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**Thursday, October 17, 2019**

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**Brooktrails**  
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Above, from left: Frost spikes stood tall on the wood railing Thursday morning. Blackberry leaves were laced with an icy edge, even against the warmer ground. This raspberry plant stood its ground, however, with its delicious fruit still able to enjoy after the thaw. Below: A volunteer English walnut tree start glistened with its Thursday morning frosting.

Photos by Maureen Moore





CalFire announces \$80 million available in grant funding for fire prevention and forest health

Submitted by CalFire, Sacramento

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection announced the availability of over \$80 million for forest health and fire prevention projects on September 26. CalFire is soliciting applications for projects that work to proactively prevent catastrophic wildfires and restore forests to healthy, functioning ecosystems while also sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

CalFire's Forest Health Grant Program seeks to significantly increase reforestation, fuels management, fire reintroduction, and treatment of degraded areas. An additional \$7 million will be available through the Forest Legacy Program to conserve environmentally important forestland threatened with conversion to non-forest uses, and up to \$2 million will be available specifically for applied research examining forest management and health.

CalFire's Fire Prevention Grant Program seeks to fund local projects that address the risk of wildfire and reduce wildfire potential to communities in, and adjacent to, forested areas. Qualified activities include hazardous fuel reduction, fire prevention planning, and fire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety.

Find more information and sign up for announcements at [www.fire.ca.gov/grants](http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants).

Official call for applications

Fire Prevention Program: The call for applications opened on September 25, 2019 and applications will be due by 3 pm on December 4, 2019.

Forest Health Program: The call for applications opened on September 27 and applications will be due by 3 pm on December 6, 2019.

Public workshops, which started on September 30, will be held throughout California; additional recorded webinars will be made available online.

These grant programs are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

These programs serve to complement the 35 priority fuels reduction and fire prevention projects that CalFire has undertaken at the direction of Gov. Gavin Newsom. They also complement the State Forest Carbon Plan, which seeks to increase the ability of our forests to capture carbon and improve forest health.

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Take time for your health at Adventist's 'Ladies Night Out' October 24

By Cici Winiger, for Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Remembering to take time for our mental and physical health can sometimes get lost in the chaos of life – this is so true especially for moms. From jobs, to kids to family events, women are always so busy taking care of others that it's easy to forget to think about a topic that can be scary – breast health.

That's why during the month of October in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Adventist Health Howard Memorial is encouraging women of all ages to take time for themselves during its Ladies' Night Out event on Thursday, October 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the hospital.

In 2019, an estimated 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 62,930 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer. Education and awareness are key to early detection and treatment. And the hospital hopes to do this in a fun and supportive environment during the Ladies' Night Out event.

Moms, daughters, friends can all have fun while shopping for unique items at the hospital Gift Shop, and enjoying appetizers from Roots Restaurant. Attendees can also enjoy massages, giveaways, chat with staff and providers, and make an appointment for a mammogram.

Attendees can also see the new 3D mammography machine which was installed early this year to bring the women in our community the latest diagnostic technology when it comes to breast health. The new 3D mammography service has increased detection capability for patients. Studies show that 3D mammography results in a 29 percent increase in detection of all breast cancers and a 41 percent increase in detection of invasive breast cancers.

Katie Hageman, director for Medical Imaging at AHHM, says they are excited to show off the new 3D mammography machine to the community. The 3D image allows physicians to see clearly through breast tissue that may be overlapping, or through the tissue of women with dense breasts. Though it provides a similar X-ray exposure as a 2D mammogram, the benefits of using 3D include improving breast cancer detection, reducing false-positive findings, and cutting patient call-backs.

The hospital's Medical Imaging team will also be on hand to answer questions about breast health and mammograms. "While we wanted this to be something fun, we also want women to realize that it's OK to take time to take care of themselves, and getting a mammogram is one of the many ways they can do that," Hageman explains.

Bev Draudt, family nurse practitioner who has been caring for women for over 20 years, explains: "One in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. That means almost all of us will know someone – a mother, a sister, wife, daughter or a co-worker struck by this disease. It's important to take the first step at fighting this disease, and that includes getting a mammogram every year once you turn 40."

Experts will also be on hand to answer questions about women's and breast health during an informal Q&A session.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women get screening mammograms starting at 40. For women who have a history of breast cancer in their families, experts recommend starting screenings earlier. Regular mammograms can help find breast cancer at an early stage, when treatment is more likely to be successful.

The "Ladies' Night Out" event will be held at the Medical Imaging lobby, located on the first floor of the new hospital. To reserve your spot or for more information, please call 456-3591.

The average mammogram screening takes just five minutes to schedule and approximately 15 minutes to complete. AHHM has a state-of-the-art imaging department which provides diagnostic X-ray, CT scanning, 3D mammography, bone mineral density scanning (dexa), ultrasound, echo cardiology, and MRI. For more information or to schedule a mammogram please call 456-3090.

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

In favor of a mental health facility in Willits

To the Editor:

Friends and neighbors: Most of us are aware of the challenges of getting help for mental health services in Mendocino County. Two years ago, Measure B was passed overwhelmingly by a 2/3 vote to help finance these problems. Some of that money has recently been released to finance a training center in Redwood Valley. This is a good start. Now we need to commit to a physical location. The property of the old Howard Hospital is one of the sites being considered.

Since the freeway bypass, Willits has been needing to develop a new image and what could be more positive than offering a mental health facility that helps people from throughout the county. A wide range of problems including drug and alcohol abuse, homelessness and mental disorders are all needing consideration.

When individuals have serious mental problems, they usually end up in jail where they can only be held for a few days and are then released back into the community or sent out of the county which is very expensive. This money will remain here and those that need help will be treated and supported by their families and community. The new facility would protect both clients and the community.

In talking with Mark Westerborg, the superintendent of schools in Willits, he voiced support for the location and was not concerned about the proximity to neighboring schools. He pointed out the number of hours, days and weeks that schools are in session per year when compared to the amount of time needed for mental health services, every hour and every day of the year. He felt that the schools are secure and safe. There are more needy people wandering around now without help available and that is a big concern.

The Measure B Committee will be meeting this month on October 23. Spread the word. A number of us concerned citizens plan to speak up and on behalf of locating the mental health facility here in Willits. An informal meeting to discuss this issue will be held at The Bridge House, 132 East Valley on Friday, October 18, at noon. For more information, contact Emmy Good: 707-367-7475.

Emmy Good, Willits

That's it?!

To the Editor:

A drive down Sherwood Road to the intersection of North Main Street leaves one wondering is that it? After years of planning, millions of dollars, months of construction and delays, and "That's it?!"

As for Caltrans and their traffic engineering geniuses, the realignment of Sherwood Road at North Main Street will surely go down in the annals of road building history as one of their biggest and best projects rivaled only by some of the thousand-year-old Roman highways still in use in parts of Europe.

And oh, by the way, are these the same engineering marvels that designed the jump ramps that serve approaches accessing the north- and south-bound elevated portion of the bypass?!! Great work and a great example how tax dollars including "Jerry's" new gas tax are being squandered statewide.

Frank Sanderson, Brooktrails

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Above, left: Approximately 60 to 75 people are served over the three-hour breakfast. Above: Pancakes, eggs and bacon are served at the Senior Center breakfast, held on the second Sunday of every month. At far left: Server Kathy places her order with a smile and a yell to the kitchen through the order window. At left: Anita Blu and John Wagenet enjoy breakfast together at the Senior Center. Below: Board member and volunteer Dorothy Roediger helps get the food to the servers. At bottom: Chuck Senter perfects his pancake technique.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Monthly Pancakes

Willits Harrah Senior Center serves up a delicious hot breakfast with a heaping side of community spirit every second Sunday

It's difficult to wait a whole month for the next second Sunday, but the reward is a mouth-watering breakfast of pancakes (or biscuits and sausage gravy), bacon or sausage, eggs to order, orange juice, coffee – all the greatest hits of a traditional American breakfast.

Not to mention, there's the company of friends in the cordial atmosphere of the airy, light octagon of the Harrah Senior Center. Although the regular kitchen staff is not in residence on the weekend, the mostly volunteer staff for the Pancake Breakfasts does a yeoman's job of delivering quality repasts at a very reasonable price. The service is friendly and provided by personable volunteers who seem to honestly care about the customer experience.

The process is under the watchful eye of Virginia Jorge, past Senior Center Board of Directors chairperson and current Sunday Bingo organizer and caller. "Our breakfast starts at eight o'clock," Jorge explains. "We have all-you-can-eat pancakes. You get served three pancakes with your meal, but if you're still hungry you can have more. You have a choice of bacon or sausage, eggs any way you want them, except poached."

There's also the option of getting biscuits and gravy instead of pancakes with your eggs. "The gravy has sausage in it," Jorge said, "but for an extra \$2, you can have bacon or sausage with your biscuits and gravy. Real maple syrup is an extra \$1. We only have a choice of bacon or sausage because ham costs too much and not

enough people went for that option. We used to, at one point, do omelets but the logistics were too difficult."

Meals are \$8 for adults, \$7 for Senior Center members. For little ones under 8, there are kid-sized portions with only two pancakes for \$6. Very little ones are free. The kids also can color to their heart's content, adults as well, as "coloring is very therapeutic," according to Jorge. Indeed, there was a 5-year-old boy, Jason, who, while waiting for his meal, was creating a crayon masterpiece, staying in the lines better than most drivers in Brooktrails.

The Senior Center usually ends up serving around 60 to 75 people over the 8 to 11 am time period. Jorge figures that it takes around 50 diners to break even. Any profit goes into the myriad of altruistic community services that the center provides. They have several fundraisers throughout the year to help pay for their programs.

Currently, there is a small raffle for a "harvest basket" containing a sunflower tea pot and china for two, dinner plates, mugs and place mats, stemware, linen napkins, inspirational and pocket calendars, cookie mixes, and other donated goodies. The raffle tickets are \$1 a ticket, seven for \$5, 15 for \$10, and 35 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be on November 25, in time for Thanksgiving.

