

# Willits Weekly

A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits

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## Library sales tax met with support at election forum

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A crowd of local politics enthusiasts enjoyed the Election Forum at the Little Lake Grange Sunday afternoon, applauding responses, and asking interesting and thoughtful questions. The main “debate” element at the forum was among candidates for three seats on the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees.

The forum began with a presentation on Measure O, the proposed Citizens Library Initiative for an ongoing ¼ cent sales tax to fund local libraries, put on the November 8 ballot by citizen petition. There was also a presentation on Measure P, the proposed Essential Services ¼ sales tax, put on the ballot by the board of supervisors, who also adopted a resolution affirming the funds will go to firefighting agencies countywide and to fire prevention.

No opponents to either measure voiced opinions at the forum; no opposing arguments were submitted for the ballot pamphlet, either.

Proponents for both

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**Library**  
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## New ‘water year’ started October 1

Submitted by Mendocino County Water Agency

Although Mendocino County received a couple of inches of rainfall in September, three consecutive years of drought continue to impact local water supply. October 1 marked the beginning of a new water year, and projections from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration indicate continued La Nina conditions with the drought likely to continue.

“We’re thinking about the potential for a fourth dry year,” John Yarbrough of the Department of Water Resources told the California Water Commission. However, as the Mercury News notes: “The commonly held belief that La Nina automatically means dry winters for California isn’t supported by the historical record.” However, UC Davis’s California Water Blog warns: “Even if the coming year is wet enough to fill reservoirs, there will be enduring effects of the last three drought years” in the form of dead and dying trees and reduced groundwater levels.

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Above, from left: Ready to board the Skunk Train’s special Pumpkin Express, patrons line up alongside the train. These two friends arrived festive and ready to ride in style in their orange dresses. Additional passengers are picked up at the Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort (formerly KOA) station before heading further west. Who’s got a ticket to ride? This lucky li’l lady, that’s who! Below: A few friendly scarecrows stood watch over the pumpkin patch, set up at the Crowley stop, and greeted train riders as they arrived.



Photos by  
Maureen  
Jennison

## Pumpkin Express

### Skunk Train’s autumn-themed train rides give all the fall feels and offer choose-your-own pumpkin at scenic pumpkin patch

Even with the warm weather, it is October and that means pumpkins, scarecrows and, for the Skunk Train, their Pumpkin Express experience.

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The October train chug-a-lugs from the Willits station towards the Crowley clearing about 8 miles, or 45 minutes, west of town through October 31.

Once at the Crowley destination, riders are welcome to hop off the train and select a pumpkin at the Skunk Train’s pumpkin patch. Lawn games, stretching room, shade, and friendly scarecrows give riders a chance to get up close and personal with the redwoods while selecting their pumpkins.

While on the train to and from the patch, riders are treated

to the music of resident Train Singer Greg Schindel who has been entertaining aboard the train since the 1990s.

Riders are welcome to eat, drink and be merry on the ride, with refreshments including popcorn and snacks – and even some alcoholic options for the adults!

A few fun scenic points of interest are noted along the trip including the Wolf Tree, which is believed to be more than 1,000 years old and about 225 feet tall.

“There’s also an old worker’s cabin that was built in the early 1900s and split down the middle,” explained the Skunk Train’s President and CEO Robert Pinoli. “Each

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Above, from left: The light at the end of the tunnel was a bright welcome on the journey. The pumpkin patch appeared out of the redwoods in the Crowley clearing. Old antique cabins housed rail workers decades ago. Below, left: The Pumpkin Express chugs along the track. Below, right: Train Singer Greg Schindel chats with a delighted Maggie Jennison before singing for the passengers. At bottom, left: The train awaits the return of passengers, and pumpkins, selected for free from the patch. At bottom, right: The sign indicating the highest point on the tracks between Willits and Crowley.



## Cannabis growers dismayed by BOS ‘lack of urgency’

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On October 4 dozens of local cannabis cultivators and supporters, many associated with the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance, packed into the board of supervisors chambers to plea with the board to make recommended changes laid out by the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee at the meeting, aimed at streamlining the process for obtaining permits and grants and providing additional support to applicants.

During public comments, the speakers often gave emotional testimony about their struggles to make ends meet in the challenging local cannabis industry, given rapidly declining prices and a slow and costly permitting process.

But by the end of the 10-hour-long meeting at which the cannabis items were last to be discussed, many of the activists were clearly dismayed and disappointed in the board’s decisions, and the “lack of urgency” shown towards

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**Dismayed**  
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## Mail ballots went out this week

Submitted by Mendocino County Elections Office

Mail ballots (aka vote by mail or absentee ballots) were mailed to all active registered voters in Mendocino County by Tuesday, October 11, 2022 and will be available in the County Clerk’s Office, for the statewide General Election to be held on November 8, 2022, according to Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Katrina Bartolomie.

The County Clerk’s Office is located in Room 1020 of the County Administration Building located at 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah. The normal delivery is five to seven days. If you do not receive your ballot within one week, please call our office at 707-234-6819 for a replacement ballot.

If you have moved since the last election, please re-register at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

Sample ballots (local voter information booklets) were mailed by our vendor and should be arriving in your homes within the next week, as well as the voter information guides the state

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**Ballots**  
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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

**Go see 'Keely & Du'**

To the Editor:

To the Willits community: I encourage anyone who can to see the current play "Keely & Du" at the Willits Community Theatre. The theme is ever more relevant than when the play was first produced in 1993. It concerns a struggle over abortion rights and wrongs: Who should decide about the fate of a pregnant woman?

As the director, Mathew Caine, explained in his notes, it's up to the audience to decide ultimately, but the actors – all excellent – provide a wealth of facts, evidence, truths, and stories from many poignant perspectives of the debate to make each of us think. And laugh!

Don't miss it. You will leave the theater more thoughtful, educated, and sympathetic with all sides.

**Kim Bancroft, Willits**

## Food bank needs help

To the Editor:

During these trying times, the Willits Food Bank has been stretched to its financial limits and beyond. For example, two weeks ago we had a day where we provided food to 91 households! This was a first in

## Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$7.

**Thursday, October 13:** Sweet & Sour Chicken Lo Mein, Green Salad

**Friday, October 14:** Western Bacon Cheeseburger, Fries

**Monday, October 17:** Meat Loaf, Veggie, Mashed Potatoes, Roll

**Tuesday, October 18:** Grilled Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ Hollandaise, Green Salad, Roll

**Wednesday, October 19:** Carnitas Tacos, Rice, Beans


**Thursday, October 20:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

**Friday, October 21:** BBQ Chicken, Beans, Veggie, Corn Bread

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Deb at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826




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the history of the food bank.

It is important that the community is aware: Our resources are shrinking. We are experiencing a significant decrease in our usual donations. We need help.

Please donate to support your local food bank.

Also, the Thanksgiving Community Dinner event is beginning to take shape. We will be able to once again serve a lovely sit-down dinner to several hundred people in the Senior Center dining hall and outdoor dining veranda.

There is outdoor seating to allow for COVID safety, as well as indoor seating with fewer tables than usual, also allowing for COVID safety.

