned that we were going to hire Jones away from them and that he considered Jones a good officer. I told him we had conducted Jones' background check, but hadn't decided whether we were going to hire him yet.

The captain also told me that the Humboldt County DA had reviewed the IAs against Jones and determined that there were no issues. After being placed back on full duty, he put in his two weeks' notice as he no longer wanted to work for Eureka Police Department. I told him before he put in his notice that there were no guarantees that the Willits Police Department would hire him. He

As part of completing the background investigation, Jones had to take a pre-employment polygraph examination. During that examination, I directed that he be asked on the polygraph if he told the complete truth during his IA investigations. He answered "Yes" and passed the polygraph.

I also considered that there was no proof and no admission by Jones that he had been dishonest. The lying determination was the opinion of one person at Eureka Police Department, who was backed up by the

Jones still insists he was never untruthful and had merely made a mistake. Since there was no proof of dishonesty and considering the totality of all the information we had, I believed there was no issue, Brady

Being placed on a "Brady List" has, as I know you appreciate, been incredibly stressful for this young man I have gotten to know Officer Jones and his family and find him to be a kind, diligent and hard-working officer who has the protection of the people of the City of Willits deeply in his heart. He is a devoted family man with many community ties who have risen up to support him.

Officer Jones is the kind of officer that we seek for our community, and I feel that his difficulties have been caused by my failures in not bringing all of these issues to your attention. 1 would honestly hate to think that my mistake and this incident, one of mistakenly not taking a picture of a deceased dog, in the course of being called away to an urgent call of a "man with a gun," would

I would sincerely like to apologize for not coming to you first before hiring Officer Jones. This is something I will always do In the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to meet with me and with Officer Jones to discuss his situation in light of the totality of the circumstances and also come to an understanding on what I can do to make sure that the Willits Police Department and the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office can work as a cohesive team here in Mendocino County.

Willits Chief of Police Scott Warnock







Native Art

Sherwood Valley Casino showcases paintings by Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya in the first of a new series of exhibitions

For many years, two cultures have existed side-by-side in the Little Lake Valley. separated by factors of culture, history, and way of life. Occasionally, they find common ground by which to come together and enjoy the commonalities, learn from the different ways of interfacing with the world, understand each other's spiritual paths, and speak the shared language of art.

Mathew Caine

It is this spirit of creative harmony that makes the new exhibition of Native Art by Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya so important to the ethos of the Willits community. The Willits Center for the Arts and WCA

curator Gary Martin were pleased to be invited to participate in this new concept of artistic presentation, moving art out of the gallery and into a location where people, who may not normally be exposed to this kind of artistic endeavor, can see and gain an appreciation.

Sherwood Valley Casino Manager Michael Broderick, himself a visual artist, advanced an idea to Martin. He wanted to bring art into the gambling house that would illustrate the abilities and mindset of the local Native

American artisans, with the purpose of bridging the cultures of the area, in

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At left, above: Patrons mingle and gamble at Sherwood Valley Casino At left: Casino Manager Michael Broderick addresses the attendees with Melanie Rafanan, tribal chair, at left; Heather and Joe Carrio; and artist Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya.

Above: Joe and Heather Carrio give the invocation to open the exhibit. At right: Carol Brown and Bayami Puccio visit Montova's show.

Below, left: Artist Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya thanks the attendees and the casino. Below, right: The entrance to the Sherwood Valley













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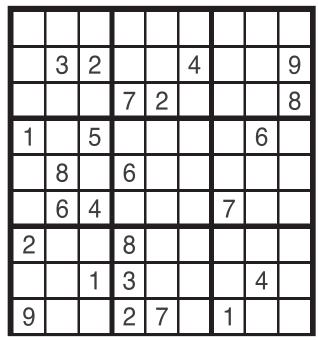
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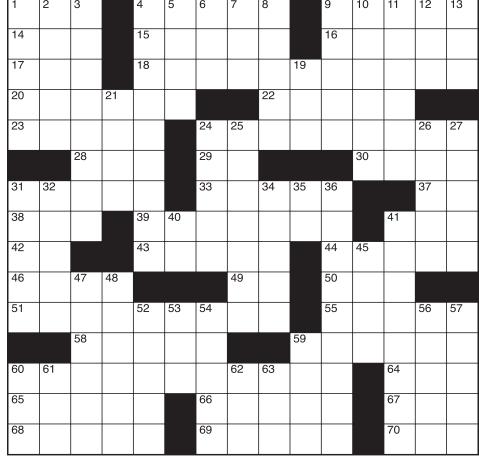
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BRISKET	FLIP	ROAST	TEMPERATUR
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- 1. Google certification 4. Cloths spread over coffins
- 9. Disorderly
- 14. 'Star Wars' hero Solo 15. Toward the rear
- 16. The order of frogs
- 17. Alternative pain
- treatment (abbr.)
- 18. 'Wolf of Wall Street' star 20. Evoke 22. Units of metrical time
- 23. Helps to predict eclipses
- 24. Some say they attract 28. Pitching statistic
- 29. Baseball box score (abbr.)
- 30. Force unit
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- 37. Commercial
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- 9. Volcanic craters 10. Still outstanding 11. Takes responsibility for another 50. Pouch 12. California think tank 51. Add notes to 13. Former Rocket Ming

- 55. A way to fall into ruin 58. Cunning intelligence 59. Blood disorder
- 60. Disgraced CBS newsman 64. Tax collector 65. Type of grass common to the Orient

CLUES DOWN

1. Clarified butters

3. Completely

5. Assist

2. Primitive Himalayan

4. Steep cliffs along the

6. Language spoken in Laos

8. An attempt to economize

Hudson River

7. Type of screen

- 66. Cosmic intelligence 31. The brightest star in Virgo 67. No (Scottish) 32. Made with oats 68. People who rely on things
- 34. Subjects to laser light 69. Stairs have them 35. Beloved Hollywood alien 70. Mathematical term (abbr.) 36. Neatly brief
 - 40. The Great Lakes State (abbr.) 41. Soon to be released

19. A pigeon noise

21. Central part of

24. Academy Award statue

26. Relative on the female

side of the family

27. Passover feast and

25. Distinct unit of sound

- 45. Swiss river 47. Become involved in 48. More dour
- 52. They're on floors 53. Boxing's GOAT 54. Swarms with 56. Quantum mechanics
- pioneer 57. Facilitated 59. As fast as can be done
- (abbr.) 60. Regional French wine Grand ___
- 61. Owns 62. Tell on 63. Precedes two



Above: WCA Curator Gary Martin shakes hands with artist Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya at Sherwood Valley Casino where Montoya is showing his paintings.