The Senior Center's 4th annual big raffle is also happening now, with tickets for \$5 or six tickets for \$20, with some pretty amazing prizes. To name a few: a two-night stay in the

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Above: A harvest-themed basket created by Diane Mann is up for raffle. At left, above: Virginia Jorge, manager, and Dianna Grigalba, hostess for the day, add up the guest count. At left: Laure Mondo serves Hailee and Jason Sansom their pancake breakfasts.

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- Computer key
- Periodical (abbr.)
- Hot beverage
- Capital of Ghana
- Shrek is one
- Behemoth
- Good friend
- Form of 'to be'
- Where travelers rest
- European country
- Everyone has one
- Pop
- Feelings of anxiety
- Small amount
- Moved quickly
- Common name for a type of frog
- Free from psychological disorder
- 8th month (abbr.)
- Basics
- Transcending national boundaries
- Natives of Kashmir
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Type of bomb
- Smooth
- Clothing pattern
- Defunct phone company
- Something to take
- Type of piano
- Consumed
- 'Pitch Perfect' actress Kendrick
- Ray-finned fish
- Heat storage stove
- Shrink back

- Yukon Territory
- Connects words
- Sound unit
- Furniture with open shelves
- Cool!
- 007's creator
- Source of the Nile River
- Not safe, but
- Helps little firms
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Conceptualize
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Integrated circuit
- Evergreen trees and shrubs genus
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- Suitable for growing crops
- Isolated
- Footwear company
- Electronic intelligence gathering
- Political action committee
- Free of

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

October 7 to October 13

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **217 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 7

4:48 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1000 block of Magnolia Avenue.

7:28 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

11:55 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 27000 block of Fox Road.

2:59 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Main Street and Baechtel Road.

3:02 pm: GANDY, Aimee Marisa (42) of Sacramento was contacted in the 100 block of Highway 20 following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 243 (E)(1) PC (Domestic Battery).

4:12 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

4:56 pm: LAFLIN, Adam Powell (43) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

5:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of a subject brandishing a weapon in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

6:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a subject brandishing a weapon in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

9:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

October 8

8:21 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

1:51 pm: STRAIT, Nathaniel Lee (42) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of being a fugitive from justice.

October 9

8:08 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

12:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of North Main Street.

3:33 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

10:27 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

October 10

7:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of South Main Street.

9:32 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

9:36 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

October 11

12:47 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:29 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of South Main Street.

1:28 pm: LAFLIN, Adam Powell (43) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Trudy Lane and Central Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (felony Violation of Probation) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

4:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Pine Street and Maple Street.

October 12

1:41 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street.

6:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

10:34 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:55 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

October 13

1:50 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of Poppy Drive.

3:02 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Lenore Avenue.

10:51 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

11:50 am: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of South Main Street.

10:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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Harvest Moon  
Annual fall celebration turns  
Willits Main Street into a family-friendly  
community carnival

Make merry this beautiful fall in Willits at the annual Harvest Moon Celebration along Main Street from 3 to 7 pm on Thursday, October 17. Downtown brick-and-mortar stores and restaurants will be offering special sales and menu specials, and as usual, local food and goods vendors, organizations, and community service groups will be filling the parking lots with activities and seasonal offerings for the whole family.

The Thursday downtown Farmers Market, on West Mendocino just south of the old Rexall parking lot, will be one highlight of the community event this year, featuring plentiful and beautiful fall produce, along with baked goodies, delicious drinks, local meats, and prepared dinners. The Farmers Market Band, led by Richard Jeske, will be playing live.

The Hathaway parking lot, says Willits Chamber of Commerce Director Ron Moorhead, will be the primary kids' zone this year, where kids' fun will include a bounce house and pumpkin decorating by Willits Youth Football and Cheer. Buy your pumpkin and get it decorated for \$10, while

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Harvest Over on Page 15



Above: A table full of pumpkins brings the Harvest Moon theme to life. At right, from top: Ambria Zenitar hangs upside-down from a pair of aerial silks that were suspended in the parking lot beside Main Street Music. Samantha Bacon gets her face painted outside the old Tiger Lily's store. Jessica Clarke artistically applies henna on the arm of a woman outside of Re-Evolution.

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Above: West Mendocino was blocked off during the 2018 festival, creating a safe place for children to run around as their parents checked out the vendors. Above, right: Aybre, Kaleb, Ryder and Jhdae sell goodies to help fund their soccer team, the J.D. Redhouse Unicorns, back in 2018.

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also did not affect locations within the City of Fort Bragg or the City of Willits.

"We made everything lined up. We made sure that our 24-hour facilities, like the jail, could run. I would say, as far as this event went, that the county's response was exemplary," said Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo.

"We didn't turn on our generators at the Administration Center," Angelo added.

When asked if she thought that in any future PSPS event, that the City of Ukiah would remain unaffected by a power shut-down, Angelo said she did not know. "We don't know. You can't really say. I have no idea," she said.

According to PG&E spokesperson Deanna Contreras, the power was turned off to 738,000 customers within the PG&E service area. The footprint of the event ranged from the northern Sierra Nevada mountains, to the greater San Francisco Bay Area, to Kern County.

Within Mendocino County, 6,401 customers had their power turned off, beginning at 2:30 am on Wednesday, October 9. Power to most of those affected was turned back on at 11:40 pm on Thursday, October 10. Three Mendocino County customers had their power turned back on at 1:30 pm on Friday, October 11.

Remarkably, this power shut-off event was, almost exactly to the day, two years after the Redwood Fire, which according to CalFire records, began at 11:36 pm on October 8, 2017.

Contreras said that the company has found more than 100 instances where the high winds caused damage to PG&E equipment.

"The 100-plus incidents of damage or hazards were spread widely across PG&E's PSPS footprint," Contreras said. "Wind gusts exceeded 50 mph in 16 of the 35 counties in the PSPS footprint, and damage or hazards were found in nearly all of them. It is possible that these damages and hazards represented potential sources of wildfire ignition."

The PSPS event was harshly criticized by California Gov. Gavin Newsom. In a public statement issued on October 14, Newsom urged PG&E to provide affected customers an automatic credit or rebate of \$100 per residential customer and \$250 per small business as compensation for their hardships.

"Californians should not pay the price for decades of PG&E's greed and neglect," said Gov. Newsom. "PG&E's mismanagement of the power shutoffs experienced last week was unacceptable. We will continue to hold PG&E accountable to make radical changes – prioritizing the safety of Californians and modernizing its equipment."

Michael Lewis, PG&E's senior vice president of Electric Operations, defended the company's decision to pull the plug on much of the north state.

"While we understand and recognize the major disruption this PSPS event imposed on our customers and the general public, these findings suggest that we made the right call, and importantly no catastrophic wildfires were started," Lewis said.

When asked how PG&E could improve its performance next time, Mendocino County CEO Angelo said the company could communicate more, and better. She also said she would like to see the company send some money to the counties, but thought the chances of that happening were slim.

In an email sent to Willits Weekly on October 16, PG&E's Contreras acknowledged the company had made some mistakes in communicating to the public and to local governments. "We are aware of the initial inclusion of Willits and Fort Bragg in the press release and then deleted them from the next press release. We apologize for the errors," Contreras wrote. "The maps on the website show general areas impacted for planning purposes, but the most accurate way to know if you are going to be impacted is if you were contacted by phone, email or text, or by using the address finder at [www.pge.com.eventmaps](http://www.pge.com.eventmaps)."

Contreras said there were approximately 68 customers impacted by the PSPS with Willits addresses, although they were not in city limits, "but in the unincorporated area of Ridgewood Road, south of Willits."

Contreras also said all 214 Medical Baseline customers in Mendocino County were notified about the potential power shut-off via automated phone call, email, text, or a door hanger left by a PG&E employee. None of the 68 customers with a Willits address who were impacted were Medical Baseline customers.

"Due to an unprecedented amount of traffic, the pge.com website experienced scalability issues early in the weather event and was unavailable to provide information for customers," Contreras said. "These issues have now been resolved. We apologize for the frustration this may have caused many customers and are working to fortify online resources for future PSPS events."

"We are reviewing this event across all facets of the company," Contreras said, "and are seeking input from state and local agencies to scrutinize our performance and identify areas of improvement."

that designation shall remain," said Eyster. "There is nothing more that needs to be discussed."

"Brady" refers to a 1963 Supreme Court decision where it was determined that a prosecutor must submit all their relevant materials to the defense attorneys, including information regarding police witnesses whose testimony is tainted due to past charges of dishonesty.

The stern and critical tone of Eyster's letter was similar to one he sent in early September where he rebuked Warnock for failing to disclose information about the past allegations of Jones while working at the Eureka Police Department in 2018. Jones was hired at the WPD in June.

Warnock had responded to Eyster with a letter on October 2 where he apologized, but also explained how he had come to believe after a lengthy background check that Jones would be a quality police officer without Brady issues.

In responding to Warnock's letter and a Facebook post by Jones where he defended himself, Eyster retorted: "The two of you just don't get it."

He said that details such as positive accounts of Jones as an officer and a person, and the fact that he has continued to assert his innocence, were unimportant in determining whether he would have a Brady designation.

"What does matter is that after a thorough investigation by the Eureka Police Department, the EPD chief of police upheld the investigatory findings that Mr. Jones had knowingly been untruthful and knowingly made false statements," said Eyster. "The latest attempts by both you privately and by Mr. Jones publicly to cast the underlying facts in Eureka necessarily led to some of the EPD findings as inconsequential, demonstrate to me ongoing poor legal judgment by both you and Mr. Jones."

Warnock told Willits Weekly on Monday that he couldn't yet comment on the plans for Jones' employment status at the WPD moving forward, but said that the department would fully abide by the decision of Eyster.