The event costs approximately \$800 to put on. We need help to make it happen. Please consider helping us to make this special dinner a reality by making a tax-deductible donation to support an event that would provide a wonderful chance for the Willits community to reconnect once again, as it has done for over 30 years – over a delicious Thanksgiving meal.

Donations can be mailed or dropped off at Willits Community Services & Food Bank, 229 East San Francisco Street, Willits 95490. Thank you.

**Ruthanne Volz, director, Willits Food Bank**

**Submit a letter to the editor by emailing us! willitsweekly@gmail.com**

**Space heater safety saves lives and property**

**Submitted by Brooktrails Fire Department**

As we settle into fall, Brooktrails Fire Department reminds you to be cautious when using space heaters in your home. Space heaters are the cause of over 1,700 structure fires in America, including 80 human fatalities, every year. Making space heater safety a priority for you and your family could save your home and your life.

- Keep space heaters over 3 feet away from bedding, furniture, curtains, and other flammable items like clothing and linens.
- Always use space heaters on the floor and not on furniture like a table or desk.
- Turn off the power to or unplug space heaters when you are not in the same room.
- Never plug a space heater into an extension cord.
- Always follow safety precautions on space heater labels and maintain labels for the life of the unit.

Check smoke detectors monthly to provide advance notice if a fire starts in your home. Working smoke detectors are an important tool to protect your family during a fire in the home.

Finally, keep a working fire extinguisher in two or three places around the home to deploy their use in case of a fire emergency. The minutes saved in seeking out a fire extinguisher could save your home and provide additional time for our first responders to arrive and put out the fire.

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## SHERIFF'S FALL UPDATE

**Posted by Sheriff Matt Kendall**

Fall is upon us, and as we move into the holidays, I hope everyone in Mendocino County can appreciate the year we have had. We have had some seriously great things occur, while we continue to face challenges as well. It's easy to stand back and point at the things that go wrong, however we also need to be thankful for the things that are going well.

Wildfire season is coming to an end, and we are continuing to do well in our responses to fires and other emergencies. Our partnerships with the community and with local and state fire agencies are paying off. Working regularly with fire safe councils and the communities have put us in a place where we can be successful.

Patrol personnel and dispatchers work together in sending timely and important notifications to the public regarding wildfires and emergencies. Our emergency alerts and warnings distribute prompt and critical information to the public regarding rapidly evolving situations.

Over the past several years we have worked very hard along with our local press and radio stations forming collaborations in which we are all serving together during times of disaster. Please remember wildfire season won't be over until we have considerable rain fall, so I am asking everyone to please remain vigilant in our daily activities.

Our dual-response teams, in which a deputy sheriff is partnered with a behavioral health worker, are providing incredible service to persons in need. This is also providing a safe environment for behavioral health workers and reducing the time deputies are spending on behavioral health calls.

Recently we have had some serious crimes. Many of these crimes have been fueled by addictions, greed and patterns of abuse. Some of these crimes I will simply ponder for the remainder of my life, as I just cannot imagine there is an explanation for them. We have been successful in the investigations of these terrible crimes.

We have been seeing an increased number of overdose deaths and crimes associated with addiction. Legislative changes have caused possession of heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine and other serious narcotics to be reduced to misdemeanors, only remedied by citation.

Sadly, these addictions are the root of several serious and dangerous crimes which have become increasingly abundant in Mendocino County. For many people addictions are a death sentence. It's like watching an arsonist pour accelerant on a house, knowing his intent, however having to stand back and allow this situation to continue until the home has burned down before we can take meaningful steps to stop it.

Let's be clear, many of the problems we are facing are due to several rounds of legislation in California, decriminalizing behaviors which are the cause of many serious crimes. The issue is the legislation left gaps in systems, and provided no framework to bridge these gaps.

We are now seeing the chickens coming home to roost, and the results are becoming evident in our daily lives. These crimes take a toll not only on our communities, however, but also on the dispatchers who receive these calls, the deputies who investigate the crimes, the corrections deputies who supervise the suspects in custody and the professional staff who provide the support and reports for prosecution. Remember these folks are also a part of our communities.

I am often contacted regarding behavioral health issues including addictions, homelessness, and the spoils of drug abuse. Our deputies on patrol and in our custody division are not social workers. The tools previously used such as arresting persons in possession of narcotics have been legislated away. We are not trained counselors or therapists, therefore the question we must answer is who is best equipped to handle these situations.

Our deputies are continuing to serve you day in and day out however our numbers are low. Currently police agencies and sheriff's offices across the United States are down personnel and we are no exception. Although numbers are down, the demand for police services are not.

Limiting services and responses from our personnel is not something I am willing to consider. So I looked for alternative solutions to reassign certain duties that would allow our deputies to focus on public safety, primarily protecting the public and our communities.

I have taken steps to reduce the workload for our personnel, one of which is instituting a coroner's investigative technician who is assigned to the chief deputy coroner. Coroner's duties are complex. This position is completing follow-up with medical providers, pathologists, and completing many of the data-entry duties which in the past were performed by deputy sheriffs. This is working out well for us.

We are at a moment when we have to look at the services provided and how best to deliver these services. Currently new legislative mandates are taking valuable time from our personnel who need to detect and investigate crimes. I am confident that by freeing our personnel up to patrol and detect crime we will have a positive

Read the rest of **Sheriff** Over on page 4



Above, from left: Prior to the start of the Willits Ranch Rodeo, Drew Mackelfresh auctions off the three-person teams to those who want a chance to split the winnings. Baby back ribs slow cook on the huge smoker that Walker Creek Catering brought for the food competition at the Willits Ranch Rodeo. Prior to the bull riding, the bulls run around the arena. Below: A rider is thrown from a bull's back and is almost trampled underfoot. At bottom: One of the cowboys is able to stay on a bronco for the entire eight seconds.

Photos by Mathew Caine

## Ranch Rodeo

### Willits wranglers show off their handling skills while teams compete for best ranch food

"Our ranch rodeo is our local folks coming together and competing in events that they would do on their ranch – branding, sorting, trailer loading," explained Marcy Barry, one of the organizers of the event.

"This is our 11th year. We're still new to it. There are big ranch rodeos over in Red Bluff. We're very little. We do it for our community. This is a community event. We want our locals to come out and enjoy the day together. We make it very affordable so people can have a great day. It's like being in your backyard for a barbecue."

Indeed, it seemed less of a traditional rodeo and more a celebration of ranching, complete with competitions based upon all things relating to the profession. There was even a food competition, based on the epitome of ranch food, with prizes going for the best baby back ribs, the best beans, the best garlic bread, and the best decorated booths.

"This is our favorite time of year," said Hailey Riley, who was hard at work helping prepare for the event. "We're going to have bulls, bronses, and ranch bronses for the first time this year. At noon, we'll have our barbecue cook-off. It's called a ranch rodeo because it's the usual things you would do on a ranch."

