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Canine parvovirus is a virally caused disease that results in vomiting, bloody stools, diarrhea, lethargy, anorexia and severe weight loss.

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The blaze erupted in the home shortly after 9:30 pm last Wednesday, according to Lesley Smith, a CalFire fire prevention specialist at the Howard Forest unit.

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Photos by Maureen Moore

Rain! Willits residents enjoyed the first real rainstorm of the season over the weekend, getting out their umbrellas on Friday, when the downpours started, after a little moisture on Thursday afternoon. National Weather Service's five-day rain reports show that "Willits" got 4.79 inches of rain as of Monday at 4 pm. NWS had Howard Forest reporting 4.52 inches, and the Mendocino College weather station reported 4.57 inches.

Forecasts show another bout of rain is on its way, with a “chance of rain” starting Sunday, so enjoy the warm, sunny weather expected over the next couple of days!

– Jennifer Poole



Above: Dew and raindrops cling to the thin strands of a spider web – a close-up risked only because the arachnid resident was taking shelter elsewhere. **At left:** Cherry tomatoes welcome the rain.



The rain also created the first visible pool of water in the bottom of this pond, dug this past spring. At 18 feet deep at the center, a few more rains will certainly be needed before the water level reaches the top. The rain also caused the grooves down the sides, something not desirable. A layer of natural netting and grass seed on top will help protect the edges and interior from the rains still to come.



California voters will cast ballots on 17 statewide initiatives during the November 8 election.

This week's story covers the remaining measures, Propositions 60 through 67.

PROP. 60 requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. It also requires producers to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations, and to post condom requirement at film sites.

Passage of the measure will likely result in a reduction of state and local tax revenues of several million dollars annually, as well as increased state spending that could exceed \$1 million

Proponents argue Prop. 60 will stop adult film pornographers “from exposing their performers to life-threatening diseases that cost taxpayers millions of dollars.” The measure, they claim, “gives California health officials new enforcement tools to ensure pornographers finally obey the same workplace protection rules that apply to other California industries.”

Proponents include the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses, California Academy of Preventive Medicine, Southern California Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, American College of Obstetricians and

Opponents include 11th District State Senator Mark Leno; Dr. Jay Gladstein, M.D., Internal Medicine/Infectious Diseases; and Jessica Yasukochi, vice president of Valley Industry & Commerce Association.

Approval of the initiative offers a potential for state savings of an unknown amount, depending on (1) how the measure's implementation challenges are addressed and (2) the responses of drug

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At the close of a cannabis policy workshop Tuesday afternoon, Councilwoman Holly Madrigal said she expected a framework of ideas and suggestions on the city's emerging cannabis policy to be compiled in the future.

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These are the Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance, a zoning ordinance, and a third ordinance which will

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The board was down to three members because Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg has recused himself from discussions on cannabis due to a potential conflict of interest and Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse has taken an eight-week leave of absence from the board.

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Yes on Measures AG and AH

Improving mental health services is Mendocino County's No. 1 public safety issue

To the Editor:

As our voter pamphlets arrive in the mail, I hope that we can all take the time to read about the many propositions and ballot measures that we, as voters, will be deciding on. I would like to comment here on Measures AG and AH.

Measure AG was placed on the ballot by over 4,000 Mendocino citizens who signed the petition stating the importance of improving mental health services in our county.

As your sheriff, I strongly believe that the lack of adequate mental health facilities in our county is our No. 1 public safety issue. Because we do not have adequate facilities, local law enforcement spends literally 1000s of hours serving as security in our emergency rooms when mentally ill patients are acting out.

Additionally, first responders must spend countless hours transporting patients to out-of-town facilities and/or supporting patients who are placed in our jails because there is nowhere else for them to go. It is not uncommon, when Mendocino citizens are in the midst of a mental health crisis, to have those patients transported over 150 miles for treatment. Measure AG, a temporary tax, will provide funding to develop and maintain a psychiatric health facility (PHF) in our county, thus allowing our most fragile

patients to recover locally, their families to support them locally, and local mental health professionals to assist them with their recovery.