"He's made it clear that his decision is final," Warnock said of Eyster. "He has that power, and I respect that. I have no animosity towards him because I'm not that kind of person. I want to have a good working relationship with their office, and we have in the past, and we do currently. And I expect to continue that. I respect the DA, he's got a job to do and he does his job very well."

Warnock also said he had completed Eyster's request to reexamine the files of other officers working at the WPD to ensure there were no others with potential Brady issues.

"Per his request, early on by his requested deadline (September 25), I personally went through all the personnel files and all the backgrounds of any officers that currently work here, and I assured him there were no other issues," he said.

Warnock noted that in his past experience in law enforcement, which includes working as an investigator in the DA's office, he has helped with hundreds of background checks.

"I have brought some applicants from this police department and other police departments to the DA's attention to make sure that there weren't these issues, and he has cleared most of them," he said. "And I thought I had a pretty good understanding of what a Brady issue was, but according to him I didn't."

He also pointed out that the majority of applicants at the Willits Police Department, as with other police departments, don't get hired there, often because of concerns over integrity and honesty.

He said that in the future he will definitely "err on the side of caution" when it comes to checking potential Brady issues with Eyster.

"I want a good working relationship to continue with the DA's office, and I will do what he wants me to do as far as when we hire folks," said Warnock. "And if there's any kind of question on something that could be a Brady issue, then I will bring it to him. In this case I didn't think there was an issue, but I understand what he wants."

services] out there," Fire Chief Chris Wilkes told the board. "We're down to level zero every single day multiple times, [and] level zero is just what it sounds like. There is nothing available. We're going on a ton of medical aids.

"It's unfortunate, but it is time that the public realized it's serious. There needs to be some pressure put on the system to make it work," he said. "It's going to take funding."

One possibility being considered by the county is a ballot measure for a three-eighth cent sales tax.

While "not against" the idea, Wilkes did express reservations.

For example, if "it puts our cities up on their limit [so] they can't go after other sales taxes [or] ... if you live in Willits and you're paying three-eighths more sales tax, I want to make sure you're getting that amount of ambulance service here," he said.

"I'm leery of going after a tax we don't know exactly what it's going to fund, and how it's going to do that," he said. "We would need a super majority vote, and I don't know how you pull that off without having a real direction."

As well as direction, Wilkes told the board that stability was needed with respect to the agency overseeing emergency medical services in the county.

Currently that function is provided by Coastal Valleys EMS Agency, which "is on a month-to-month contract," he said.

"Hopefully we can figure out who our LEMSA [local emergency medical services agency] is going to be permanently," said Wilkes. "I don't care if we keep Coastal Valleys. I've used them. They've been there. But I am looking forward to some stabilization of who that LEMSA is going to be so we can build that relationship. That's important to me ... to all of our agencies."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak was at the meeting and agreed with Wilkes about the importance of having a stable LEMSA in place "before the tax."

"I think the board is going to take it up on October 22," said Haschak. "We're going to give further direction about how we want to proceed with the LEMSA and tax, and everything."

Meanwhile....

"You should not expect to receive an ambulance in our county if you call 911," said Wilkes. "For me, if I felt like I could throw my loved one in the passenger seat and drive to the hospital, I promise you that's what I'm going to do."

And it's going to get worse before it gets better.

Everything that Wilkes said at the meeting he said before he found out that the only private for profit ambulance company providing services in the county, Falck Northern California, was discontinuing services as of December 1, 2019.

That, Wilkes said "is definitely a big deal. The county is losing two and a half ambulances ... two 24 hour and one 12 hour. We're all a little bit worried about it.

"Medstar is the other private [non-profit] provider, and they're working hard," he said. "All the players know it's an issue.

"If any good comes from it, it will force all of us to come up with a solution."

Another big emergency response problem Wilkes brought up was with respect to traffic control after all-too-frequent accidents at the top of the Willits grade.

"Since 2017 we've been to 84 vehicle accidents in that quarter-mile stretch ... on top of the ridge at mile marker 40 after you start dropping down after Northern Aggregates, mostly in the southbound lane before the big sweeping corner," he said.

"We've done traffic control there and literally had semi-trucks go on the wrong side of the K rail [temporary concrete traffic barrier]. You cannot get people to slow down," he said. "It's become a severe hazard. I don't want to do traffic control there anymore."

Wilkes has reached out to Caltrans for help, and he told the board that their first answer was "you just have to call us, and we'll come do traffic control."

"The reflex time for that doesn't work. It takes [Caltrans] 30 minutes to get there. Once they get there they say, 'Yeah, there's an accident. We need to do traffic control. So I need to call out four other people and get the sign truck.'

"By the time they assemble, we're done," said Wilkes. "We need traffic control within five minutes.

"I will say they're taking it seriously," he added. "[and] we have the support of CalFire and our Third District supervisor.

"If Caltrans tells us, 'Nope, sorry, there's nothing we can do to help you on this,' I want them to know that, if one of our guys gets hurt, we reached out and did everything we could to alleviate the situation."

Traffic control in another guise – efficient evacuation in the event of wildfire, was also a topic at the meeting.

"There's been a request by the county OES [Office of Emergency Services] to put together evacuation routes out of Pine Mountain," said Wilkes. "We've been meeting with their fire safe council to set up these zones.... They know their area better than we ever will."

He stressed the importance of "systematically moving people out" with a description of a disastrous planning failure from last year's Camp Fire.

"In the Paradise fire, people didn't get killed on Skyway down to Chico. People who got killed were on the ancillary roads on the side," he said. "The back story [is] ... that the one spotlight in Chico where Skyway comes down lets about 10 cars through at a time and then turns red again. So they had 12 miles of cars backing up.... It was plugged up all the way back into Paradise."

Of course, not starting fires in the first place is best. And Wilkes informed board member (and Pine Mountain Fire Safe Council member) Tom Herman that the district would provide canvas fire hose to cover trailer chains as Herman had requested at the board's last meeting.

Herman asked: "What percentage of fires along the road are caused by dragging chains?"

"Every time you have multiple fires in a span of highway, it's due to trailer chains," said Wilkes.

Multiple issues with respect to money – raising it and spending it – were also on the board's agenda.

One way the district keeps financial pace with increased responsibility as new industries and other endeavors come into the community, is by assessing impact fees on new developments.

The district has hired a consulting agency to do a study to calculate what these fees should be per square foot for different kinds of development.

"As of right now, our department has a level of service it provides. The study is to make sure that, as industries or developments come into the community, they put back into the district to keep that level the same," said Wilkes. "If development comes in, it technically lowers the amount of service you provide to everybody. So they need to pay their fair share."

He estimated that the study would take six to eight months.

Ongoing negotiations between the district and the city on what portion of the city's cannabis excise tax fees would go to the district were also discussed at the meeting.

Board member Tony Madrigal described a tour of two facilities the district had sponsored for city officials.

"One was at Blosser and the other at North Lenore Street, and it went really good," he said. "I think the city understands why we need a fire marshal more after the tour than before."

Board member Herman was on the tour as well. "We learned a lot," he said, "and the two we visited were very cooperative. Everyone we spoke with really appreciated everything Chris [Wilkes] has done."

Wilkes explained that, as the entity with jurisdiction over the fire code in the county, the district has to sign off on cannabis facilities that do not use volatile gases.

And that is a demanding responsibility.

Recounting a recent tour he had conducted with fire chiefs, county agencies, and others, Wilkes told the board he was "proud to take our county fire chiefs and fire marshals to the facility at 175 North Lenore. When they left there they were in awe.

"It takes a lot of work, a ton of time, a ton of my time," he said. "If the big brothers at the county looked at my computer and went through the history, they'd think I was opening up an extraction facility myself."

"It's important to get a portion of that excise tax to be able to afford to hire a fire marshal," said Madrigal. "As more facilities come on line, it takes more time, and Chris doesn't have any more time."

"It's only fair. There's some costs," said Herman.

And finally on the money front: The district's end of year budget was "definitely positive," said Wilkes. "We did really well last year ... a \$445,000 true fund balance moving forward."

That balance does not include funds from Measure J, the 2018 voter-approved special tax to fund new firehouse construction.

Those funds are accounted for separately, and construction is "moving forward," said Wilkes. "It doesn't look like it, but it really is."

A recent "bump in the road," when PG&E informed the district that a pad-mounted transformer could not be located as the district had planned is "on the right track now," said Wilkes. Also, he said: "I have the impression from [our architect] Dennis Dong, that building plans are pretty close."

Board member Herman encouraged Wilkes to "be a little pushy" with Dong so the district could go out to bid by February or March, when they'd "likely receive a better bid price."



At left: The mighty diesel-electric GP-9 locomotive pulls the Skunk Train along the tracks.

Below: Riders enjoy picking their own pumpkin at the Clare Mill ghost town and pumpkin "farm" during the 2017 Pumpkin Express.

At bottom: Greg Schindel, the Train Singer, delights riders with Halloween-themed songs.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: Look for Sober Grad's Fall Raffle Basket at Thursday's Hometown Celebration and all around town for the next few weeks.

## Sober Grad Fall Raffle Basket

It is that time of year again, and the graduating Class of 2020 at Willits High School is having its first fundraiser of the year in preparation for a fantastic safe and sober graduation celebration.

Our Fall Raffle Basket is valued at over \$1,000! And includes five tickets to Disneyland Park, a family photo session, and other great items donated by local merchants.

Tickets are only \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held November 20. Winner need not be present to win.

The basket will be at the Hometown Celebration on Thursday night, and at the Brookside School Office this week, and tickets will be for sale in front of Safeway, at youth football games, and at local businesses in the weeks ahead.

Thank you for supporting Willits Sober Grad!  
– Submitted by Davina Sentak, Sober Grad Planning Committee



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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 7 pm (an extra hour for the Harvest Moon Celebration). 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, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**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 celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Willits clubhouse with a birthday party, Thursday, October 17, 4 to 6 pm. Open to the public. Cake, ice cream, and games. Super heroes costumes encouraged. 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 School District staff to attend. The Kids 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 to play, learn, and grow."