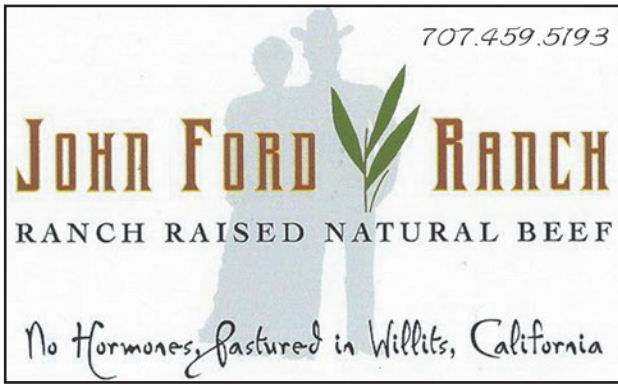
The competitions highlighted actual activities one would find on a ranch. After the traditional singing of the national anthem and the competitors' meeting with the judges to explain the rules and regulations, the seven teams of three cowhands were auctioned off. Those winning the auction of each team had a chance of splitting the winnings with the overall best team.

The first event was called "doctoring," in which the teams cut one cow from the herd, drive it across the line, and rope it both around the neck and the feet. The animal is



Above, from left: The crew of the Two Racks Are Better Than One smile with their many awards. Brian Darst, Cole Green and Billy Ward display their awarded belt buckles. A team member gets a rope around the neck of a cow before bringing it down and "doctoring" it.





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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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Level: Advanced

HOW TO  
SUDOKU

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

AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

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AUTUMN	GOURDS	ROAD TRIP
CIDER	HARVEST	SCARECROW
CINNAMON	LEAF BLOWER	SCARVES
COOL	LEAVES	SCHOOL
CRISP	MAZE	SEPTEMBER
CROPS	OCTOBER	SQUIRREL
EQUINOX	PUMPKIN	TREES

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Towards the mouth or oral region
5. A way to season
8. North-central Indian city
12. Emaciation
14. Actress de Armas
15. A way to score in basketball
16. Odd
18. Scripting languages on IBM machines
19. A right of local jurisdiction
20. Hard, colorless compound
21. Diving seabird
22. Wild goat of the mountains
23. Not shortened
26. Someone who learns from a teacher
30. Is inclined
31. Still asleep
32. Antidepressants (abbr.)
33. Town in Surrey, England
34. Indian music patterns
39. Birth control means
42. People tend to be on one
44. A way to keep meat moist

46. Home of the Crimson Tide
47. Pasta type
49. Late 1990s rapper
50. One circuit of a track
51. Surrounded by water
56. Late 'Growing Pains' actor Thicke
57. Married couples say it
58. Drol
59. Sicilian city
60. Airline worker perk (abbr.)
61. Grayish-black mixture
62. Systems, doctrines, theories
63. Midway between east and southeast
64. Athletes who get paid

CLUES DOWN

1. Genus of owls
2. Hindu queen
3. Cain and \_\_\_
4. Hindu female deity
5. Islamic calendar month
6. Changes posture
7. More stubborn
8. Give work to
9. Round maps of the Earth
10. Gathered fallen leaves
11. Popular credit card
13. Separation of church and state
17. Founder of Sikhism
24. They \_\_\_
25. Where you find the milk
26. Institute legal proceedings against
27. The neural structure consisting of the brain and spinal cord
28. Expresses surprise
29. Have a debt to
35. Businessman
36. State on India's western coast
37. Practice of managing financial risks (abbr.)
38. Patty Hearst's captors
40. Put into service
41. 10-year periods
42. Crony
43. Surgical clamp
44. Leave unable to move due to lack of wind
45. Where rockers work
47. Valleys
48. Ancient lyric poem
49. Wise men
52. It lights a room
53. Assert
54. Fifth Roman Emperor
55. Ancient Greek city in Thrace

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

October 2 to October 9

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 82 incidents in this 8-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 2

8:26 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

11:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court.

October 3

1:35 am: BILLY, Anthony Jordan (31) of Hopland was contacted near the intersection of Coast Street and Raymond Lane. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and violation of probation.

8:00 pm: SHANOFF, Timothy Robert (29) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), 5652 (A) F&G (Disposing of Trash within 150 feet of a Water Body), on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, and shoplifting, and on misdemeanor charges of brandishing a weapon.

8:18 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

10:16 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane and issued a warning.

October 4

No incidents to report.

October 5

7:10 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.



Skyler Goodwin of Willits.

October 6

2:34 pm: GOODWIN, Skyler Ian (30) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Lenore Avenue. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 69 PC (Resisting an Executive Officer), 422 PC (Criminal Threats), and failure to appear, and on misdemeanor charges of trespassing.

5:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

October 7

No incidents to report.

October 8

8:49 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

4:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 20000 block of North Highway 101 and issued a citation.

9:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

October 9

12:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street and issued a warning.

5:30 pm: PIKE, Kevin Gary (39) of Willits was contacted in the 26000 block of Sherwood Road. He was arrested on felony charges of false imprisonment and elder abuse, and on misdemeanor charges of battery.

8:46 pm: BARRETT, Teri Lee (62) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue. She was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery) and felony charges of witness intimidation.

The rest of Library From page 1

sales tax measures emphasized at the forum that, due to the expiring Measure B sales tax for mental health, passing both measures will not increase the current sales tax percentage in Mendocino County.

Libraries are "not about just books," Friends of the Willits Library's Melinda Clarke told the crowd. "It's about a place, a safe place, an interesting place" – in Ukiah, in Willits, in Fort Bragg, in Round Valley, in Point Arena, the Bookmobile – "and in January the library in Laytonville will be open," she said.

Michelle from Ukiah Friends of the Library cited statistics showing a marked increase in use of the county libraries before and after county voters approved Measure A in 2011, which dedicated a 1/8 cent sales tax for the benefit of the library system.

It's not only printed books that get checked out, but the libraries have digital resources, too, including music, audiobooks, movies, and Lexis, the newspaper reference library. "You can get your high school diploma through the library system," Michelle said.

An estimated \$4.1 million annually would be raised for the county library system if Measure O passed. As per language in the ballot measure, 60% of those funds must be spent on books and library programs, and 40% must be spent on capital improvements. These local sales tax funds can be used to qualify projects for matching funds from the state, possibly for "a new

The rest of Sheriff From page 2

and greater impact on the county.

I will be working to hire sheriff's services technicians who will assist on several of the reporting requirements as well as removing much of the clerical and data-entry work from the deputies. This will also allow our deputies more time for patrolling our neighborhoods, directly supervising those incarcerated and investigating crimes.

We are still hiring for deputy sheriffs, Corrections deputies, dispatchers, sheriffs

roof for the Willits Library," Clarke said.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak noted that this 2022 ballot measure with funds designated specifically for the library won't need a 2/3s vote to pass in November, like Measure A did back in 2011, but would pass with approval by 50% plus 1 vote of the electorate.

This is because, as Mendocino County Counsel Christian Curtis explained, "Case law" since Measure A's passage in 2011, "has subsequently established that a special tax only requires a majority vote when placed on the ballot by citizen's initiative."

Little Lake Fire Department Chief Bill Carter was part of the panel supporting Measure P, the fire sales tax, before he had to leave on an emergency call. Supervisor Haschak and Scott Cratty, director of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, were also there to present information and urge citizens to vote yes on Measure P.

Seven of the eight candidates for school board: Robert Chavez (incumbent); Colby Friend; Jeanne King (incumbent); David Lilker; Paula Nunez (incumbent); Jennifer Sookne; and April Lamprich (certified write-in) were also present.