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order to create a heightened awareness.

respect and acceptance. When peoples of different walks of life interrelate, there is a degree of acculturalization, a synthesis in the exposure to one another that is often to create this synthesis through art. With this in mind, "Creative at the Casino" was

"The casino contacted me," said Martin, "and asked us to partner with them. thought it was a good idea. It gives us an entirely new audience to introduce to the art center. Even here, the response already

conceived and had its opening on Friday.

"We just put up the paintings yesterday. They called to tell us everybody is going nuts over them, a lot of the same paintings we displayed at the art center," added Martin, referring to a show that featured works from Montoya and other Native American artists at the WCA in June of 2018 titled, "Giving Voice Through Art."

Montoya is moving back to Texas for a while to find some serene space in which to create a new body of work and to see some cousins and extended family that still live in the area from which he came. "Basically, I'm going back home for the quiet," explained Montoya. "I'm not good with distractions. I need something even guieter than Northern California.

"I want to try and get a body of work together," he continued. "I haven't painted in a while. I paint off and on. I really need to do some artwork. I'm not getting any younger. I can feel it every morning. I did just one piece last year. At one time, I was doing one a month. I've been distracted by trying to earn a living.

"I'm going to be a three-hour drive from the family," he went on to say. "My immediate family is here in California. The kinfolks are back there in Texas. I haven't seen a lot of them since I was a kid, about 9 or so. There's a lot more going on, like ceremonies.

"It's a little town outside of Del Rio, called Brackettville. The county only has one town. It's one of our old Apache village sites. It has a big natural water spring that comes out of the ground there. When the U.S. Cavalry came, they kicked us out of achieved through commerce. The idea was there. I'm basically just going back home, back where I belong."

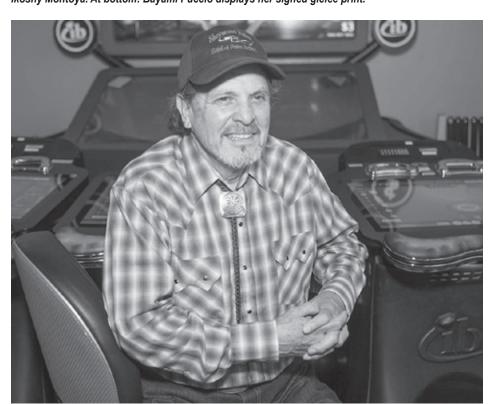
Montoya's move, while good for his creative abilities, is a loss for Northern California, and makes this exhibit all the more bittersweet and important.

Casino Manager Broderick is pleased with the results and response. "This is a beautiful start," he said. "We're blessed to have lke here, but the biggest thing is to involve Mendo County artists, to have a venue for them that's outside the typical norm. What better place, where you have so many eyes. Not just art aficionados, but people in all walks of life. I think we definitely accomplished that. It's community

The evening began with a short talk by Broderick, welcoming all who came to see the art. This was followed by a Pomo traditional invocation by husband and wife team of Joe and Heather Carrio that well set the atmosphere of the reservation on which the casino is situated. After the invocation, Montoya said a few words, thanking those who had come to see his work and inviting them to come up and meet him, get a free signed giclée print of one of his pieces, and be photographed with him for the casino's

The Sherwood Valley Casino is a small but thriving venue, situated at 100 Kawi Place, on the Sherwood Valley Rancheria, adjacent to the tribal headquarters for the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians. It employs about 80 locals, including natives and others. It is one of the main sources of revenue for a program to send native students to school in order to better their lives and enable them to further interface with other cultures.

Below: Native American tribal leader Wallace Clark-Wilson shows up to support his friend, Timoteo Ikoshy Montoya. At bottom: Bayami Puccio displays her signed giclée print.















Willow Lane **Block Party**

Festive annual gathering on Willow Lane delivers music, art and lively diversions

It was 12-plus hours of exhausting fun, music, art, games, kids, apple pressing and tea, and some creative adult beverages. The annual Willow Lane Block Party, this year beginning on October 5 and ending the next day, sometime in the early morning, is one of Willits' best secrets that "everybody" knows about.

Mathew Caine

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In the eighth year of its current form, the event hosts a wide crosssection of the town's populace, ever-morphing from a kids' party to an art exhibit to a music venue, and through a panoply of lively diversions. Smiles and laughter were in abundance, with the exception of the occasional

By the next morning, a couple hundred of the town's residents, and some who had journeyed from as far away as the islands of Hawaii to experience the comradery and pure fun of the event, had gained memories and new or rekindled friendships, to take

Willow Lane is a one-block closed-end street, the denizens of which are art-centric,

lending their street, once a year, to the influx of party-goers who come to have a great time and enjoy the confluence of

child who crankily missed their nap time.

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At top, left: Marshailena Butler leads Higher Movement in a street dance. At top, right: Taquer Ramirez stays busy most of the evening.

Above, from left: Handmade signs give the party an organic feel. Hal Wagenet, formerly of It's a Beautiful Day, joins Cult of Ours for a mellow set. Jaynene Johnson dances with the African troupe

Below: Taylor Sandwiches hosts a tea temple.









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Thursday, October 10

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, October 10, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and summer fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, dinner items, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willitsroasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

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

Sherwood Firewise Meeting: The next Sherwood Firewise Communities general meeting is Thursday, October 10, 6 to 8 pm, Brooktrails Community Center. "We will review the recent progress of an additional emergency access route and updates regarding the working team projects and discuss neighborhood projects for current vegetation removal resources and Saturday, October 12 additional grant writing goals."

"I and You": Benefit performance to support the Harrah Senior Center. Thursday, October 10, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20, at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 459-6826. Free hors d'oeuvres. A witty and touching two-person drama, "I and You," at Willits Community Theatre to October 20. Two high school students "discover a unique connectedness through the giving of oneself." Aria Silveira and Oscar Montelongo Medina star. Fridays, October 11 and 18, 7:30 pm, \$20; Saturdays, October 12 and 19, 7:30 pm, \$20; Sunday

Info: info@Sherwoodfirewise.org.

matinees, October 13 and 20, at 2 pm, \$15; and Thursday, October 17, 7:30 pm, \$15. Student discount of \$5, all regular shows at door with student I.D. Tickets: Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, brownpapertickets. com, or 800-838-3006

Friday, October 11

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

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

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



'Joker'

The Story: Nightmarish DC Comics super-villain origin story. Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix) lives with his frail mother Penny in a rundown Gotham City apartment. It's a struggle to make ends meet. Arthur works as a party clown; his happy face doesn't come easily. Arthur yearns for the father he's never known. Gotham City itself is going through a time of tribulation. Dan Essman The rich openly despise the poor. Social services are shut

down. The garbage men are on strike, the streets stink. Arthur himself is assaulted. He's hurting. But there's no help, no justice. So, he fights back. His instincts are bloody and grotesque. He kills. It's murder as a diabolical joke. And so, Arthur Fleck becomes Joker, Hollywood's avatar of treachery, nihilism and randomness.