**"Take Back Your Power:"** – this latest in the Now and Then Film Series, "expresses concerns regarding the cost, health, fire risk, security and privacy effects of smart meters and the remote controllable 'kill switch' that is included with most of them." Visit [www.takebackyourpower.net](http://www.takebackyourpower.net) for more info. Donation of \$5 to \$20 supports the Grange film series. Trailers and short films at 6:30 pm. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with organic butter. Thursday, October 17, 7 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**"I and You":** A witty and touching two-person drama, "I and You," at Willits Community Theatre through October 20. Two high school students "discover a unique connectedness through the giving of oneself." Aria Silveira and Oscar Montelongo Medina star. Thursday, October 17, 7:30 pm, \$15; Friday, October 18, 7:30 pm, \$20; Saturday, October 19, 7:30 pm, \$20; Sunday matinee, October 20, at 2 pm, \$15. Student tickets for \$5, all regular shows at the door with student ID. Tickets: Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), or 800-838-3006.

**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. "The Community Room at the library will be brimming with books and bargains galore. Stock up on a collection of great books to read and enjoy." Sunday is \$5 a bag day; with complimentary book bag provided. 390 East Commercial Street. Benefits the Willits Library.

**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.

**"Egypt, The Other Cradle of 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 and Fifth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Friday, October 18, 6:30 pm.at the Community Room of The Book Room, 200 Branscomb Road, Laytonville.

**"I and You":** Friday, October 18, 7:30 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre. See October 17 listing for details.

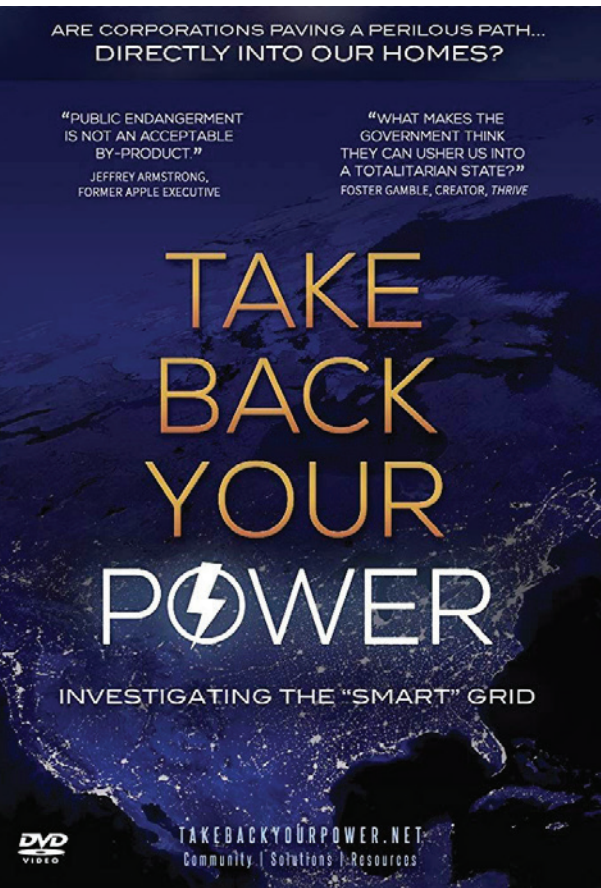
**Shanachie Pub:** Belles of the Levee, "Navigating the deep haunted waters of early jazz and Americana music." Visit [www.bellesofthelevee.com](http://www.bellesofthelevee.com). Friday, October 18, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 19

**"Plastic Reuse, Building with Bottle Bricks":** Saturday, October 19, 10 am to 1 pm. "Get hands-on experience learning how Bottle Bricks, created from plastic bottles stuffed with microplastics and plastic bags, are used for building around the world. Make bottle bricks and use them to insulate a tiny home ceiling." School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Visit [www.adaptiveagriculture.org](http://www.adaptiveagriculture.org) for info and registration.

**Fall Book Sale:** Saturday, October 19: 10 am to 4 pm at the Willits Library. See October 18 listing for details.

**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 12 pm; music and festivities, 1 to 11 pm.



'Natural Expressions: Art Inspired by Mendocino County' Opening November 2

From the Mendocino County Museum's permanent collection, "Natural Expressions: Art Inspired by Mendocino County" features arts and crafts showcasing the beauty and diversity of Mendocino County's landscapes and resources. 12 to 4 pm. Mixed media exhibit includes paintings, fiber art, crafts made from Mendocino County's rich natural resources such as mushrooms, driftwood, shells, redwood, and leather. Works from beloved Mendocino County artists such as Lorenzo Latimer, Grace Hudson, and Mark Walker. Nature inspired weaving, quilting, woodworking, and leather-working. Free admission and opening celebration on Saturday, November 2.. Visitors can participate in a free nature-inspired art craft, 1 to 3 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Through March 15. Museum open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm.

– Submitted by the Mendocino County Museum



Covelo Halloween Costume Party October 31

A super spooky and enchanted night at The Village Hearth Cooperative marketplace and organic cafe, 76101 Covelo Road in Covelo. Thursday, October 31, starting 4 pm. Live music by Ghosts and the Stones, activities for kids and adults, including a haunted yurt, hay rides, pumpkin carving, costume contest, food, drinks, games. Info: 707-354-4437.

What's Happening Around Town



Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. \$15 half-day ticket allows access from 1 to 5 pm. Live broadcasts during the event. The Real Sarahs, Keystone Revisited, and headliner Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings. Food by Zocalo Collective and Pilon Kitchen food truck. Childcare available. Tickets: J.D. Redhouse, Main Street Music in Willits, Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah, and Moon Lady in Laytonville.

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



Oktoberfest Dinner

**"I and You":** Saturday, October 19, 7:30 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre. See October 17 listing for details.

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

Sunday, October 20

**"Making Life Easier with Tools & Physics":** Basic tool use and safety. 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](http://www.adaptiveagriculture.org) for info and registration. Sunday, October 20, 10 am to 12 pm.

**Fall Book Sale:** Sunday, October 20: 10 am to 3 pm at the Willits Library. \$5 a bag/day!. See October 18 listing for details.

**"I and You":** Closing performance, Sunday, October 20, 2 pm, at the Willits Community Theatre. See October 17 listing for details.



Tuesday, October 22

Tightwad Tuesdays:

Select films in their 2nd or subsequent weeks are discounted to \$6 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are "Joker" and "The Addams Family." Visit [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com), call 459-6696 or check the ad in Willits Weekly for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

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

**Willits High School Lady Wolverines Volleyball:** Willits vs. Clear Lake: JV (JV Coach Julie Goyke) 5 pm, Varsity (Coach Jon Jessup) 6 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street.

Wednesday, October 23

**Willits High School Wolverines Cross Country Team:** Willits (Coach Susan Craig) vs. Cloverdale: 3 pm. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Thursday, October 24

**Willits Farmers Market:** Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, October 24, 3 to 6 pm. See October 17 listing for details.

**Eckhart Tolle Class:** at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursday, October 24, 5 to 7 pm. "I will be sharing a video from one of Eckhart's Retreats, not normally available to the public." Info: Andrea, 707-513-8139. Free event.

**"Courageous Conversations":** Ongoing monthly meet-ups, Thursday, October 24, this month, at 6 pm, Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street. "An opportunity to come together on various sides of an issue, look for commonalities and ways we can work together on important issues. We will continue our discussion on gun violence in our communities, including planning for a spring educational and community event. Info: Rosemary at 530-933-9963.

**New Dancer Folk Class:** Begins Thursday, October 24, 7 to 8 pm. Learn fun dances from around the world! Note: this is the regular weekly class, now open for



**"Food, Forests, & Fungi":** Come explore some of the mysterious realms of symbiotic fungi and how they live with their plant hosts. Learn how to integrate mushrooms and fungi into your perennial food forest environment. Grow above and below ground, improve your orchard's health. Saturday, October 26, 12 to 2:30 pm. School of Adaptive Agriculture. 16200 North Highway 101. Visit [www.adaptiveagriculture.org](http://www.adaptiveagriculture.org) for info and registration.

new students with no experience. Willits Charter School 1431 South Main Street. Good exercise, lots of fun. No partner needed. Sliding scale 0-\$5. Info: Megan, 530-647-6512, megster1989@yahoo.com.

Friday, October 25

**"Take It and Go" Tri-Tip Dinner:** The Willits High School Booster Club's annual tri-tip dinner at the Willits High School Ag Farm. Friday, October 25, pick-up from 4 to 6 pm. The meal for four includes a whole tri tip, Caesar salad, beans, Emandal bread, cookies, and a rose. Tickets: \$60, available at Cat's Meow or call Jessica at 707-489-1478 or Bonnie at 707-272-6262. Supports athletic programs at Willits High School.

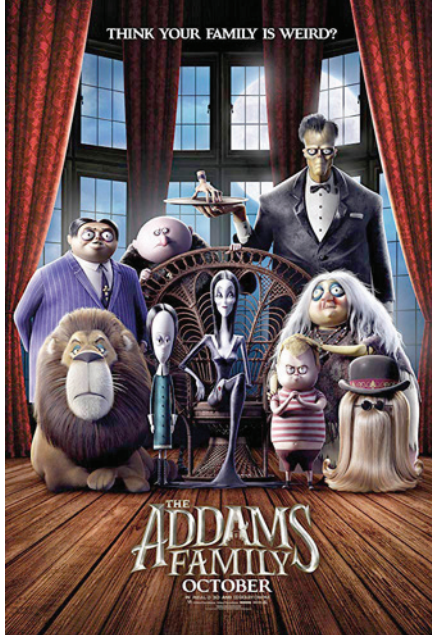
**Pumpkin Ball:** Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 6:30 to 8 pm. "Join us in our Halloween celebration! There will be trick-or-treating, a book patch, costume contest, spooky crafts, and more. Fun for all ages!" A free event.