Willits Weekly will have more on the Measure P and school board segments of the forum in next week's October 20 edition.

services technicians, and professional staff. I would invite all interested in a fulfilling career of public service to visit the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office website and apply with us. This profession is truly fulfilling, and here in Mendocino County our personnel are continually supported by the communities we serve. Thank you.

This update from Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall was posted on the "Mendocino Sheriff" Facebook page on October 7.

OBITUARY |

Fred Killion

Fred Myrle Killion of Willits passed away September 28, 2022. He was born April 21, 1935 to Isaac William Killion and Mable Killion in Atoka, Oklahoma. Family moved to Leggett, California at his age 5. Fred has lived most of his life in the Willits area.

Fred is survived by his wife, Catherine Killion of Willits, daughter Terri Killion, and sons, Fred Killion Jr., Bruce Killion, Fred Heavner and Mark Heavner. He was blessed with seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter, all of whom will miss him greatly.

Fred drove heavy equipment, loaders and drove truck most of his working life. He loved camping, fishing, clamming, cutting firewood, and building stuff at home out of wood. Mostly he loved the Lord and going to church and being with family and friends.


A Celebration of Life is on October 22, 2022 at 2 pm at the Calvary Chapel Church at 145 Wood Street, in Willits.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given to Calvary Chapel above.

Family and friends will forever remember and miss Fred.

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OBITUARY |

Mary Burgess

Mary Burgess, who was born on September 23, 1942 in Brighton, Colorado, passed away on September 19, 2022 in Willits.

Mary moved to Willits in 1976 where she worked in the family tire business. In later years, she opened her own bookkeeping and tax preparation service, where she was still working at the time of her death.

Mary's only daughter Nikki died last year. She is survived by her son Rob and wife, Carleen; grandchildren Stetson and Lance Burgess and Tiffany McPhearson; and great-grandsons Clint, Luke and Beau McPhearson and Ross Burgess.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Willits Frontier Days in her name. Mary spent a lot of time at the grounds, many years as a timer for the Jr. Rodeo, and as a spectator, watching her kids and grandkids competing.

A celebration of life will be held October 15, 2022 at 1 pm at the Willits Frontier Days grounds. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.





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Thursday, October 13

**Willits Farmers Market:** at the old Rexall parking lot, downtown, Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm. Fresh local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Market will move indoors for November. "Tobin's Tales" story time from the Willits Branch Library from 3:30 to 4 pm.

**"Keely & Du" at the Willits Community Theatre:** "Keely and Du", a powerful drama about abortion from acclaimed playwright Jane Martin runs through October 23. This timely play, directed by Mathew Caine, centers on a young woman, Keely, who is abducted from an abortion clinic by a radical religious group, then incarcerated and handcuffed to a bed in an effort to force her to carry her pregnancy to term. Starring in the production are Elizabeth Dellett as Keely and Cindi Mohr as Du." Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm; Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 for Thursday and Sunday, \$20 for Friday and Saturday. Tickets available at the door or online at [www.wctperformingartscenter.org](http://www.wctperformingartscenter.org). Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 pm. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

**Shanachie Pub:** Ross Wyde: This independent singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Reno, Nevada, has gained over 1 million streams since the 2019 release of his album "In Retrospect". Thursday, October 13, 7 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



Friday, October 14

**"All About Islam" lecture at WCA:** "Willits Center for the Arts presents Arthur Zárata PhD, 'All About Islam'. Zárata, an assistant professor of Global Humanities at San Jose State University, is an expert on Islam who has lived and traveled extensively throughout the Middle East and speaks Arabic. He will discuss popular misconceptions about Islam and the Islamic World." Friday, October 14, 6:30 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

**"Keely & Du" at the Willits Community Theatre:** Friday, October 14 at 7:30 pm. See Thursday, October 13 listing for more details. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

**Shanachie Pub:** Run Leather Cult: "Featuring members of the local bands Fruit Leather Jacket, The Runabout and Cult of Ours, Run Leather Cult is a funk-rock power trio from the future." The band includes Isaac Frankle (Shovelman) on guitar, Lincoln Andrews on bass, and Jesse Bessoni on drums. Friday October 14 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 15

**J.D. Redhouse 15th Anniversary Celebration:** Come celebrate this locally owned mercantile's 15th anniversary in downtown Willits. Featuring a bounce house, face painting, fall photos with Maureen Jennison, product demos, and pie eating contest. Free giveaways for the first 50 purchases of \$25 or more, and a customer appreciation raffle with a year's worth of dog food as the grand prize. Beer from Northspur Brewing Company, wine from Frey Vineyards, food from Smokin G's & Big D's BBQ, and pie samples from Kemmy's Pies. Sales on various store items from 10% to 30% off. Saturday, October 15, open from 9 am to 6 pm. J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street.

**Fall Photos at J.D. Redhouse:** It's fall, and it's time for fall photos at J.D. Redhouse on October 15 from 11 am to 1 pm during their anniversary event. No need for an appointment, just come by and get in line for a \$5 digital image from local photographer Maureen Jennison." J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street.

**"Spooky Ceramics: Pumpkin Pinch** Pot class with Sofia Alaoui for kids &

family at the Willits Center for the Arts. Course fee \$45, register online at [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org). Saturday, October 15, 12 to 2 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

**Willits Library "Coats For Kids" Distribution Day:** Stop by the Willits Branch Library between 11 am and 5 pm on Saturday, October 15, to pick out a clean, gently used coat for your child, on a first-come, first-served basis. One coat per

family at the Willits Center for the Arts. Course fee \$45, register online at [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org). Saturday, October 15, 12 to 2 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.



**2 Much Fun! Band at Szechuan Restaurant:** A duo featuring multi instrumentalist Paul Haley and guitarist/vocalist Dave Pierce teams up to dish out a tasty buffet of family-friendly musical favorites, sprinkled with original songs. 2 Much Fun! draws their inspiration from a diverse range of musical influences – from The Beatles to The Zombies.



**"Keely & Du" at the Willits Community Theatre:** Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 pm. See Thursday, October 13 listing for more details. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

**Shanachie Pub:** Forrest & Friends! Forrest Glyer, founding member of Schindig, is joined by other local musicians for this monthly event with an emphasis on the singer-songwriter style, but open to all forms of musical expression. Tonight's performers include: Mitchell Holman, Hal Wagenet, Clay Hawkins, Black Suzie, Lhasa Summers and Twining Time with John Wagenet and Anita Blu. Saturday, October 15, 7:30 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, October 16

**"Keely & Du" at the Willits Community Theatre:** Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm. See Thursday, October 13 listing for more details. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

Tuesday, October 18

**Halloween Family Karaoke!?:** Slam Dunk Pizza in Willits presents an evening of pizza and family fun with karaoke, and a costume contest with prizes. Tuesday, October 18, 7 to 9 pm. Slam Dunk Pizza, 1708 South Main Street.