Measure AG is a temporary 1/2 cent sales tax that will end in five years. The funds generated from this sales tax can be used *only* to develop and maintain mental health facilities right here in Mendocino County. I have been asked several times why these funds won't be used for staffing, and my answer is simple: the funds for staffing a mental health facility are reimbursed by state and federal government. Last year alone, almost \$27 million was reimbursed to our county for these services, but much of that had to be then paid out to other counties that had provided services to Mendocino County citizens. Imagine how much more we can do if these services are provided locally.

There are some citizens who are stating opposition to these measures for a single reason: Any funds raised will not be used for staffing. To those critics, I ask you to consider the amount of public funds which are currently being used to fund services for our citizens outside of Mendocino County (in excess of \$3,000,000), and realize the simple fact that those funds could be used for services in our county if these two measures pass. Increasing spending for staffing may or may not be necessary, but until

we accomplish the logical step of developing local facilities, these discussions are merely pie in the sky. Measure AG's accompanying measure, Measure AH, does not add additional taxes, it is simply the enacting legislation that allows the state to collect and then return the funds back to Mendocino County. AH is a very important initiative to support.

Per capita, Mendocino County's suicide rate is No. 11 out of the 58 counties in California. We are lucky enough to live in the most beautiful county in the state, but our suicide rate is an indication of why we need to improve our facilities and services.

Our website, revivementalhealthservices.com, has additional information on these two very important measures. In addition to the 4,000 citizens who signed the petition, the Mendocino County Deputy Sheriffs' Association and the Mendocino County Farm Bureau have both endorsed Measures AG and AH. I am asking for your support as well. Please vote yes on Measures AG and AH. Together, we can make a difference.

"Measure AG, a temporary tax for a permanent solution."

Tom Allman, sheriff-coroner,
Mendocino County

A time of transformation

To the Editor:

This last couple of weeks has seen the loss of some of our most iconic trees in Willits – the redwoods across from the entrance to Howard Hospital and of course the beautiful trees in the city park – and earlier, the redwood behind the chocolate shop on North Main. Sad as it was to see all of those beauties come down, it seems almost like a metaphor for the changes the city of Willits is going through.

I think this is a time of transformation for our little town, with the bypass opening and the uncertainty it brings, and the cannabis issue, which is steaming ahead all around us. Our collective reality is going to change, whether we like it or not. Those of us who choose to live here love this place, and we don't necessarily like the idea of change. I already feel nostalgic for the time before we had a freeway running around us.

But change we must, and if we must, we need leadership that will be flexible enough to respond to the flow of our future reality. I have a lot of respect for Bruce Burton and Saprina Rodriguez, who are both entrepreneurs at heart, and who both genuinely care about our community. They each have a specific project that they want to launch. I believe that they can both do the most good for our community as business people, not as city council members.

I will be voting for Madge Strong, Gerry Gonzalez, and Bill Barksdale for city council this year. I think they each have the vision, experience and hard work necessary for the job, and they are all good listeners. Let's make the best possible future for our town.

Don Willis, Willits

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Yes on AF

To the Editor:

I am in favor of cannabis regulation in Mendocino County, and that is why I am voting yes on AF. I admit it took me until recently to fully read the measure. I had heard from a number of No on AF advocates and was skeptical when some of their claims rang false: no environmental protections? Not accurate. A free-for-all zoning that would OK massive plantings? Not really. Locking our community into a non-democratic policy with no hope of revision? Not true at all. After reviewing AF and talking more with both opponents and supporters, I have chosen to vote Yes on AF, the Heritage Initiative.

My primary concern is that what we have now is a lack of regulation. There have been comments that this policy would create a "land rush" of exploitation, but that is precisely what we in Mendocino County have been experiencing already. The streams being sucked dry, poisons endangering habitat, and explosive rogue honey oil manufacturing is the reality that we deal with on a regular basis. Measure AF has very real and thoughtful policies to address these transgressions. The measure notes that both state and county agencies will be creating more specific regulations as the field evolves.