**Shanachie Pub:** Lost Ox, "Genre-blending, cooking up their own all-original mix of prog rock, country Americana and funk." Friday, October 25, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 26

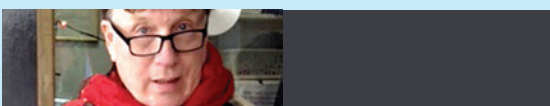
**Hazmobile Pickup:** Saturday, October 26, 9 am to 1 pm, Corporation Yard, 380 East Commercial Street. Free to households, with daily load limit of 15 gallons per vehicle per day, measured by container size. Businesses must make appointment and pay a fee per gallon. Items accepted: motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, gasoline, solvents, paint thinner, oil-based paint, latex paint, auto & household batteries, toxic cleaners, fluorescent light tubes, PCB-containing ballasts, acids, bases, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals and medication. There is a charge for compressed gas cylinders. Not accepted: explosives, ammunition, radioactive wastes, medical waste, and compressed gas cylinders larger than 5 gallons. Info or appt., schedule online at <https://mendorecycle.org/Business/> Scheduler or by phone, 468-9710. Last Willits stop of the year.

**"Food, Forests, & Fungi":** Come explore some of the mysterious realms of symbiotic fungi and how they live with their plant hosts. Learn how to integrate mushrooms and fungi into your perennial food forest environment. Grow above and below ground, improve your orchard's health. Saturday, October 26, 12 to 2:30 pm. School of Adaptive Agriculture. 16200 North Highway 101. Visit [www.adaptiveagriculture.org](http://www.adaptiveagriculture.org) for info and registration.



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AT THE MOVIES



'The Addams Family'

**The Story:** Animated slapstick comedy, a re-version of the 1991 film and the mid-sixties TV show. Gomez Addams (voiced: Oscar Isaac) and Morticia (voiced: Charlize Theron) are looking for a new home. They find an abandoned asylum, rotting and falling apart on a mountain peak in New Jersey. The couple declare the building perfect! (Especially because it's haunted). For years, they torture each other in marital bliss. Murder and dismemberment are a daily joy. But eventually (oh, the injustice!), the nearby villagers decide the Addams Family are too weird and try to run them out. Ultimately (spoiler alert), everyone makes friends.

**My Thoughts:** I was afraid this remake would feel tired. "Addams Family" humor, as many of you remember, depends on ironic twists on common decency, e.g. use a "stretch rack" as a comfy bed. It's sort of slapstick grand guignol (the 19th century French "theater of blood"). This update is a recreation of the earlier productions, and uses some of the same gags. The gags themselves, created by cartoonist Charles Addams, first showed up on the pages of The New Yorker back in 1937. But, bless them, the old ways still feel fresh enough, and that's a relief. Though I mourn the absence of everyone's favorite world-weary child Christina Ricci, this is still a fun, clever little flick.

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Oktoberfest Dinner

October 19

The American Legion, Post 174 is having its annual Oktoberfest Dinner with traditional German foods. Come support your local veterans group! Menu: Schweinebraten, Rot Kohl, Kartoffeln 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 Street.

Grant funds workshop

October 30

The Community Foundation of Mendocino 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 community projects throughout Mendocino County. Organizations invited to apply at [www.communityfound.org](http://www.communityfound.org) by December 6.

– submitted by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County



SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Agape Bible Church

290 S. Lenore Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Where love is first and the Bible is central. Sunday Services: 9:15 a.m. - Bible Class, adult & children 11:00 a.m. - Worship Awana: Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. Info? 707-459-1905 [www.agapebiblechurch.com](http://www.agapebiblechurch.com)

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church

800 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Pastor, Bill Nobles Information: 456-9668 EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom

• Sound of Soul events • Membership Discourses • Spiritual Discussions • ECK Light & Sound Services More information? Call 707-456-9934 [www.eckankar.org](http://www.eckankar.org)

Grace Community Church

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church - 11 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies Potluck every 2nd Sunday Alan Klier, Lead Pastor 459-3106

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Saturday confessions - 4:45 p.m. Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m. English 10:30 a.m. Spanish

We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis Episcopal Church

1 North Main Street, Willits 707-459-3066 Church Services / Communion & Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Healing Prayer 3rd Sunday ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Brunette

St. John Lutheran Church

Karl Biles, Pastor Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 Bible Study / Sunday School following the service. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME

Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church

399 W. Mendocino Avenue 707-459-5714 Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. 4th Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school. 22751 Bray Road, Willits

Willits United Methodist

A Christ centered, progressive church ALL ARE WELCOME 286 School St. (at Pine) Rev. Rosemary Landry, pastor Worship Celebration Sundays - 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. 459-2855 Facebook: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

If you want to be included in this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475 [april@willitsweekly.com](mailto:april@willitsweekly.com)





Above, left: The WHS cross-country team gathers for a photo: back row, Logan Simms, Austen Simms and Levi Walraven; front row, Jada Smith, Michael Kale and Briana Evans. Above, right: The varsity race begins at the October 9 home meet at the Brooktrails Par Course. At left, below: Levi Walraven crosses the bridge.



Photos by Mathew Caine

## Meditation in Motion

Willits High cross-country team may be small but it has dedicated runners and a new coach

Cross-country running is a lonely sport. "Harsh steps, hasty breathing, and consuming silence," reads an essay by WHS runner, Briana Evans. "Inward inspection and outward reflection. Meticulous submersion into my thoughts and feelings. This is what running means to me."

**Mathew Caine**  
Features Writer  
mathewc@willitsweekly.com

It is a team sport played alone. Runners begin in a crowd and finish running against themselves, striving for a "personal best," pushing themselves to go faster but without a meter to know where they are in the standings.

Evans' essay continues: "The first step is the most difficult, but once my heart rate spikes and my adrenaline spirals out of control, I am all in, diving headfirst into my consciousness and allowing myself to become oblivious of the outside world. I am no longer afraid to be alone."

Evans' words echo the perceptions of the other runners, to whom running is a transcendent experience, a space in time to test themselves against their own expectations, pushing their muscles and their determination to the limits of their psyche.

Running provides them with a way to get in touch with themselves. "Meditation in motion," said Susan Craig, first-year coach of both the varsity and junior varsity teams at Willits High School, both boys and girls.

Craig, who has a doctorate in educational leadership, retired two years ago as director of student services for the Berkeley schools. After losing her home in the North Bay fires the same year, and having no job, she decided to come to Willits, eventually ending up as coach of the cross-country team.

Although the team is very small (they rarely field enough runners to avoid forfeiture), Craig is proud of their efforts and progress. "To be a runner, it takes a lot of self-motivation, self-discipline, self-determination," explained Craig. "It's both an individual and a team sport."

"Success at long-distance running is really about putting in a lot of slow miles in order to build up endurance. It's not glamorous. It's not exciting. It's not a high-profile sport. It's a certain personality type that finds joy in running and just likes to take off on a five-mile run.

"It's solitary," she said. "There's a lot of time to think. It's like a meditation, meditation in motion. You have to be someone who enjoys delayed gratification, putting in a lot of miles and working hard, running a three-mile race and getting a particular time and then just seeing it improve with your work. It's hard work."

"We haven't won a meet. We came very close last

Read the rest of **Runners** Over on Page 15



Moving through the decades, Willits Furniture Center turns 20 years old! Fewer than 30% of small, retail businesses make it this far, and our timeline is still 31 years away from the present!

In addition, the 1980s dealt with a significant recession early on, leaving many businesses in an "adapt or die" situation. Willits Furniture adapted by including wood and pellet stoves in their inventory. Much of Brooktrails was being logged and built at the time, causing great demand for wood heat sources.

While Willits Furniture Center was innovating, the United Nations (founded in 1948) made five peacekeeping missions considered to be critical by global leaders. The organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their efficacy. Willits Furniture Center, a local institu-



tion, predates this pivotal event and others which will be highlighted during October.

Currently, Willits Furniture Center is having an Anniversary Sale from now until Saturday, Nov. 2nd with reduced prices from 10% to 50% off! They're open Mon. - Fri from 10 - 6 and Sat. from 11 - 5.

775 Central Ave, Willits

(707) 459-4224



### Current Job Openings:

Corrections Deputy  
Deputy County Counsel II/III/IV  
Deputy District Attorney I/II/III  
Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I  
Engineering Technician II  
Heavy Equipment Mechanic  
Real Property Appraiser I  
Senior Engineering Technician  
Social Worker I/II/III  
Social Worker IV-A/IV-B/IV-C/IV-D

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

[www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources)

EOE



Above: The amazingly detailed freshman float in the theme of "Spring" won third place in the Homecoming parade.

## Homecoming

### Willits High celebrated annual fall tradition last weekend

There was a win and a loss for the Willits High School Wolverine football team when they played the Lower Lake Trojans last Friday at the annual Homecoming game on October 11: Varsity lost with a score of 33 to 26, but JV won with a score of 20 to 14.

Read the rest of **Homecoming** Over on Page 15



Photos by Shailyn Brewer



WW252

#### Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0647

The following persons are doing business as MKBX Consulting, 431 Sherry Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Registered owners: Mark and Danielle Fierro, 431 Sherry Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482.

This business is conducted by a married couple.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 16, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 27, 2019.

/s/ Danielle Fierro

Publication dates: 10/17, 10/24, 10/31 and 11/7/2019

WW251

#### PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE MENDOCINO-LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given that the Mendocino-Lake Community College Board of Trustees, at a regular board meeting held on October 9, 2019, did appoint Noel O'Neill as a provisional member of the board. This was done in order to fill a vacancy within the Board of Trustees Area #1 created by the August 31, 2019 resignation of Paul Uebelhart.

Citizens are reminded that unless a properly certifiable petition, signed by 1.5% of the number of registered voters of the district at the last regular election for governing board members, is filed in the Office of the Superintendent of the Mendocino County Office of Education by the close of normal business hours (5:00 p.m.) on November 8, 2019, the provisional member shall continue all duties and powers of the position.