Wednesday, October 19

**Writer's Block Group:** The Willits Library's first creative writing group starts Wednesday, October 19 and continues Wednesdays, from 5 to 6:30 pm. For beginning writers or those suffering from writer's block "this group will be just what you need to take the first step toward writing your story." Open to young adult and adult writers to share their ideas and writings in an environment of

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Ukiah Branch Library 50th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, October 19

The Ukiah Branch of the Mendocino County Library celebrates 50 years of providing public library services at 105 North Main Street in Ukiah. "Staff invites everyone to revisit the '70s with us and get retro by dressing up in a costume of the era. All are welcome to drop in to make a shrinky-dink craft, listen to live music by Steve Hahm, view a special slideshow from the library's archives, pick-up a complimentary goodie bag, and enjoy a slice of cake. Sponsored by the Mendocino County Library and the Friends of the Ukiah Valley Library. More info at [www.mendolibrary.org](http://www.mendolibrary.org) or contact the Ukiah Branch Library at 707-463-4490.

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# What's Happening Around Town

Friday, October 21

**Willits Charter School Haunted House: WCS presents "Phobias," a haunted house: "Face your fears." Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22 from 7:30 to 10 pm. \$5 admission. Kids Room \$1 per ticket, 1 ticket per activity, with face painting, games and prizes. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info: 707-413-7982.**



**Shanachie Pub:** Diane Patterson: "Folk goddess Diane Patterson subverts the dominant paradigm with rocking acoustic guitar and ukelele, a mighty pen, and a woman's voice." Visit [www.dianepatterson.org](http://www.dianepatterson.org). Friday, October 21, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub 50B South Main Street.

Saturday October 22

**"Harvest Moon Celebration":** Annual celebration in downtown Willits, presented by the Willits Chamber of Commerce and local merchants. "Kick off fall and celebrate a tradition that highlights the importance of shopping local. Featuring food, family fun, music, arts, sales and shopping." Sponsors include NC Financial Group, Adventist Health, Metal FX, Moon Lady & Moon Man Maverick Boutique. October 22, 2 to 7 pm, downtown Willits.

**Shanachie Pub:** Saturday Scramble with Tyler B: "You're invited to bring any instrument you can play and sign up for a 'band' to perform a 15 minute set with other local musicians. Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!" Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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**The Importance of Home Hardening and Defensible Space**

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Whether you are a homeowner, a renter, or a contractor, making smart choices when it comes to materials and design is a proven way to help buildings withstand wildfires.

Thursday October 20 from 6:30-8:30

Willits Senior Center

from 3 to 5:30 pm. Fresh local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Market will move indoors for November. "Tobin's Tales" story time from the Willits Branch Library from 3:30 to 4 pm.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mitchell Holman: formerly of the San Francisco iconic band, It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird"). Holman presents this event every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. "Playing bass and singing, and often bringing in guest musicians ... a fun night of local music!" Thursday, October 20, 7 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

**Hardening Your Home Against Fire:** The public is invited to this presentation at the Willits Senior Center, "The Importance of Home Hardening and Defensible Space," by Yana Valachovic, a researcher, scientist, and national expert on home hardening, wildfire preparation, and defensible space. She has worked at UC Cooperative Extension since 2000 and is a California registered professional forester and forest scientist. Learn how home construction and design can make your home more resilient to wildfire. Sponsored by Mendocino County Fire Safe Council and Pine Mountain Firewise. Thursday October 20, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Shanachie Pub:** Bryan Bielanski. "Imagine Nirvana and the Beatles had a kid together who became an acoustic rock singer songwriter- that's Bryan Bielanski! This critically acclaimed artist has been touring the U.S. and the world for the last nine years." Visit [www.bryanssuperhappyfuntime.com](http://www.bryanssuperhappyfuntime.com). Saturday, October 22, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, October 23

**"Stone Stories" at the Little Lake Cemetery:** The Mendocino County Museum presents an original skit by Don Sampson, featuring dramatized historical obituary readings. Sunday October 23, 4 to 5:30 pm. Little Lake Cemetery, 801 East Hill Road.

Ongoing Events

**'Bonnie Belt, 40 Years of Art' and 'Laura Diamondstone, Paintings and Upcycled Work':** A retrospective of Bonnie Belt's ceramic work from the past 40 years and paintings by Laura Diamondstone. Exhibits run through October 30. Sponsored by the Sherwood Band of Pomo Indians. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

**The Redwood Empire Food Bank:** Twice-monthly food distribution in Willits, now located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields. Groceries To Go, Senior Basket (for low income seniors 60 or older), and Diapers, all distributed the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

**"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar:** Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Weekly Events at the Willits Library

**Spinning & Knitting:** Every Saturday at the library from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm."

**Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and Engineering Club:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 to 4:30 pm. "Open to everyone with an interest in open source and everyone who wants to develop their creative and engineering skills."

**LEGO Club:** Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

**Games at the Library:** 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 4 to 5:30 pm. "Calling all board, card, and tabletop role playing game players! All ages & player levels welcome. Bring your own games to add to the fun!"

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: [www.mendolibrary.org](http://www.mendolibrary.org) or 707-459-5908.

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

## 'Amsterdam'

**The Story:** Based on true events in 1933, this flick manages several interweaving narratives: a murder mystery, love stories, Nazi hate groups, money-driven political intrigue, and broad human comedy.

Two veterans of World War I, But (Christian Bale) and Harold (John David Washington) witness a murder, and are blamed for the killing. While seeking to clear their names,

they reconnect with their incandescently lovely savior/ nurse Valerie (Margot Robbie), who cared for them during their post-Armistice convalescence in Amsterdam.

Valerie is now a surrealist artist, but she's in trouble. Then, the three of them uncover a conspiracy against America. Truly, some bad, bad things were going on in 1933.

**My Thoughts:** "Amsterdam" is non-stop entertainment. Writer/director David O. Russell ("Joy," "Silver Linings Playbook," "American Hustle," "Three Kings," "The Fighter") is one of this era's most brilliant and unpredictable storytellers. The action in this flick is quirky, fast-paced, filled with sudden surprises.

I especially celebrate Director Russell because of how much he loves women. A decade ago, he gave us Jennifer Lawrence (be still my heart!). And now, Margot Robbie (o' the endless heartbreak!), she is a romantic vision of compassionate beauty in shot after shot, scene after scene. He puts her onscreen next to the glowing Andrea Risborough, and the odd mesmerizing Anya Taylor-Joy with her naked face and secret thoughts.

Russell has cinematic propensities that hearken to the Golden Age of Hollywood glamour. His leading men can be goofs, but when his women turn to camera, they are goddesses. Parents: Not really for kids. It is an "R" rated movie for adults, with brief moments of graphic violence.

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



Dan Essman  
Columnist



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Halloween Happenings

**Skeletons for St. Jude:** The Skeleton House Rabbit, Saturday, October 29. "Moon Rabbit is at East Valley Road and Penn Street in Willits is decorated for Halloween again this year, and also again raising funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Stop by to see the display and scan the QR code on the banner to donate."

**"Haunted House in the Redwoods":** Every Friday and Saturday in October, 7 to 10 pm. \$10 for admittance, \$5 for park guests. Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort, 1600 Highway 20.