My Thoughts: There is a famous rule in movie world: Main characters must have a "character arc." Arthur Fleck's life is a nightmare. He's a damaged, bullied victim without hope. Yet, through courage and will, and maybe through just not giving a squid, he mutates, he transforms. And there's your movie world character arc. Joker is a mythic, much-prized part for actors, count them: Jared Leto, Caesar Romero, Jack Nicholson, Heath Ledger, Mark Hamill. Each of them imagined Joker as smirking and over-the-top. Joaquin Phoenix plays Joker as a self-absorbed dancer

lost in a graceful dream. He's spectacular. I'm going back to the Noyo and watch again this artful flick.

Parents: This flick is too violent and too cruel for children. Teenagers and up.

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



Artist Reception and **Opening:** The Willits Center for the Arts holds its latest opening and reception.

Friday, October 11, 6 to 11

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

Fall Into Art: Willits Art Walk. Leopold Collective, 109 North Main Street; Re-Evolution, 15 West Mendocino Avenue; Art on the Plaza, 91 South Main Street Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street; and Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, will walk Friday evening

"I and You": Friday, October 11, 7:30 pm. Willits Community Theatre. See October 10 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Nate Hancock & The Declaration, "steeped in the blues of the Muddy Mississippi, marinated in traditional soul-gospel." Friday October 11, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub 50B South Main Street.

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

"From Kernel to Tortilla": Saturday, October 12, 9 am to 3 pm. "We'll discuss different options for grinding the corn and look in detail at the process of nixtamalization – how to pronounce

it, why it's necessary for making tortillas and tamales. We'll grind both types of corn, make masa for tortillas, and a delicious meal." School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101.

Visit www.adaptiveagriculture. org for info and registration.

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

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October 18

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Info: 459-

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Tuesday: Hot

Spareribs

Friday: Beef

Bourguignon

Sit n Sew: Bring a project to work on, sewing machine, and tools. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Saturday, October 12, 1 to 5 pm. Info: Rachel 707-354-

Comedy Show Auditions: The Willits Community Theatre will hold auditions for a "stand up comedy" show, Saturday, October 12, 2 pm, at 37 West Van Lane. Directed by professional comic Devin Skaggs and produced by Mike A'Dair. "We are looking stand-ups, comedic musical acts, small improv groups, comic duos like Abbot and Costello or Burns and Allen or Cheech and Chong, people who can do 15 to 25 minutes of original material. For the audition, bring 5 to 10 minutes of original material." For those who cannot make it to the audition, send a video to devinskaggs@gmail.com. Show is Saturday, December 28. Info: 707-200-2462.

Oktoberfest Dinner

October 19

The American Legion, Post 174 is having Birthday Celebration

its annual Oktoberfest Dinner with traditional German foods. Come support your local veterans group! Menu: Schweinebraten, Rot Kohl, Kartoffelin mit Petersile, Grune Bohen, Desert, Apfelwein (English: Sweet Red Cabbage, Roasted Potatoes with parsley, Green Beans, Dessert, Apple Cider). \$18 adults; \$9 children from 5 to 12; free for kids under 5. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Saturday, October 19, 5 to 7 pm. Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main

Grant funds workshop for non-profits

October 30

The Community Foundation of Mendocino School District staff. The Kids County is holding a Grant Information Workshop on Wednesday, October 30 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, hosted by Program Officer Allison Findley. Laptops and brown-bag lunches welcome! The Community Foundation's 2020 Community Enrichment Program online application is now available, with individual grant awards from \$3,000 to \$8,000 for explore, create, and make community projects throughout Mendocino friends with other children is County. Organizations invited to apply at at the core of the after-school www.communityfound.org by December 6.

> submitted by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County

"I and You": Saturday, October 12, 7:30 pm. Willits meets the second Monday each month, beginning Community Theatre. See October 10 listing for details. Shanachie Pub: Crosby Tyler, "Blend backporchbluegrass with Delta blues and add a keen sense of social commentary." http://www.crosbytyler.com. Saturday, October 12, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B

Sunday, October 13

South Main Street.

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

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children \$6

"Benefits of Spices": Sunday, October 13, 10 am to 12 pm. "In this experiential class, we will discover how herbs and spices support us as food and medicine. Herbs and spices support our digestive system, immunity, circulatory system and on. Delicious new dishes that combine taste with health!" School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101, Visit www.adaptiveagriculture.org for info and registration.

"Getting to Know Electricity": Sunday, October 13, 1 to 3 pm. Remove some of the mystery and learn to use electricity safely. Basic circuits, appliances, simple repairs, house wiring, and how to avoid getting electrocuted. "This is a hands-on class and we will measure electric current, monitor electric consumption, and wire electric outlets. Solar energy, LED bulbs, and batteries will be covered." School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Visit www. adaptiveagriculture.org for info and registration.

Fall Showcase and Craft Sale: North Street Collective, 350 North Street. "A showing of work by resident

artists Clarissa Callesen, MK Chavez, and Dagie Brundert. A mini-craft sale featuring woodworking by Noel Woodhouse, light fixtures by Holli Woodhouse, succulents by Christina Nemick, and take-home snacks by ToLove Cookery. Last event of the year! Sunday, October 13, 2 to 5 pm.

LocalLights:OpenMic++: An all open mic night, October 13, 5 pm, Willits Center for the Arts (upstairs). LocalLights provides a stage with good acoustics and a safe and respectful atmosphere for any kind of performing arts. All ages welcome. This month there will be more time for everyone who wants to get up and play, sing, dance, recite, etc. To sign up in advance to perform and reserve a slot early in the program, call

459-7054 or email: locallights@thesighting.com. You are welcome to bring food and drink.

"I and You": Sunday, October 13, 2 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre, See October 10 listing for details.