Dated: October 10, 2019

Publication Date: October 17, 2019

WW243

#### Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0610

The following person is doing business as Serenity Salon, 154 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Winter Wilson, 27711 Poppy Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 5, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 5, 2019.

/s/ Winter Wilson

Publication dates: 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 and 10/17/2019

WW248

#### Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0627

The following persons are doing business as Marvin's Garden Tree Service, 1931 East Hill Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1725, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owners: Marvin Dixon, 5601 West View Road, Willits, CA 95490, and Coni Dixon, 5601 West View Road, Willits, CA 95490.

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 Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 17, 2019.

/s/ Marvin L. Dixon

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### Computer Help

Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamergin@yahoo.com.

### iPhone Repairs, Music Lessons

iPhone repairs and music lessons at 85 N. Main Street, Guitar, ukelele, bass, vocals, keyboards, harmonica and more! Ronny Lee: 707 498 6033.

### Event Spaces Available

Event spaces available at the Willits Center for the Arts! • Great Room • Classroom • Ceramic Studio For inquiries, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726. For additional information visit: [www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals)

### Office Space for Rent

1 large space 3400'. Several small offices 100' & 270'. Call Megan 972-8776.

### Opening Soon

Opening soon: New Mini Storage Units In Willits. Reserve Yours Today. Lincoln Realty. 707-459-4599.

### For Rent

3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in Willits, with washer/ dryer hookups, garage and yard. \$1350/month. Info: 707-895-3901.

### Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkin patch in Redwood Valley open every Saturday and Sunday in October 9-6. Corn maze, hayrides, gem mining, handmade lemon shakers, games and lots of pumpkins! Come see us!

### For Sale

1981 Toyota Pickup, \$500 or best offer. Running, good tires. Registered through May 2020. 459-2942.

### RV/Trailer Space for Rent

Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 510-5895. See at "http://www.oakvine.net/lp"

### For Sale

2001 Lexus RX300 all-wheel-drive. Well-maintained. New tires. \$4,800. Honda generator. \$750. 892-3396.

### SEWING AND ALTERATIONS

Seamstress and Sewing Teacher Barbara Carlon Visit my webpage: [Seamqueen.blog](http://Seamqueen.blog) 707-367-6182, Willits

### Trailer Space for Rent

House trailer space for 1 person in Covelo for rent, on beautiful 30 acre private ranch. \$350/month, includes trash, water and septic. Call for details: 707-272-6354.

### Freezer Empty? We can help!

John Ford Rancher's Choice Box- 50 pounds: steaks, roasts, and ground beef. Now \$325 (\$6.50 per pound). Natural ranch-raised grass fed beef, no hormones or antibiotics. Call 459-5193. Leave a message.

### Help Wanted

At Covelo ranch: Exchange ranch and outdoors work for rent. Must have trailer/camper. Man or woman, retiree a plus. Must have good work ethic, be clean, healthy, reliable, with references. Call for details: 707-272-6354.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Willits Senior Center has many areas where your expertise and talents are needed. Front Desk, Thrift Store, Dining Room, Sunday Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, Special Dinners, Landscaping, Garden, Firewood. Come join our team, call Deb at 707-459-6826.

### Volunteers Needed

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in the gift shop, information/greeting desk, hospitality cart and the garden. Hours are flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

Classified ads are \$10 for 30 words for 2 weeks!

Submit yours via email: [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com)



## Ernesto Medel

Ernesto Louis Medel of Covelo passed away September 26, 2019 at the age of 59. He was born to Jesse Corona Medel and Imogene Louise "Tillotson" Medel in Fresno,



### Robert ‘Bob’ Simonson

*September 26, 1923 – October 1, 2019*

Robert E. “Bob” Simonson passed away on October 1, 2019. Born in River Falls, Wisconsin on September 26, 1923, he grew up in Hudson, Wisconsin and graduated from Hudson High in 1941. He was unable to join the US Navy due to perforated eardrums, but was always fascinated with electricity and later radio. He studied radio in several places and eventually chose to move to Langley Field in Virginia.

There he maintained aircraft receiving and transmitting equipment on B17’s, B24’s, B25’s, B26’s and some fighters. In 1944 he passed and received his ham radio license with the call letters W6WDG. In 1944 he moved to San Rafael, California where his mother and father then resided. He was again working with aircraft radio maintenance at Victorville for the War Department.

After the end of the war his 41 year career as a Northwestern Pacific railroad engineer began. He was a well-known fixture switching trains in the local yard in Willits. It was his long haul trips to the north when he met Pat and her daughter Pom. He and Pat were married on October 22, 1950 on Pat’s 32nd birthday.

He spent many years in a number of different capacities with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the union for railroad engineers. He served two terms on the Mendocino County Grand Jury and served 10 years on the North Coast Railway Authority Board of Directors. He was the only railroad engineer on the Board and always hoped the railroad would re-open and he would be asked to bring the train to Willits.

In the late 50’s Bob bowled with a team of friends from Willits. Some of the team members pooled their assets and operated the Miracle Bowl on South Main Street for a number of years.

He joined the Willits Masonic Lodge in 1963 and served as Master four times. He was awarded with the “Hiram Award”, the highest honor a Masonic Lodge can confer as well as a 50 year pin. He also joined Eastern Star with Pat and served as Patron five times, three times with Pat as Matron.

He was very proud of his work with the Masonic Lodge, in particular the Guslander scholarship awarding many scholarships to young students from Willits. At his suggestion, the accumulated funds were given to the Howard Foundation to award scholarships to nursing students.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Pat Simonson. Also preceding him were his mother & father, Lucille and Alfred Simonson, two sisters Margaret Kane and Lorraine Bessellieu, who just passed away two weeks prior to Bob’s passing.

He is survived by daughter Pom Cartwright and husband Percy of Willits, son Carl Simonson and wife Katie of Santa Rosa, daughter Lucy Simonson of Ukiah, and son Bob Simonson and wife Kathy of St. Louis, Missouri. He is also survived by grandchildren, Rhonda Ladendorf and husband Barry of San Diego, Bruce Cartwright and Debbie Westbrook of Willits, Matt Simonson of St. Louis, Jenifer Evans and husband Jeff of Redwood Valley, Scarlett and Autumn Evans and Evan Cartwright.

Also surviving are nieces Cindy Bessellieu and Mardi Bessellieu, both of Eureka, niece Annette Pinon and husband Dan of Willits, and nephew Chuck Ciancio of Eureka, as well as numerous other nieces and nephews from Pat’s side of the family.

Another special mention is his oldest and dearest friend Vern Thompson and wife Rocky of Florence, Montana. Bob and Vern were dear friends since childhood and remained very close for 91 years.

The family extends their thanks and appreciation to the staff at Northbrook Convalescent Healthcare.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 9 at 1 pm, at the Willits Harrah Senior Center. If you wish to make a charitable donation in Bob’s name, the family requests donations be made to the Howard Foundation or the Harrah Senior Center, both in Willits.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

California on November 5, 1959.

He played football in high school, and his love of the game carried into adulthood enjoying his favorite team, the LA Rams. He loved camping and BBQing, and was a great carpenter and builder. Many will remember him for his willingness to help others, always ready to pitch in where and when needed.

Ernesto is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Imogene Medel; sister, Rose Medel;

nephew, John Auer; Jessie Delphino Medel, Marcella Medel, and David Carlos Medel.

He is survived by sisters: Mary H. Jones, Teresa Medel; brothers’ Manuel Medel, Benjamin Medel, Julian Medel, Jimmy Medel; sons: Jimi Medel, Leonard Whipple, Bob Whipple; daughters: Chu Whipple, Patricia Whipple; grandbabies: Wendi Whipple, Od Whipple; 26 nephews and nieces; and 43 great-nephews and great-nieces.

Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God in Covelo on October 4, 2019. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



### Handsome Rocky

This handsome husky is Rocky! He ended up at the shelter when his owners suddenly lost their housing, so here he is with no place to call his own. We want to change that soon! This magnificent animal seems to have been well-loved because he is sweet, playful and inquisitive. He’s 3 years old, weighs about 69 pounds, and is leash-trained. Having lived with both adults and children, he seems quite friendly and likes people in general. Don’t wait too long! He’s ready for his new adventure.

Come meet Rocky soon at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

### Young Miss Maple

Yummy Maple is ... one smart cookie! She already knows “Sit,” and we think she will be a quick study, and enjoy learning more. Maple *loves* to play with stuffed toys, and enjoys getting them to squeak, and watching them flip around in the air! Come on down and meet this adorable and spirited girl! Maple is a 3-month-old spayed female mixed-breed puppy who currently weighs 27 pounds.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com) or visit the shelter. For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.



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## KZYY 30th Anniversary

### Day-long party and concert at Willits’ Little Lake Grange October 19

*Submitted by KZYY Radio*

Radio Station KZYY, Mendocino County Public Broadcasting, is observing our 30th anniversary with a gala concert and party at the Little Lake Grange in Willits this Saturday, October 19. This will be an all-day / all-night affair, with a great lineup of live music and dancing, highlighted by Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings and Keystone Revisited featuring Tony Saunders. Come help us celebrate!

Doors open at noon with the music and festivities beginning at 1 pm and running to 11 pm! Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door, but for folks wanting only the afternoon fun, there is a \$15 half-day ticket that gets access from 1 to 5 pm. Here’s the schedule:

The Back Porch Project on “Dusty Roads and Dirty Strings”

KZYY’s Clay Hawkins will be broadcasting his regular Americana and roots program, “Dusty Roads and Dirty Strings,” live from the Grange. He will be joined on stage for a live performance by the Back Porch Project. The Back Porch Project combines their diverse musical backgrounds of folk, blues, classic rock, jam band, and country to create a unique, high-energy brand of indie folk.

#### Alma Latina Dance

In another live broadcast, DJ Aline, co-host of “Alma Latina,” one of KZYY’s most popular programs, will lead a two-hour festive dance session from the stage at the Grange and out to the KZYY listening audience. It will be two joyful hours of dancing to exciting, adventurous Latin and world music.