**"High School Monster Dance":** "Dancing in the Haunted Ballroom at the Willits Center for the Arts, Friday, October 28, 7 to 10 pm. Music by DJ Cali. Costume contest with \$100 first prize. \$10 at the door. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

**"Graveyard Bash":** at the Willits Library, Saturday, October 29 from 2:30 to 4 pm. Celebrate Halloween with ghoulish games, sweet treats, and photo booth fun, outdoors in the parking lot next to the library. 390 East Commercial Street.

**"Trunk or Treat":** Come get your Halloween goodies at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Saturday, October 29, from 5 to 6:30 pm, 265 Margie Drive.

**Haunted Ballroom Halloween:** "Join us for a spooktacular evening of fun at the Willits Center for the Arts, at our Haunted Ballroom Halloween fundraiser gala, Saturday, October 29, from 7 to 11 pm. Live music by Funkacillin plus DJs. Light dinner and beverages included, catered by Adam Celaya, the Def Chef. Costume Parade with \$250 grand prize! All to benefit the WCA. Tickets are \$50, available at [willitscenterofthearts.org](http://willitscenterofthearts.org). WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

**Shanachie Pub Halloween Party:** with Moon



**"Redwood Valley Grange Trunk or Treat":** Come in costume to collect candy from decorated vehicles. Bring your carved pumpkin for entry in the Jack-O-Lantern contest. Free entry. To enter your decorated vehicle contact Jini at 707-972-1414. Sunday, October 30, 5 to 8 pm. Redwood Valley Grange #382, 8650 East Road, Redwood Valley.

**The Waldorf School "Enchanted Pumpkin Path":** "A magical evening of theater for the whole family," featuring the Enchanted Pumpkin Path with eight short theater skits featuring local actors – and treats – bringing to life backdrops and characters that captivate children and their caregivers alike." October 31, 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Waldorf School, 6280 Third Street, Calpella.

**Halloween Boogie at the Mateel:** "KMUD Radio and Mateel Community Center present a time-honored tradition and benefit, the 'Halloween Boogie', an all ages costume party and contest with prizes. Saturday, October 30, Doors open at 7 pm. Southern California surf rock/ reggae band Perro Bravo and punk/ska/ reggae band Hijnx from Santa Cruz will perform. Full bar, and dinner available. \$20 in advance, at [halloweenboogie22.eventbrite.com](http://halloweenboogie22.eventbrite.com) or at the door. Mateel Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway.





Above, from left: Willits offense huddles in the third quarter. Senior Shaun Stockley catches a perfectly thrown ball for the game's first touchdown. Junior Christian Ramirez boots the ball to start the third quarter.

At right: Wolverines raise their helmets for the conclusion of the National Anthem.

Below: Sophomore Finn Lessner stiff arms defender in the third quarter.



Above: Varsity Wolverines wow the entire stadium at the start of the game. Led by #24 Justin Neilsen. Below: Junior quarterback Kooper Dockins hands the ball to junior running back Reece Greenberg for a 15 yard gain.

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what they saw as badly needed changes.

The board gave very little direction at the meeting for new actions regarding the 12 recommendations suggested by the ad hoc, which were gathered through meetings with county staff as well as stakeholders in the local cannabis community.

Instead the board pointed to some efforts already taking place by the county, and asked that several of the recommendations be sent to the General Government Standing Committee which now takes up cannabis issues.

The cannabis activists also spoke out against a separate agenda item that the board was considering, to "limit Cannabis Equity (Grant) Programs to legitimate governmental purposes," and "void any program elements found to be impermissible under federal law."

Despite many objections, the board approved pursuing hiring outside counsel to look into the matter of the federal legality of the equity program, beginning with next year's grants.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak, cannabis attorney Hannah Nelson, and several other public speakers pushed back strongly against this idea, saying it seemed preposterous that the federal government would suddenly step in at this point given the county's compliance with state law, legal precedent, and other factors.

Among the supervisors, Haschak cast the lone dissenting vote on the item, calling it "a lot of concern over nothing."

"First of all we've been into this program for two years, and so what is the concern right now?" he asked. "I don't hear that the feds are coming. We can't even get the federal government to deal with the cartel growers in this county. I don't really see that they would be coming ... towards the county for this state-run program that they're funding us for."

"And the whole idea was, it's an equity [program] for people who've been harmed by the war on drugs," he added. "And just to think that the federal government would be coming to Mendocino County when this is going on in many other counties in the state? The state is providing it, there are 39 states in the country that have legal cannabis, and I just don't see it. We would just be mucking up the equity program which has enough issues on its own to go in and have to revise it at this point."

Attorney Nelson, who has 30 years of experience in cannabis law, also spoke out against restricting the equity program, both in a memo submitted to the board and at the meeting.

"I'm rather dismayed that the time and energy is being spent on ... a non-issue," she said at the meeting. "Every state equity grant jurisdiction that has a program like this does not have any issue with the feds knocking down the door.... I think it's unfortunate that there are so many issues that keep coming up with respect to the equity grant that there have been years to consider, and only now all of a sudden there's a concern about, and it keeps delaying things and delaying things."

Nelson also gave a brief history lesson regarding the legality of cannabis in the state, and federal intervention against it.

She talked of a Mendocino County case she litigated from 2007 to 2009, where seized "medical cannabis" was eventually returned to a patient following a legal battle that went to the California Supreme Court.

This was despite the objection of the state attorney general who argued that "it was illegal for the state to 'facilitate' the return of something that was illegal at the federal level."

"The Superior Court disagreed and so did the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of California," Nelson said in her memo.

She also pointed out that "each year since 2015, the federal budget was passed with a specific amendment that prohibited the feds from spending money on pursuing cases regarding medical cannabis (later expanded to recreational) if the activity was in conformance with state law where the activity was legal in that state."

"This is an issue without a problem," she stated at the meeting. "And it has been decided by the courts, by the annual budget, and it is so far beyond the scope."

She also warned that "if you include language saying that you have to comply with federal law, the argument can be made that the whole permitting program has to go out the window."

"There is no way to comply with federal

law with respect to a cannabis business, except you have to pay your taxes," she said. "And the IRS has even pushed out helpful information for cannabis businesses to pay their taxes and are there to assist cannabis businesses in that endeavor."

Nelson even warned at the meeting that she may consider legal action against the county based on this matter, singling out County Counsel Christian Curtis in particular.

"It is, in my opinion, and I respect County Counsel Curtis, but this is malpractice," she said. "Legal malpractice to not have raised this issue if it was a concern when your office has reviewed every single equity grant contract. And in fact, a lot of the bottleneck and a lot of the delay was because everything was being reviewed by your office, and new issues kept coming up all of a sudden."

Curtis asked that he first receive majority board approval at the meeting before giving his opinion on whether the equity program is legal under federal law. Three of the supervisors approved, with Dan Gjerde and Maureen Mulheren objecting.

"With respect to whether the activities that were to be funded by the grant program were compliant with federal law - no," said Curtis. "The activities that are to be funded are the cultivation of cannabis. Cultivation of cannabis remains unlawful under federal law."

Numerous complaints from applicants about the county's equity grant program have arisen since it began a couple years ago, mostly due to a grant application process many saw as slow and difficult to navigate.

A grand jury report in July also laid out many problems with the equity program, and the supervisors issued a formal response that they essentially agreed with most of the report.