Monday, October 14 Willits Garden Club Meeting:

The October Willits Garden Club meeting, Monday, October 14, at 12:30 pm, features Jeff Konicek of Laytonville, a bonsai artist and member of the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society. Konicek will bring examples of his bonsai trees and talk about how to create and care for them. A Q&A will follow presentation. Willits Garden Club

Willits Kids Club 10-Year

October 17 To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Willits Kids Club is throwing a birthday party, October 17, 4 to 6 pm. Open to the public. Cake, ice cream, and games. Kids Club, 1265 Blosser Lane, next door to Blosser Lane Elementary School. The Kids Club board extends a special invitation to early board members, volunteers, members of the Willits City Council, and Willits Unified

Club is home to an after-

school program that serves

300 kids each day. The club's

mission is "to provide a safe

place for the children of Willits

Willits Community Theatre Annual Raffle **Drawing November 17**

You can help us achieve the goal of by producing to play, learn, and grow." The theatrical performances of diversity and quality importance of unstructured by participating in our annual raffle. Grand Prize: time for kids to play outside, A \$720 value stay at the Stanford Inn, Mendocino with dinner for four. Many other prizes from Mendo Mill, Little River Inn, Skunk Train, Mendocino Botanical Gardens, and many more. Suggested contribution: \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets. Available at - submitted by Willits Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. 459-Kids Club 0895.

with potluck refreshments and introductions. Guests welcome. Golden Rule Mobile Park clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles south of Willits at the Seabiscuit Ranch turnoff. Info: willitsgardenclub.org.

Tuesday, October 15

Tightwad Tuesdays: Select films in their 2nd or subsequent weeks are discounted to \$6 on Tuesdays at the Novo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movie is "Downton Abbey." Visit www.noyotheatre.com, call 459-6696 or check the ad in the Willits Weekly for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

Wednesday, October 16

Town Hall Meeting: Third District Supervisor John Haschak hosts his second in a yearly series of Willits Town Hall Meetings on Wednesday, October 16, 5:30 pm. Willits City Hall. "Bring your concerns and issues to someone who actually listens and perhaps, can do something about them." This event, will be on KLLG radio (97.9 FM) and the video will be on Willits Channel 3 TV and on YouTube, Willits Community Television. Sponsored by the City of Willits and the Willits Branch of the American Association of University Women. All

Thursday, October 17

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, October 17, 3 to 6 pm. See October 10 listing for details.

Willits Harvest Moon Celebration: The Harvest Moon Celebration takes over downtown Willits Main Street, Thursday, October 17, 3 to 7 pm, bringing a fun-filled family event. Businesses, service groups, school groups and much more bring a carnival-like atmosphere. Info: Willits Chamber of Commerce, 459-7910 or info@willits.org.

Kids Club Birthday Party: The Willits Kids Club clubhouse is 10 years old. "Former staff, board member and Kids Club members encouraged to attend. Super Heroes costumes encouraged. There will be cake!" Thursday, October 17, 4:30 to 6 pm. 1265 Blosser Lane.

"I and You": Thursday, October 17, 7:30 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre. See October 10 listing for

Shanachie Pub: Tim O'Neill, "Mixing origin roots of bluegrass with a strong nod to punk rock, folk." Thursday, October 17, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Friday, October 18

Fall Book Sale: The annual Friends of the Willits Library Fall Book Sale at the Willits Branch Library. Friday, October 18: 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday

October 19: 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday, October 20: 10 am to 3 pm. Only \$5 a bag all day Sunday with a complimentary book bag. "Stock up on a collection of great books to read and enjoy." 390 East Commercial Street. Benefits the Willits

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

Civilization": Art talk at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Friday, October 18, at 6:30 pm. Info: 459-1726.

Laytonville Town Hall: A conversation with Third District Supervisor John Haschak, at the Community South Main Street. Room of The Book Room, 200 Branscomb Road Laytonville. Friday, October 18,

"I and You": Friday, October 18, 7:30 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre. See October 10 listing for details.

6:30 pm.

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Shanachie Pub: Belles of the Levee, "Navigating the deep haunted waters of early jazz and Americana music." Visit https://bellesofthelevee.com. Friday, October 18, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 19

"Plastic Reuse, Building with Bottle Bricks": Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 1 pm. School of Adaptive Agriculture. "Get hands-on experience learning how Bottle Bricks, created from plastic bottles stuffed with microplastics and plastic bags, are used for building across the world. Make bottle bricks and using them to insulate a tiny home ceiling." School of Adaptive

Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Visit www. adaptiveagriculture.org for info and registration.

KZYX 30th Anniversary Concert: KZYX Radio observes its 30th anniversary with a concert and party at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on Saturday, October 19. Doors open 12 pm; music and festivities, 1 to 11 pm. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. \$15 half-day ticket allows access from 1 to 5 pm. Live broadcasts during the event. The Real Sarahs, will play folk, blues and bluegrass. Keystone Revisited featuring Tony

Saunders. Headliner Roy

Rogers, "reigning king

of slide guitar," and the Delta Rhythm Kings. Food by Zocalo Collective and Pilon Kitchen food truck. Childcare available

Oktoberfest Dinner: American Legion, Post 174. hosts their annual Oktoberfest Dinner at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Menu Schweinebraten, Rot Kohl, Kartoffelin mit Petersile Grune Bohen, Desert, Apfelwein (English: Swee Red Cabbage, Roasted Potatoes with parsley, Green Beans, Dessert, Apple Cider). \$18 adults; \$9 children \$ to 13; free for kids under 5. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Saturday, October 19, 5 to 7 pm



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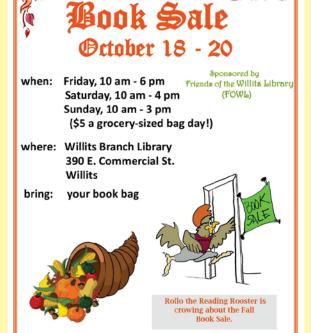
Shanachie Pub: Los Troubadoux, "Performing songs in French, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian. Saturday, October 19, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B

Sunday, October 20

'Making Life Easier with Tool & Physics": Covers basic tools and how to use them safely. Learn to tie knots, sharpen knives, lift heavy objects easily, keep a house warm in winter and cool in summer. School of Adaptive Agriculture. 16200 North Highway 101. Visit www.adaptiveagriculture.org for info and registration. Sunday, October 20, 10 am to 12 pm.

"I and You": Closing performance, Sunday, October 20, 2 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre. See October 10 listing for details.