#### The Real Sarahs

Rising stars in the West Coast Americana scene, The Real Sarahs have earned their status of one of our area’s most popular performing acts, and their fame is now spreading. They’ve built their reputation on their lovely, uplifting voices, enchanting harmonies, and intriguing songwriting.

Sarah “Songbird” Larkin, Sarah Ryan and Jen Rund create magic with voices in harmony, acoustic instruments, and the energetic connection between artists and audience. Their songs weave their way through folk, jazz, blues, bluegrass, and country. Drawn from their own journeys and life experiences, The Real Sarahs’ music is honest, captivating and heartfelt.

#### Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings

Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings have brought their own style of powerhouse blues to audiences around the world for years. Rogers is the reigning king of slide guitar with a dexterous and instantly recognizable style. Or as Rolling Stone puts it, “Rogers is an exceptionally articulate slide guitarist, whether he’s scorching Robert Johnson’s “Ramblin’ Blues,” taking a lovely, lyrical journey ... , or rockin’ it out. One of the rare guitar heroes who values feeling over flash.”

#### Keystone Revisited featuring Tony Saunders

Keystone Revisited came together in response to a huge demand from fans of the Merl Saunders / Jerry Garcia Band, originators of the so-called “jam band.” When Saunders and Garcia got together, it was pure magic. What better way to pay homage to these legendary players than with a band led by Saunders’ son, Tony Saunders, who started playing with his father and Garcia when he was 18. He’ll be playing with Bill Vitt, who played with Saunders and Garcia as well, and Jeff Pevar, who has played with Phil Lesh and Friends and Jazz is Dead. At the Grange show, Keystone Revisited will play songs from their recent album and music from the Grateful Dead, Legion of Mary, and other Garcia solo projects.

In addition to the music, there will be food by the Zocalo Collective inside and the wonderful Pilon Kitchen food truck outside. Wine, beer, and non-alcoholic drinks will be available as well. We’ve even arranged child care, provided by the gracious folks of Nuestra Alianza on a donation basis.

Join us as we commemorate KZYY’s first 30 years on the air with a friendly and festive all-day / all-night party and concert! Again, that’s this Saturday, October 19, with doors opening at noon and music and dancing from 1 to 11 pm!

Tickets are available online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), and also in Willits at J.D. Redhouse and Main Street Music, in Ukiah at Mendocino Book Company, and in Laytonville at Moon Lady Laytonville.

For more information, please contact David Hulse-Stevens of the KZYY Board of Directors, at 707-972-6436 or via email at [david.hulsestephens@gmail.com](mailto:david.hulsestephens@gmail.com).



The rest of  
**Brooktrails** | *From Page 1*

Committee should be revised from its original 1992 format to bring it more in tune with the times. The discovery of illegal dumping at Lake Emily was dealt with quickly as the miscreant left evidence as to their identity, and a warning letter was sent immediately sent. General Council Christopher Neary told the board that the Palin v. Brooktrails litigation was finally over.

A perpetually late water customer whose outstanding bill had not been paid in full for over a year, and who had been late in paying 11 of the last 13 months had their water turned off in mid-September. A \$75 reconnection fee was then assessed. Immediately the customer contacted the Community Services District Office promising to pay after hours the amount due if the reconnect fee was waived. Staff agreed, and payment was received the next day.

However, it was decided the staff was in error by waiving the fee for the customer. Communication between the office and the customer has been almost nonexistent. Since the district has incurred costs processing the late fees, and going out into the field to disconnect then reconnect the water, General Manager Tamara Alaniz recommended to the board that the reconnection fee not be waived. The board unanimously agreed.

The larger issue was PG&E’s PSPS that was to take

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Since January 2017, the Ag Department has seen the departure of four commissioners of agriculture (Chuck Morse, Diane Curry, Joseph Moreo and Harinder Grewal) and two cannabis program managers. Kelly Overton was program manager from February 2018 to June of 2018. Connell was program manager from December 2018 until October 2019.

During Connell’s tenure, the cannabis unit made a few important changes. In March, the unit moved from the Ag building to the Department of Planning and Building, and the county department with overall responsibility for the program was shifted from Ag to Planning and Building.

In April, former Cannabis Unit Program Administrator Chevon Homes transferred out of the cannabis unit. In May, the board of supervisors directed the unit to cease providing regular reports to the supervisors.

Throughout Connell’s tenure as program manager, the unit was unable to significantly increase the number of active permits. In February of this year the number of issued and approved permits was 236; in March, they totaled 238; in August, they totaled 244.

In August of this year, Planning Director Schultz told supervisors that 856 permit applications out of 926 were stalled at the level of the state resource protection agencies, namely the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Water Resources.

Schultz did not say whether the snafu was the result of poor management within the agencies, or was the result of applicants failing to pay their fees to the state, or a combination of both factors. If 856 permit applications out of 926 are stalled, that would be 92 percent of the applications.

An October 6 report from the Department of Planning and Building indicates that the County of Mendocino has issued 43 percent more cultivation permits than current numbers indicate.

According to the report, over the past 20 months, 101 permits have expired. That means that the total number of issued and approved permits since the inception of the program is the current number, 236, plus the expired number, 101, for a total of 337. In Mendocino County, cultivation permits are valid for one year only.

According to the same report, just four permits have been renewed. Department of Planning and Building Services Code Enforcement Division Interim Manager Trent Taylor confirmed on Tuesday that he and Director Schultz are discussing how the cannabis cultivation permit renewal process can be streamlined.

“We’re looking at a simplified application, plus an affidavit from the applicant stating what changes have been implemented in the applicant’s operation,” Taylor said. Taylor did not offer an estimate of when the simplified process might be ready to roll out.

Based on figures available on the county’s website, it now costs

effect that evening. A representative from Brooktrails Fire Department told the board at the beginning of the meeting that PG&E had informed them that 52 households in Brooktrails would be affected by the shutdown. For how long remained unclear. Midway through the meeting the PG&E figure had increased to 62 households.

Information from local social media outlets, radio, TV, and PG&E seemed to give wildly divergent information. The PG&E web site was so overwhelmed, it crashed. It became impossible to ascertain with certainty when the PSPS would go into effect, how long it would last, or which areas or customers would be affected.

General Manager Alaniz told the board that all possible measures regarding generators for water pumps and other emergency needs were prepared for worst-case scenarios.

Lastly, while CalFire Mendocino Unit has announced it has lifted the burn ban restrictions, Brooktrails Fire Department has declared it “will not issue burn permits until such time the fire chief feels the risk to the community is reduced” by “sufficient precipitation.”

The next scheduled Brooktrails board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 pm. All residents are encouraged to attend these meetings at the Brooktrails Community Center.

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“We’re not trying to take kids to juvie, to make juveniles into criminals,” Sgt. McCoy said. “We’re trying to raise awareness” and work with the school district “to keep our schools drug-free.”

Former WPD School Resource Officer Ryan Stockhoff (transferred to other duties at WPD due to short-staffing) had been working with the WHS administration and MCSO to get a canine walk-through, McCoy said. Officer Stockhoff “came in on his day off” to participate in the October 16 sweep.

Sgt. McCoy declined to go into details about the contraband found, but said it was “personal-use level stuff.”

Sheriff’s Office spokesman Capt. Greg Van Patten confirmed what the search found at WHS was a small amount of marijuana. “It was just the one student,” Van Patten said, “it wasn’t beyond that.”

MCSO Lt. Kirk Mason and MCSO Deputy Jeremy Mason, dog handler with the K9 unit, and his dog Leo, arrived at WHS around 10 am, Van Patten said, and stayed for not much more than an hour.

Van Patten said “one of the key components of canine searches” at local schools is that the dogs don’t check out the students themselves. “The searches are not done in the presence of the students – they’re strictly for lockers, and they’re done during a time when no students are present.”

MCSO has done similar drug sweeps at the Ukiah High School, Van Patten said. “This is our second year in Ukiah. It is done at the request of the school district.

“We’re definitely committed to our partnership with the school districts in the county to provide a safe and drug-free learning environment,” he said.

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Here is a summary of rejected request:

In California and its subdivisions, the people may directly create law through referendum. A lack of implementation or reasonable defense by government of such laws is in effect a veto, a power the board of supervisors does not hold. Where a petition garners enough signatures, is deemed to conform to the relevant laws through county counsel review, is placed on ballot and gains approval in popular vote, the language shall become law in full force.

While Measure V was left unspecified, the supes caught the scent and refused to second William’s motion. Next, they two-stepped around the whole issue, arguing both that because V has no enforcement mechanism it can’t be enforced, but also that the cost of enforcement would be too high.

Finally, putting the cart completely before the horse, they made the situation considerably worse by sending to committee the idea of requiring a cost analysis for future initiatives to qualify for the ballot, thus further burdening the already cumbersome and expensive citizen-driven process. If this is how it’s going to work, we might as well kiss the initiative goodbye, as anything the board deems “too expensive” to enforce would be nixed from the get-go.

The citizen initiative is an expression of the public will and, as such, a vital organ of democracy. Where there’s a will, there’s usually a way. The problem here is a lack of political will and the courage to stand with the people. The “cost of enforcement” is really the cost of an anticipated legal defense against a deep-pocketed corporation that believes our local laws don’t apply to them.

Just think, if Mendocino Redwood Company obeyed the law and stopped poisoning millions of trees, leaving them dead and standing over thousands of acres across the county, it would hardly cost us a thing to enforce Measure V.

Naomi Wagner, Willits





Above, from left: David Duranceau, RN flight nurse, opens the back doors, showing how the stretcher is situated and loaded from the back of the larger, twin-engine helicopter located in Willits. Ron Moorhead, Willits Chamber of Commerce executive director, speaks with Amy Henry, REACH clinical base manager in Willits and Ukiah. Devon Schrader, CALSTAR paramedic, demonstrates how the patient's stretcher toggles out of the side door on Lake County's helicopter.