According to a September 20 update from the Mendocino Cannabis Department, around \$2.4 million in equity grant funding had already been dispersed, and the county plans to seek millions more in state cannabis funding both from the equity grant program and the Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program.

During public comments on the equity grant item, long-time cannabis farmer and activist Monique Ramirez spoke tearfully about a sense of desperation growing in the local cannabis community.

"Why are you trying to limit our funding uses to this narrowed scope?" she asked. "When I'm talking about the LEEP direct grant, that is an amazing grant right now. It's helping people to pay for marketing, packaging and other essential business operational expenses that is the only thing that is helping to keep these farmers alive, including myself. We are going to go down unless we have this funding."

"This funding is a lifeline to us," she continued. "We've all driven here today at \$6 a gallon to come here to speak our truth to hopefully impact you guys in a way that helps you see that we are crying, we are desperate for you to listen to us. This is so important. This is our lives, this is our community."

Another who spoke sadly about his recent experience in the cannabis industry was Mark Shaffer of Little River, who said he had lost his business and was on the verge of losing his land.

"I used to say I had a 10,000-square-foot farm in Comptche," he said. "It's closed. Not only can I not pay for my taxes, likely I'm going to lose my land.... I put everything into compliance, because I believed. I believed in myself, my government, my community. Neither the county nor the state has given any of us a pathway to success. They have not given us a pathway at all, and now we perish."

"Either we start working together on truly progressive ideas that will stop putting us out of business, or the suffering will not stop for the ones who stepped forward," he added. "We're the ones who brought this industry out of the misunderstood and discriminatory paradigm that was created by racist propaganda over a century ago. It's time to be proud. I am proud of who I am, it's all I have left after I lose everything."

For the 12 recommendations, the ad hoc committee consisting of Supervisor Haschak and Supervisor Glenn McGourty ran through them individually at the meeting, with Board Chair Ted Williams frequently quipping that they were not "shovel ready," and advising that they be sent to the standing committee.

It was the last act of the cannabis ad hoc, which was officially disbanded at the meeting in favor of the standing committee approach.

There were also a few recommendations that were not discussed at all due to the fact that the meeting was running well past its normal ending time, and these two were sent on to the standing committee.

There were a few recommendations from the ad hoc that, based on the discussion, showed some promise of being implemented soon.

Planning & Building Director Julia Krog said at the meeting that their department was working to implement a couple changes in regulations from the ad hoc list - one to allow more flexibility in the use of portable toilets for bathroom requirements at cannabis facilities, and another to allow trimming, processing and packaging in "residences and accessory structures."

In addition, starting next year the county's General Government Standing Committee which includes cannabis plans to start meeting every month, instead of the standard of every other month.

Recommendations which appear headed to the standing committee for further discussion include ones to "clarify existing safety and disease exemptions" for the removal of dead and dangerous trees; create a better "dispute resolution process"; "issue local annual renewal permits within 30 days" if there are no significant changes in the application; and "align the county definition of outdoor cultivation with the imminent and expected state change in its definition to include the use of light deprivation without the use of light assistance."

Mendocino Cannabis Department Director Kristin Nevedal said she was also hopeful that a planned move of the department to a larger space in the old Willits Justice Center building would help in their efforts to increase staffing and expedite the approval of grants and permits.

She also said they were nearing completion of a contract with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, which should help to pick up the pace for the Sensitive Species and Habitat portion of the environmental reviews.

Overall, she said she was hopeful that the department would be able to get applicants through their "Appendix G" environmental review process before a July 1, 2023 deadline coming up next year.

"I think if that is what we're directed to focus on, then we'll be able to do that," she said.

"Our department more than anything needs space which I think we're on the verge of receiving, and so that space will give us the ability to staff up," said Nevedal. "And we are a brand-new department. So we are developing policies, procedures, training documents. And we are also moving forward with some contracts that I think can help us with not only streamlining or adding staff to ensure expedited reviews, but also help with polishing and finalizing some of our educational materials."

Despite this assessment from Nevedal, several of the cannabis community who were still remaining after the long meeting expressed dismay at the lack of progress that was made on the recommendations.

"I want to share my disappointment for the conversation that happened today," said MCA Executive Director Michael Katz. "I was incredibly enthusiastic to see really progressive useful recommendations coming from the ad hoc after nearly a year of diligent work with the cannabis department, county staff and stakeholders to try to identify solutions."

"Many of these solutions are going to be redirected to the General Government Committee which just continues to display the lack of urgency I feel that is pervasive, unfortunately."

"There is not continually more time to address these issues," he added. "And the delays that will come from this meeting moving things down the pike will only serve to further endanger operators who are dropping out of the business constantly."

"We are really at the edge of a precipice here," he said in summary. "I certainly do hope that you reconsider the urgency with which we need to address these issues, because once these folks lose their licenses, they will not be able to come back and the county will not recover."

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mails directly to voters. If you do not receive your sample ballot or voter information guide, please call our office so we can send you one.

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Local water managers are preparing for all contingencies. Mendocino City Community Services District Superintendent Ryan Rhoades notes that the district will "continue to promote strong conservation and increased individual water storage. We are moving ahead with an emergency community water storage tank project, but completion is a couple of years out." Water supplies have improved and the MCCSD board moved into a Stage 2 Water Shortage on September 26, 2022.

The City of Fort Bragg's water supply has stabilized for the moment, reports Director of Public Works John Smith. The city is under a Stage 2 Water Warning, requesting customers to reduce use by 10% to 20%. "We are applying for funding to complete a desalination pilot project that generates wave energy and treats the saline water on the buoy and discharges desalinated water to land via waterline," he notes.

Sean White, City of Ukiah's director of Water and Sewer, says the city is "prepared for whatever nature may throw our way. We have produced 295M gallons of recycled water this year and hope to expand our system next year. We have also refurbished some of our groundwater facilities, and our two surface water facilities are ready to go. We continually shift our combination of these three sources to maximize reliability and sustainability."

Elizabeth Salomone, district manager of Russian River Flood Control, observes that "many water users depend on Lake Mendocino for water supply, and consecutive years of drought have led to deep deficits in lake storage." In addition, "the water diverted through the Potter Valley Project was drastically reduced due to drought conditions, leading to deep restrictions on water use. Stakeholders developed the Upper Russian River Voluntary Water Sharing Program to share the limited supply, but the program was suspended in August 2022 due to insufficient supply."

Tamara Alaniz, Brooktrails Community Services District manager, states that "the establishment and enforcement of a usage monthly limit by the board of directors in 2018 has helped maintain sufficient supply volumes and good water quality for over four years, including during drought conditions."

"Our customers must have a conservation-minded approach to water usage," she continued, "and many accounts use less than an average 55 gallons per day per person. The district's water conservation emergency programs contain tools to legally reduce customer usage below the maximum water usage cap when water supplies are insufficient to meet the basic sanitation needs of its customers."

Francois Christen of the Anderson Valley Community Services District notes that the main challenge in the Anderson Valley is lack of reliable well data on water levels in the valley floor or in the adjacent hills. "Lack of water could not only affect homeowners' water use and gardening, it could also potentially impact the wine industry and firefighting capabilities."