Willits Library Fall



The Students of Circus MeCCA and Mitchell Holman performing with Sound and Movement



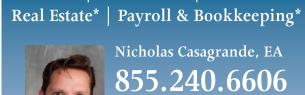
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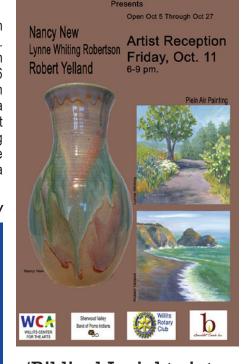
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Fall Book Sale October 18 to 20

Don't miss the annual Fall Book Sale at the Willits Branch Library Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 18, 19, 20. The Community Room at the library will be brimming with books and bargains galore. The sale runs 10 am to 6 pm Friday, 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. Books are only \$5 a bag all day Sunday and a complimentary book bag will be available for your use. Get ready for a winter of rainy days and long nights by stocking up on a collection of great books to read and enjoy. The sale is sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library and is a fund-raiser for the Willits Branch Library.

- submitted by Friends of the Willits Library





Willits Center for the Arts

'Biblical Insights into Child Training'

Video/discussion on "Biblical Insights into Child Training" is being offered at Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street (behind Flyer's Gas Station) Sundays, 6:30 to 8 pm. For anyone who is interested in children. Conducted by Reb Bradley, well-known writer and conference speaker. Childcare provided.

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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church 61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam

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& Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Healing Prayer 3rd Sunday ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau St. John

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following the service. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME

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Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church** 707-459-5714

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Worship Service - 10:45 a.m 4th Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school. 22751 Bray Road, Willits **Willits United Methodis**

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Worship Celebration



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visual, aural and olfactory stimuli. According to one of the organizers, Jaynene Johnson of Zocalo Collective, whose residence is ground zero for most of the goings-on: "This is a community event. Everyone here is donating their time and energy to create something larger than themselves. It's a happening.

part and someone else wants to do that. "We have Jazz-minh," continued Johnson, "who's an amazing artist. There are a lot of artists that live on this street and a lot of artists that live in Willits. There's a real artist energy concentrated on the street.

It's grown organically over the years. It's

always been, someone wants to do this

According to Johnson, Willow Lane is a successful venue because it doesn't go all the way through, which eliminates car traffic. Also, residents on the street all park on a neighbor's lot, further opening up the street to the event. "All the neighbors are in cahoots with the event," she said.

"It's a showcase of Willits," Johnson said. "We could do this for two or three days. There are so many people that want to." But don't expect them to expand to more than one 12-hour time slot. It takes a lot of energy and time for this all-volunteer army of artists to create this one-of-a-kind as the young ones could stay awake. atmosphere and entertainment.

There seemed to be something for everyone. As one entered from Baechtel Road, the first delight was to see accomplished artist Jazz-minh Moore on the right, creating a spiritual Buddha painting during the party as well as exhibiting some of her past creations. Continuing down Willow Lane, to the left was the main Willow Stage where such local acts as Cult of Ours (with Hal Wagenet, formerly of It's a Beautiful Day) and Rosebud (playing solo and with her Bug Guts partner, Scott) performed.

Cosmic Family Band, Shovelman, DJ Gatsby, David Blesse of Liquid Sound Design, DJ Carla Starla, and others conversation and art, and to just be also entertained in an eclectic mix of together

social commentary, ethereal sounds, and dance. Higher Movement, a wildly energetic African dance troupe, treated the crowd to two sets of drums and high-velocity interpretation, one with fire

The Patio Stage, a little off the street, played host to Gypsy Hoedown, Peppe Friends, SpiralVine, Super Dave, Candace / Da Blond, Electrowyrm and Sudakra. The tepee on the patio was available for detachment and temporary isolation in a Native American-themed

An apple press was set up for those who favored fresh, non-alcoholic refreshment, but one had to master the ins and outs of the device. Then again, the kids were the ones who utilized it the most, under adult supervision. The hosted bar provided a choice of adult beverages: the Willarita (special party-blended margarita), Mendo Blendo, and a Sangria. Later, the Tagueria Ramirez truck parked up the lane and was especially busy for most of

For the kids, Dan Miller, a longtime Willow Lane resident and original Burning Man creator, set up his 20-foottall bed swing that was popular as long Additionally, there was a bounce house and other diversions to keep them

For those who needed a moment of respite, there was jade flower tea from Taylor Sandwiches, offered in a tea temple tent where one could sit on pillows and sip some of the calming liquid before proceeding back into the mellow melee.

The Willow Lane Block Party is one of those events that define a town, albeit a microcosm, a cross-section of the residents. It defines community, a group of disparate people who want to combine their energy with common purposes. to have fun, to share some moments,

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who will schedule an appointment for a Medically Assisted Treatment

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the bed swing at the Willow Lane Block Party. Above, left: The African drums make everyone move Above, right: Dan Miller holds Soren close. At left: Bug Guts gives their wry commentary on life and politics from atop the Willow Stage.

Photos by Mathew Caine

OBITUARY |

Donald Alumbaugh

Donald Francis "Donsco" Alumbaugh passed away peacefully in Santa Rosa on September 28, with his wife,

Don spent an energetic and colorful boyhood in St. Louis, Missouri. He worked a series of unusual jobs during his early years, but his most cherished was a long stint as usher at the St. Louis Muny Opera, where his grandmother had appeared on stage during the company's very first

After graduation, Don served as a mechanic in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1960 in Europe, where he discovered his lifelong love of German culture. He returned to Germany and worked for Messerschmitt for several years before bringing his family to the United States, where he began a

Don moved to Willits in the early '80s and built a home on Pine Mountain, eventually finding his way into the timber industry. After a failed attempt at timber falling school, he

company, Donsco, with

for countless local civic organizations. Don was an early supporter of Roots of Motive Power, and contributed much labor and talent to fixing equipment in its early years.

Don is survived by his wife, Ann Alumbaugh; his sister Christine Dugan of St. Louis; his daughter Karin Alumbaugh and her son Markus, of Munich, Germany; stepson Detlef Horn and wife, Uschi, of Munich; stepson Hank Sims and wife, Jennifer Hales, of Eureka; stepdaughter Stacey Sims and partner Heather Burton of Petaluma; grandchildren Maxwell Sims, Levi Sims, Nathan Burton and Sara Burton; many nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Mary Louise Alumbaugh, and his older sister, Mary Anne Fitzgerald, all

There will be graveside services at Little Lake Cemetery on Thursday, October 17, at 2 pm. A reception will follow at

Richard Lewis

Richard Floyd Lewis of Willits passed away on October 6, 2019 at the age of 91 of natural causes. He was born on February 17, 1928 to Shirley Lewis and Dorothy Scott in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Richard served in the U.S. Army and moved to California in 1960 where he worked as an electrician for 25 years. He enjoyed bowling and woodworking in his spare time.