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Above: Some of the Willits REACH team, along with CEOs, VPs, and family members, pose for a photo in front of the Willits helicopter at the REACH anniversary celebration on Saturday. At right: Flight Nurse Dawn Kensic looks on as Amelia looks inside the helicopter with her dad, Neil Altimari - Amelia was a bit concerned that the helicopter was going to go up in the air with her in it.

# REACH Anniversary

## Air medical team celebrates five years of emergency services to Northern California out of the Willits airport

It's been five years since REACH Air Medical Services opened a base at Ells Field, the Willits Municipal Airport. The air ambulance service is essential in our rural area, and serves most of Northern California. REACH decided to have a celebration to commemorate the decision to work out of Willits, from where it has been able to provide a great service to the Northern California communities.

People, mostly REACH VIPs, nurses, medics, pilots and other personnel, gathered at the Willits Airport to celebrate with lunch, soft drinks, and a special decorated cake. All REACH staff were available to talk to the public about the base of operations, explain what they do, and show folks the workings of two REACH helicopters - one that lives at the Willits airport and a smaller one there for the event from Lampson Field in Lake County.

At one time, CALSTAR



Air Medical Services was available only in the local area. Then both CALSTAR and REACH were available to join, separately, for membership. In 2016 it became obvious to the owners to merge their companies, which they did.

Now, "The only difference is the name on the T-shirt," laughed Jeff Cress, REACH program manager, who added, "It's the same company, same staff working interchangeably, same protocols, same standard operating procedures, same pilots." But the aircraft are branded and colored differently. Ukiah has the red and blue CALSTAR helicopter, while Willits has an all-red REACH helicopter.

Because of more inclement weather north of Ukiah, Willits is home to a large, twin-engine REACH helicopter - a powerful machine equipped with instrumentation that enables it to fly in fog and smoke and get people out of tight places quickly. Lake County's REACH helicopter is smaller and lighter to serve the hotter climates and just as robust. Both aircraft, along with CALSTAR's, are available to go

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anywhere needed in REACH areas within a radius of approximately 180 nautical miles.

"The REACH and CALSTAR aircraft in Mendocino County," said Amy Henry, REACH clinical base manager for Willits and Ukiah, "probably each do 450 to 500 flights per year. Willits almost always ranks in the top-five busiest bases within the REACH medical holdings because of how rural it is."

The small Willits airport plays an important role in servicing rural medical emergencies throughout the area. REACH's holdings overall include areas in Oregon, Montana, Colorado, Texas, and throughout the rest of California.

Not all medical insurance plans cover or completely cover air ambulance services. The Household REACH Membership is \$85 per year for everyone in the family. Without the insurance, one might be billed as much as \$10,000 or more for the service.

"For most families," said Marissa Johanson, flight nurse, CCRN, CEN, "that's not achievable. As a nurse, I hate to see people get a bill that adds insult to injury. I've just done my best work to try to help them out, and then they get this horrible, awful bill that seems to underscore the disaster they have. That's not OK."

During the event, Flight Paramedic Devon Schrader received a phone call and hurried off to Lake County's helicopter as he talked on the phone. There was an emergency in Gualala. A flight nurse and pilot joined Schrader, and they were in the air within six minutes. A poignant end to the day.

For more information about REACH air medical services, visit [www.reachair.com](http://www.reachair.com).

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Beehive House located at Leonard Lake Reserve, north of Ukiah, that can sleep eight friends; a gas grill from Coast Hardware; a 25-pound box of ground beef from John Ford Ranch; and a load of drain rock (23 tons) from Northern Aggregates. Other gifts include: gift certificates, admission to Six Flags, various resort stays, firewood, gym passes, objects d'art, tickets to local attractions, restaurant certificates, bagels, haircuts, Skunk Train rides, and many more.

Five days a week, the Senior Center provides healthy, well-planned lunches to anyone who wishes to partake, served from 11:45 am to 1 pm. (The menu for the upcoming week is published in Willits Weekly's Calendar section).

The lunch prices are very affordable: \$6.50 for seniors (55 and older), \$8 non-seniors, and \$5 for kids under 7, for a meal consisting of soup, salad, drink, entrée and dessert. Lunch punch cards for 10 meals are available for Senior Center members at \$60 for seniors and \$70 for non-seniors.

For those who only want partial meals: \$4.50 for a large soup, \$2.50 for a small soup, \$5.50 for a large salad bar, \$3.50 for small salad bar, \$7.50 for large soup and salad, and \$4.50 for small soup and salad. The kitchen tries to accommodate all types of dietary restrictions. To this end - and to reduce waste - they have instituted "cafeteria-style" dining for their regular lunches.

"Our handicapped diners get served," Jorge said. "The rest go up to the counter to get their meals. We cut down on food waste that way. They tell the cooks how much and what they want. They can reject anything they are not going to eat. They can see what's in the steam table, and then they tell the cooks how much or what they want on their plate. We have several regulars who have dietary restrictions, and they can make reasonable requests or leave out certain items."

The center would like to let the public know that they are always looking for volunteers to help in the Thrift Store, in the cafeteria and kitchen, at the front desk, with computer graphics, and with various other aspects of the workings of the Willits Harrah Senior Center. Call 459-6826 or go to the center at 1501 Baechtel Road during open hours (9 am to 4:30 pm; closed on Sunday, closes at 4 pm on Saturday) to volunteer or for any other information.

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helping out one of Willits' many youth activities.

There'll be another bounce house down at the Peter's Sushi parking lot at East San Francisco and Main Street. "Yes, we're expanding down to that plaza this year," Moorhead said. John's Place bar is offering a special mixed cocktail, created especially for Harvest Moon. Good Vyb3 has organized a Caribbean band and a reggae band to play at the complex, and will be serving up Jamaican food and shaved ice.

The young students of Circus Mecca will perform awesome aerial acrobatics - to live music - at the city parking lot just north of Main Street Music. Singer / songwriter Marjo Wilson will be "strummin' and singin'" in front of Moon Lady.

Street food options will also include Indian tacos from Turtle Island Tacos; Mexican chopped fruit, flour cracklings with vegetables, and snow cones; hot apple cider and cookies from Mariposa Market; and pastries, muffins and cookies from Rollin' Dough.

The Willits Chamber of Commerce and the chamber's Women in Business committee will each have booths. The chamber will be promoting the new Mushroom Cookoff event in Willits, scheduled for November 8, 9 and 10, with activities at the art center, the cookoff at the community center, and the Skunk Train's Mushroom Train.

"It'll be a full three-day weekend," Moorhead said. "We're working on pulling people in from Sacramento and the Bay Area, with Visit Mendocino doing some advertising outside the area."

"This event is such a wonderful chance to show off our new Main Street," Moorhead continued, "as well as everything that's offered here in Willits - and to show people it's important to shop locally, because these small businesses support all our youth programs and community programs, too."

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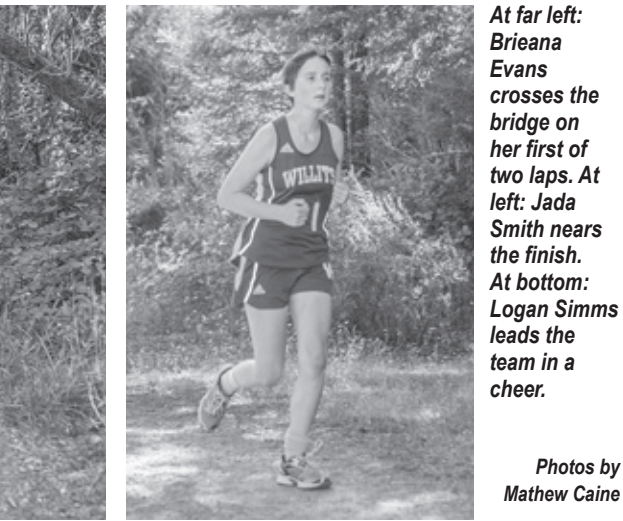
There were several winners, however, for the coveted Homecoming crown and bragging rights: Katelyn Germann won princess and Shaun Stockly won prince for the freshman class; Lily Barrett won princess and Nakolo Anderson won prince for the sophomore class; and Amayah Alexander won princess and Martin Coughlin won prince for the junior class.

Of the eight contestants vying for the actual king and queen title from the senior class, the tallies put Jacob Arms and Lety Sanchez at the top.

Other runners up included: Britney Patel, Madison Forrester and Jessica Buzzard for queen, and Emanuel Villegas, Jett Seaton

Court and float results provided by Claire Case-Brackett.

— Maureen Moore



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week. We raced against St. Helena. In cross-country, the lowest score wins. You're scored according to the position you come in. If you come in first, your score is 1. If you come in 10th, your score is 10. Your top-five team members' scores can count. Runners six and seven's scores don't count but they can be used to displace runners on the opposing team. One of our better runners was out last week, but even with that we scored 30 points and St. Helena scored 25.

"If you don't have five runners," explained Craig, "you automatically forfeit the match. We haven't had a full team of girls yet this year. We've had individual runners who do well, but we haven't had a team score. Our top female runner, Brieana Evans, is a senior this year. She consistently places around second. She's a very hard worker who trains during the summer. She always shows up to practice, always leads the whole team in core work that we do."

"We have more runners in our boys' team," she added. "We have Logan, who is a senior, who is really good. We have a junior, Teo, who is not here today. He and Logan generally finish second and third in their races. We have a new student, Levi, who moved here from Point Arena. He's doing well. Austen is Logan's brother. He is working hard and doing well. Michael is a sophomore. He's working consistently and improving. Our team is small but dedicated."

"We really need to build our team in Willits," Craig said. "I basically decided to coach the team a couple days before school started, so we didn't really have time to promote and build a team. It takes getting the word out that cross-country is a cool thing to do."

"Running is about quiet that leads to introspection," continued Evans' essay. "It allows an escape from the tirade of stress and pressure to live up to individual expectations. Though it is taxing physically, it is rejuvenating for my psyche. Running provides time to work on myself. This is what running means to me."



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