All agree that another year of drought will present a hardship for the county and require water conservation, proactive management, and other measures. As Alaniz notes, "Continued drought means that participation in conserving our water supply is an absolute must."

The Mendocino County Water Agency is a special district that encompasses all of Mendocino County and is governed by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors sitting as the board of directors, and administered by the Mendocino County Executive Office.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on October 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

PROJECT: Proposed adoption of the Willits Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP). The UFMP provides a framework for the City's urban forest, identifies key management issues, outlines goals, objectives, and actions and proposes priorities for implementation. The UFMP can be found on the City website at <http://www.cityofwillits.org/277/Urban-Forest>

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Adoption of the UFMP is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City Hall; located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, Ca 95490.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the staff report and agenda will be available on the City's website at <http://ca-willits.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter/CityCouncil-1>.

•Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Dusty Duley, [dduley@cityofwillits.org](mailto:dduley@cityofwillits.org) or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. All public comments received will be provided to the Council and uploaded to the City's website in advance of the meeting.

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s/ Delores Pedersen  
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MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City Hall; located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, Ca 95490.

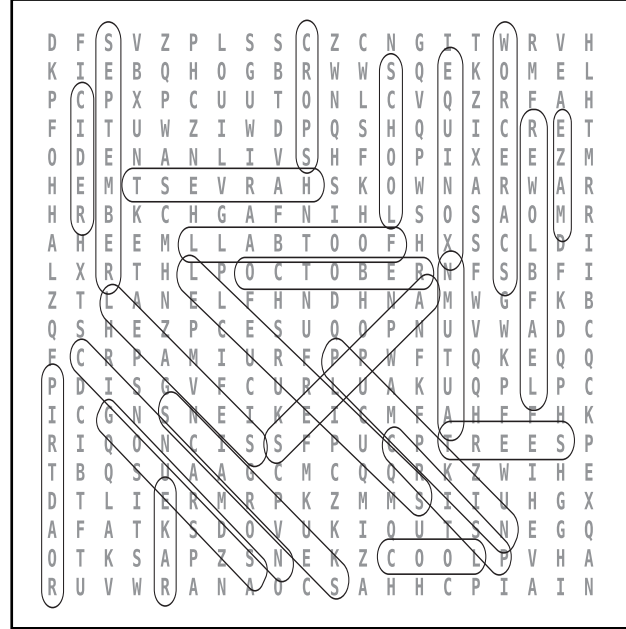
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130 sq ft office space with shared waiting room, a/c, off street parking, utilities included \$200/month. 707-354-2473

**Indoor Yard Sale 10/15**  
Giant Indoor Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, (across from the Broiler). **Saturday, October 15** from 8 am to 4 pm.

**John Ford Ranch Beef**  
John Ford Ranch still has the 50 lb. Rancher's Choice Box for \$325.00 and the 25 lb. Hamburger Box for \$150.00. Please contact Debbie Arkellan @ 459-5049.

**Wanted**  
Propane stove with oven pilot light (not electric ignition). Call or text Kip @ 707-459-6098.

**Moving Sale**  
Everything must go. 1701 Perch Road, Willits. Land Line (707) 459-5464. 2 Saturdays and Sundays, (10/15 & 10/16) and (10/22 & 10/23) 10 am to 6 pm.

**Room for Rent**  
Master bedroom and bath, private entrance, no shared spaces, refrigerator, no range; includes utilities. You need to have a job. 1 person only. In town. \$700. 805-259-9155

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Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 972-4696. See at <http://www.oakvline.net/p>

**The Chamber needs YOU!**  
Willits Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help answer phones, meet and greet the public, help with fundraising and mixers and much more! Interested in getting involved? We need enthusiastic, energetic and excited people to help with all the Chamber needs. Paid, part-time position also available for the right fit. For info: please email [8atscoops@gmail.com](mailto:8atscoops@gmail.com) (preferred ) or call 707-272-2396.

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# Senior Portraits for our Seniors

Adults and seniors in community welcome to book studio session at Senior Center for updated portrait

Photographer Maureen Jennison will be offering the chance for our older generation to have a new professional, beautiful (or handsome!) portrait of themselves, and/or with their partner, during the Willits Senior Center's first Senior Senior Shoot. Appointments are available for all adults and senior members of the community.

The event will take place on Saturday, November 12 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Senior Center, located at 1501 Baechtel Road. There will be 10 minute appointment slots available during the event, and signups will be available,

first-come, first-served, by calling the Senior Center at 707-459-6826. The backdrop color will be the neutral and flattering traditional grey.

Order forms will be available ahead of time at the Senior Center and at the event to order prints; they should be filled out with exact cash or check payment, and brought to their appointment. Prints will be delivered back to the Senior Center for pick-up. Digital files will be emailed direct.

Print packages range from \$20 to \$55 and include multiple add-on options. Digital files

will be available to purchase in addition to, or instead of, prints on the same order form.

If couples would like to be photographed together, they are welcome with their own timeslot and completed photo packet. One finished image will be printed per print pack.

Photos make great gifts to family, a nice addition to your living room wall, are great to have on file for future use, and can be a fun, glamorous and special moment that you will be happy to have captured for now and for generations to come.

## TESTIMONIAL:

### WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD YOUR PORTRAIT TAKEN?

Maybe it's time for an update. Vicki and I thought it would great to have "new" pictures taken for a couple of reasons. Since our children do not have recent portraits of us, we thought that with the holiday season quickly approaching, now would be the time to have them done professionally. What a bonus to be added to our Christmas giving. Besides, our grandchildren need to remember us for how we look to them today versus from ten years ago. Not to sound morbid, but we wanted to be proactive by having a recent photograph that could be used when it's time to post an obituary. Most of us wish to be remembered "forever young", but folks will remember us by how we look today. Vicki reached out to Soroptimist supporter, photo journalist for the Willits Weekly and photographer, Maureen Jennison, to set up a photo shoot, and we are very satisfied.

With that in mind, make the appointment.

— Roger & Vicki Ham

## The rest of Gridiron

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backs, the Wolverines still found success on the ground. Lessner and senior Reece Greenberg would split carries, both surpassing 50 yards on the ground. Junior Justin Coleman also saw carries, scoring a 4-yard touchdown late in the third quarter.

Greenberg and Lessner would also lead the way on defense, with Greenberg securing an impressive 15 total tackles, and Lessner grabbing eight. The stout Wolverine defense has now allowed only 53 total points across a six-game stretch.

The Wolverines now look forward to next week's tough matchup in Middletown against the Mustangs.

### Athletes Choice: Jim Schroeder

Jim Schroeder has been a staple in the Willits community for over four decades. Schroeder was the resource specialist teacher at Willits High School from 1981 to 2011.

During this time, Schroeder served as the head football coach, where his team won the league title in 1993. Schroeder also found success as the women's basketball coach, capturing five league titles in a six-year span. His defensive knowledge of football led him to Mendocino College, where he accepted the defensive coordinator position in the mid-'90s.

Today, Schoeder is still an active member of the community, and often substitutes at Willits High when help is needed. He is well-deserving of the Athletes Choice title.



Above: Athletes Choice Jim Schroeder waves to camera during halftime parade.

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