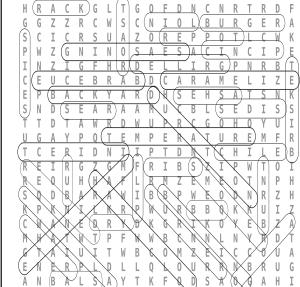
Richard is preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Ann Lewis, and his two brothers Kenneth and Fred Lewis. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Lewis, daughters Sharon Briggs and Linda Czyzewski, grandchildren Kim Perry, Josh Dickey, Shane Czyzewski, and Misty Czyzewski, five great-

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The following persons are doing business as Marvin's Garden Tre Service, 1931 East Hill Road, address: P.O. Box 1725, Willits CA

Registered owners: Marvin Dixon, 5601 West View Road, Willits, CA 95490, and Coni Dixor 5601 West View Road, Willits, CA This business is conducted by a

married couple The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 25, 1988 Statement filed with the

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on September 17, 2019.

/s/ Marvin L. Dixon 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17/2019

Fictitious Business Name Statemen

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

transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 5, 2019 Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorde on September 5, 2019.

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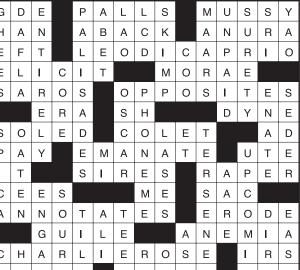
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Above: Barbecue cookers and tasters gather on the lawn at the Willits Frontier Days grounds to attend the annual BBQ cook offheld Saturday, October 5. Below: Pie eating contestant Alyssa Alvarez, left, battled William England, right with a full apple pie. After both tapped out mid-full-sized-pie, England was determined the winner with most pie consumed. His win netted him first place: a rolling pin, and another pie! At right, from top: Barbecue teams participating in the 2019 contest included: Willits Power, Folsom Ranch, the City of Willits' "Willits or Won't It," the Junior Pumpkins, and Little Lake Fire's "Stop, drop and grill" team.





Get to Grilling

Ranch Rodeo holds barbecue contest in addition to cowboy and cowgirl arena festivities at Saturday event



Beans, bread and barbecue were all up for the tasting and voting at the 2019 Ranch Rodeo, held Saturday at the Willits Frontier Days grounds. After the judges cast their votes, winners were as follows: Ribs: first place went to Willits Power; second place went to "Stop, Drop & Grill"; and third to the Junior Pumpkins. Beans: First place went to "Willits or Won't It"; second place went to "Stop, Drop & Grill"; and third place went to Folsom Ranch. Bread: First place went to Willits Power; second place went to the Junior Pumpkins; and third place went to Stop, Drop & Grill.

- Results provided by Mattie Pinon Owen At left: Danielle Barry and Claire Case-Brackett hold pies ready to consume in the pie eating contest. Below, left: Ron Moorhead sold taster tickets and explained the glass bead voting system to attendees. Below: Willits City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra slices up ribs at the "Willits or Won't It" team table





























Response

"In all honesty. I truly did not believe Officer Jones had such an issue," said Warnock, "otherwise I would absolutely have consulted with your office before hiring him. I assure you that in the future. this issue will never come up again."

"The honest reason that I did not discuss the hiring of Officer Jones was because I did not feel that he had a Brady Issue, because of the totality of the circumstances of his personnel records and because of the underlying details of his case," he added.

He went on to say that the hiring process for Jones included a polygraph test which he passed where he stated that he been truthful during investigations into his potential misconduct, throughout which he had continually asserted his innocence.

Jones was the subject of an Internal Affairs investigational at the EPD where allegations of dishonesty were "sustained" by the lead investigator Sgt. Gregory Hill – and eventually upheld by EPD Chief of Police Steve Watson.

The allegations had stemmed from an incident in May of 2018 involving a deceased dog found at a house that Jones responded to. He originally told his supervisor, Sgt. Edward Wilson, that he had taken pictures of the dog before responding to another call and leaving, but no pictures were found.

Jones has maintained that he simply misspoke originally, and soon corrected himself to the sergeant. But six weeks following the incident Wilson sent a memorandum to a captain at the department telling him he was concerned Jones had been dishonest.

Jones defended himself again on a Facebook post on September 23 following the publication of the Eyster letter, saying "I must assert with everything I have that it was not my intention to be dishonest," and that he was "absolutely forthcoming" following the incident.

In his letter, Warnock said that Jones had been unaware that these sustained allegations would land him on the "Brady list," otherwise he would have appealed the decision to uphold them.

"According to Jones, if he had had any idea that anyone would have considered this a potential 'Brady' issue, he would have fought it," said Warnock.

"After he received his penalty of days off without pay, he was returned to full duty as a police officer and not put on a Brady list," Warnock noted. "The (EPD) chief of police told Jones that this incident would not be a career-ender and they were giving him a second chance. This is another reason it did not occur to him to contest the IA finding.'

Warnock also talked about the timeline of the hiring process, and said that Jones had applied to the Willits Police Department on about June 19, 2018, which was well before Wilson sent his "letter of concern" to the chief of police on July 10 which triggered the IA investigation.

Warnock said that in his conversations with Jones' coworkers and other background research, he felt Jones "was considered a good and competent officer."

In addition, he said that he had talked with a captain at the EPD who was impressed with Jones and had been told by the Humboldt County DA tha his allegation wouldn't be problematic.

"He told me he was concerned that we were going to hire Jones away from them and that he considered Jones a good officer," said Warnock. "The captain also told me that the Humboldt County DA had reviewed the IAs against Jones and determined that there were no issues."

The story of the allegations against Jones first came out in an August 19 article in the North Coast Journal. In that article Humboldt County DA Maggie Fleming said she did determine that Jones had Brady issues, and was in the process of reviewing all cases that involved his testimony.

Eyster in his original letter said that he strongly agreed with Fleming's assessment and his office was also reviewing all cases involving Jones, and would not be accepting cases involving his Company, for the purposes of certifitestimony

stated that he will be more thorough in sending all possible "Brady" issues to Eyster in the future. "I would sincerely like to apologize for not coming

Towards the end of his letter, Warnock clearly

to you first before hiring Officer Jones," he said "This is something I will always do In the future."

He also hoped they could find a way forward with Jones that would not end his career as a police officer.

"Being placed on a 'Brady List' has, as I know you appreciate, been incredibly stressful for this young man," Warnock said of Jones, who grew up in the Willits area. "I have gotten to know Officer Jones and his family and find him to be a kind, diligent and hard-working officer who has the protection of the people of the City of Willits deeply in his heart."

"I would honestly hate to think that my mistake and this incident, one of mistakenly not taking a picture of a deceased dog, in the course of being called away to an urgent call of a 'man with a gun,' would destroy his career."

"I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to meet with me and with Officer Jones," he said in closing, "to discuss his situation in light of the totality of the circumstances and also come to an understanding on what I can do to make sure that the Willits Police Department and the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office can work as a cohesive team here in Mendocino County.

Editor's Note: Please see Page 2 for WPD Chief Scott Warnock's letter in its entirety.

In an attempt to circumvent the lawsuit. Northern Aggregates asked the board of supervisors to declare that the company had a vested right to continue mining operations on the site. Granting of vested rights would have meant that the company did not have to submit an EIR for the an assisted living facility, and a food proproject, and that it could dispense with cessing facility for local organic farmers. defending the EIR in court.

The supervisors granted the vested rights request on May 20, 2014. Keep the Code then sued again on what it claimed was an improper and unfounded granting of vested rights.

The lawsuits went to Mendocino County Superior Court. The court found in favor of Keep the Code on the vested rights declaration, but found in favor of Northern Aggregates on the EIR, with the exception of two relatively minor points. They were found in the "project alternatives" section of the EIR.

The court declared that the county had not provided sufficient evidence to warrant its determination that project alternatives 4 and 5 were not feasible. Alternative 4 would have required Northern Aggregates to build a temporary asphalt plant.

Alternative 5 would have allowed Northern Aggregates to proceed with the project but with a project redesign, allowing more nighttime activities at the quarry, while also requiring the company to install a partial highway interchange at the project's driveway.

Both Northern Aggregates and Keep the Code appealed both decisions. In November 2018, the Appeals Court of the First Appellate District found that the lower court had acted in conformance with the law in both cases.

According to Northern Aggregates attorney Tina Wallis, speaking to the board of supervisors in May of 2019, public comment on the revised, draft EIR for the project needed to be limited to discussion of alternatives 4 and 5 only.

"We prevailed on air quality, traffic, traffic mitigation measures, water quality, water supply, the water supply assessment, on whether or not county counsel gave appropriate advice to the board; [we prevailed] on every single issue except the lack of evidence supporting those two alternatives," Wallis said.

"So, many of the issues that have been raised today were adjudicated and were resolved. We prevailed, and they cannot be raised again," Wallis said.

In discussing their view of the Revised Draft EIR, the 30 people who attended the

Redwood

Vermont-based Rainforest Alliance and ing declared a public nuisance, and also cutting taken place. the Emeryville, California-based Scientific Certification Systems.

From 2000 to 2017, MRC was certified each year by Rainforest Alliance. In addition, from 2000 to 2006, and again from 2008 to 2012, MRC was also certified by SCS. In 2019, the company switched from Rainforest Alliance to SCS.

According to MRC Director of Forest Policy John Anderson, SCS will now do the reports for both Humboldt Redwood Company and Mendocino Redwood Company, and both companies will be audited for compliance with FSC standards in one report. MRC did that because the company decided to combine MRC with its sister company, Humboldt Redwood cation. "We thought it would be a good idea to combine them, and let them be two management units," Anderson said. "What's the point of going through all that effort twice?'

A 2018 certification report for MRC was not posted on the company's website when this reporter checked on September 23. Anderson said that was an oversight and would be quickly corrected. As of October 8, no 2018 certification report was posted on the site.

According to both the 2016 and 2017 reports, Rainforest Alliance inspectors did not think that MRC was put in violation of Forest Stewardship Council principles by the company's refusal to abide by Measure V, the voter initiative that declared the practice of leaving trees taller than 5 meters high, which have been intentionally killed and left standing in the forest for more than 90 days, a public nuisance. Measure V was approved by 62 percent of Mendocino County voters in June 2016.

The Forest Stewardship Council's United States Forest Management Standard Indicator 1.1.a states that "forest management plans and operations demonstrate compliance with all applicable federal, state, county, municipal and tribal laws and administrative requirements."

In the 2016 annual audit, the authors noted that the California Civil Code, Di-

Monday night public comment session did 4 and 5 "don't make sense because the not feel obliged to follow Wallis' instruc-

tant based in El Dorado Hills, California.

Shatnawi said Alternative 5 "should not

be considered since it would place unnec-

essary financial burden on the county due

to the split cost of the interchange.

these were increased fire danger.

Kramer said.

"Project traffic volumes were fabricated." Comments ranged widely and often and it is extremely unlikely that a second times focused on the changes in the use of viaduct [for the bypass] will be needed, so that justification for an asphalt plant just adjacent properties, especially the property at the Ridgewood Summit which is now evaporated," Drell said. owned by Ridgewood Ranch, and which is planned for use as a palliative care facility.

Willits bypass is done.

Barbara Burica lives and works near Ridgewood Ranch and spoke about the impacts of the gravel operation on children who are riding horses at the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, where she La Vida Charter School Executive Direcvolunteers. tor Ann Kelly presented a paper written by

Shakir Shatnawi, an engineering consul-"We have on numerous occasions been present during unexpected blasting [at the gravel quarry], creating startling Shatnawi said that Alternative 4 "should noise, and such dust traveling down into not be considered since it was originally the area that breathing became difficult,' developed with the assumption that the Burica said. [temporary asphalt] plant would provide

hot mix asphalt for Phase One of the "Many of our clients are already dealing with serious health issues such as cystic Willits bypass; however, the alternative fibrosis, autism, asthma, cancer, PTSD, is no longer viable since the project was just to name a few. They've had to vacompleted in 2016, and Phase Two of the cate the area suddenly so that they could Willits bypass is not scheduled within 20 resume normal - or at least more normal - conditions. So my question is, where is the accountability? At this point, there's still a level of intense air pollution that occurs, that causes drastic changes for people myself included, and I'm normal.

Dorie Kramer pointed out numerous "The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding areas in which conditions have changed Center represents people that don't have since the draft EIR was first approved by the best voice, that can't speak up for the board of supervisors. Salient among themselves. Can we pursue development without bearing in mind that there are "Fire risk and awareness is much highresidential areas, organic farming, therer now than it was when the EIR was writapeutic programs, and there's highway ten, due to climate change," Kramer said. collisions? There are all these factors, "We have had multiple large fires and Burica said.

multiple evacuations in our area, in an Longtime asphalt plant opponent Sheiincreasing rate [over] the last five years. la Jenkins called the project "over-sized, Climate change models predict more ineven with the bypass. "Granite [Constructense and swiftly moving fires, especially tion Company, a paving company based on ridgetops, into the future. The EIR reviabout three miles north of Ukiah] was able sion should consider this new condition," to handle the bypass, and their existing customers, without any difficulty," Jenkins She also pointed out there was an addsaid. "Obviously, there was no great need ed danger because Black Bart Road is for it [the Northern Aggregates asphalt now the only functioning road for the complant] then; and there's even less now,' munity. "Black Bart Road is now a one

Hillary Gitelman of Environmental Science Associates was on hand to listen to the comments on behalf of the county. Gitelman told the public she would respond to those comments that were appropriate. She added that the public eliminated one of the two escape routes would have an additional opportunity to comment on the project when the board of supervisors has a hearing before it An asphalt plant is a new fire hazard, due votes to certify the final EIR.

The public comment period on the Revised Draft EIR closes on October 15 The document is available for perusal on line at www.mendocinocounty.org/home/ showdocument?id=29885 member Ellen Drell said that alternatives

states that, for the purposes of this regulation, timber operations shall be considered agricultural operations.

way in and out road, with the asphalt plant

planned to be located at the entrance to

"The bridge on Williams Ranch Road

washed out several years ago, and there

is no plan to replace the bridge. This

from the area. Therefore, in the event of

a fire, there is only one evacuation route.

to stored toxic and flammable materials.

The EIR revision should consider this new

Willits Environmental Center board

the road," Kramer said.

condition," Kramer said.

The authors pointed out that, in their view, the operative phrase in Measure V is, "the party responsible shall be liable for any resulting damage." The authors then pointed out that no damage has resulted from MRC's practice of leaving intentionally killed trees standing for more than 90 days. "Therefore, regardless of the applicability of the ordinance to MRC, the [timber company] has demonstrated continued compliance with all federal, state, county, municipal and tribal laws and administrative requirements, per indicator 1.1.a.," the 2016 certification audit states.

The 2017 report contains information about the amount of herbicides that MRC used in 2016. That was, 555 pounds of Imazapyr, 396 pounds of Glyphosate and 676 pounds of Triclopyr. According to the 2017 report, 4,624 acres were treated with these substances, an average of .35 pounds of herbicides per acre treated.

The 2017 audit notes that the company is cutting trees in a manner that is not in conformance with its "Option A" plans. The MRC Option A document states that the company will not use even-age harvesting methods, otherwise known as clear-cutting, yet, the inspectors found that the company harvested 11,114 acres by evenage methods from the years 2011 through 2015. However, the Rainforest Alliance auditors chose to not cite them for non-conformance with Forest Stewardship Council standards for that practice. "Because MRC is harvesting substan-

tially less than is allowed under Option A, and there is low risk of MRC harvesting more than AAC [annual allowed cut], this is not being issued as a non-conformance at this time," the 2017 audit states.

Based on data available on the MRC website, through 2018 the company appears to be harvesting timber at a remarkably low rate. Each year, the company is cutting about a third of growth, which means that every year, the company's timber inventory is increasing by about

company was certified each year by two vision 4, Part 3, Title 1, Section 3482.5 two-thirds of all the growth that would different organizations, the Richmond, prohibits agricultural operations from be- have occurred on the property, had no

Over the past 20 years, the company has added 1.6 billion board feet to its timber inventory. Mendocino Redwood Company has increased its timber inventory by 77 percent over 21 years.

Those of us who remember Redwood Summer of 1990 and the timber wars of 1985 to 1995 might remember that, during that period, the county's Forest Advisory Committee proposed special rules for Mendocino County and that those special rules advocated that timber companies in this county could not cut more than a 2.0

percent of inventory, per year. According to Dr. Hans Burkhardt's book "Maximizing Forest Productivity," limiting the cut to a 2 percent of inventory would result, over a 100-year period, in highly productive forests in which the oldest trees would be about 120 years old.

A paper written by Burkhardt in 1996 advocates an even lower rate of harvest. In his paper, "The Economic Aspects of Ecoforestry," Burkhardt wrote that a percent of inventory harvest of 1 percent per year was optimum not only for forest health but also for economic benefit.

"Revenue flow culminates at a harvest level of approximately 1 percent of inventory per year," Burkhardt wrote. "The requirements of ecoforestry can only be fulfilled at an annual harvest level of 1 percent of inventory or less. All other harvest levels reduce too much of the richness, biodiversity and sustainability of the forest. Forest sustainability increases four-fold if the forest is managed for maximum revenue flow (POI 1) rather than maximum yield in board feet (POI 2), Burkhardt wrote.

Assessing the percent of inventory of MRC for the years 1998 through 2018 shows that the company is cutting, on average for those 21 years, at 1.18 percent of inventory, per year.

From 2013 to 2018, MRC was cutting at an average percent of inventory of 0.85. That means that the company has been cutting timber at a rate that is lower than the most idealistic of Burkhardt's published recommendations.





Above: Kaliani Newbern, left, in a SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) firefighting mask, and Jim Beshara, right, at the student CERT fire suppression training on October 2 at Willits High School.



At top: Participants in Jennifer Barrett's Teen CERT class at Willits High School pose at Wednesday's fire suppression training. Above: Mikey Prescott, left, and Kyla Hendry, right pose in partial firefighter turnout gear in front of Little Lake Fire truck 5442.

WHS CERT class gets training in live fire suppression

On Wednesday, October 2, Jennifer Barrett's Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class at Willits High School, period 1 and 2, participated in a live fire suppression training. Little Lake Fire Department Training Chief Eric Alvarez was one of the trainers.

This is only one part of a multifaceted class that prepares these young teens for emergency disaster preparedness.

This week, October 6 through 12 is National Fire Prevention Week. The press release sent by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in Sacramento leads off with: "Move over superheroes, and look around, every Californian can be a hero if they know and practice fire safety skills." Congratulations to the WHS students who are learning fire suppression skills, too.





Above: WHS student Jacob Compa, left, aims the fire extinguisher at the CERT fire suppression training at Willits High School. At left: Little Lake Fire Department Training Chief Eric Alvarez, center, talks to the CERT students.

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