I have heard from one opponent that the environmental protections from the State Water Resources Control Board are insufficient and may not be properly enforced. However I have attended many of the state's drafting sessions, and they are in the forefront of this regulatory framework. That agency has gone out on a limb by delving into this legal grey area. After investing serious staff time and resources, they are not going to ignore their own mandates. To aid enforcement, they have designated a comprehensive program supported by hefty fees on the industry.

There is concern this measure gives "permission" to have honey oil labs in the county, which worries our fire departments. Actually, AF restricts this production to industrial zoning and requires a safety and fire suppression plan. Currently this type of process is entirely unregulated and causes serious fire hazards all over our county. Mendocino County is the emerging leader in appalling explosions that risk the safety of our residents and massive forest fires. Regulation would decrease this trend.

I have heard that this is a measure created by the industry, which bypasses the public process, when I know for a fact that this measure mirrors the state regulations and that the draft was discussed at length with our supervisors and key stakeholders.

While I have respect for many in the "No" camp, I have been discouraged with the fact that at most meetings where this is discussed, the Yes on AF campaign has not been invited to address the same group, leading to one-sided explanations. Finally, AF offers comprehensive regulation that is available now. Any separate measure from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors or other group would not be ready for a significant time. This is a rapidly evolving area of regulation, and it is prudent to be prepared to revise this initiative (which is an important provision of AF) rather than risk falling behind the rest of the state. My patience for those who exploit our community is at an end. Find out more for yourself and join me in voting Yes on AF.

Holly Madrigal, Willits

WCA call for artists for December show

To the Editor:

Call for artists! The December show at the Willits Center for the Arts is "Small Works." It will run throughout the month of December and should be perfect for holiday shopping.

Willits Center for the Arts members can submit up to six pieces, no bigger than 24" x 36" and priced no more than \$200 per piece. We want these beautiful artworks to sell! Jewelry, ornaments, and small ceramic

works are all welcome. Be creative!

Drop off submissions Thursday, December 1 between 12 and 3 pm. Acceptance will be determined by size and space availability. If you are not yet a member, it is not too late to join. Contact the WCA at 459-1726 for more information.

Lynn Whiting Robertson, Willits Center for the Arts

The chiefs got it wrong

To the Editor:

Unregulated volatile solvent extraction in Mendocino County causes accidental explosions and fire dangers. That is what we have now. We desperately need strong, enforceable regulations of the cannabis industry so that we can flush out those illegal operations taking place in garages, backyards, neighborhoods, forests, etc.

With no regulation and no plans by the board of supervisors or any other county officials to regulate volatile solvent extraction, we are facing continued fire danger to our communities.

Measure AF mirrors the state Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, signed into law in October 2015 by Gov. Brown. The next two years will see amendments and fine-tuning of specific safety regulations and restrictions on the state level.

However, Measure AF stipulates even greater restrictions. Measure AF encourages local government to create detailed standards that match or exceed state-mandated standards. For example, Measure AF would restrict volatile solvent extraction to industrial zones, which amount to .09 percent of the county. Most of the county's industrial zoning is located in incorporated areas, that is towns and cities, which are required to develop their own local ordinances to govern commercial medical cannabis production, including manufacturing.

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Above, from left: Kitchenwares and games line shelves at the new Willits Bible Thrift Store. The thrift store has a collection of baseball cards for sale. Dishes and dining sets are available, also. Below, left: Pastor Chuck Williamson at the Willits Bible Thrift Store. Below, right: Still blue, the old Bargain Centre is now being run by the Willits Bible Church.



Willits Bible Thrift Store

Local church reopens north-end-of-town bargain center

The Willits Bible Church has opened the doors at the famed Bargain Center at 354 North Main Street, on the north end of town, and has renamed it the Willits Bible Thrift Store.

For those who despair of finding street numbers on North Main Street, the store is located across the highway from the Willits High School tennis court.

Pastor Chuck Williamson is behind the counter five days a week, and volunteers from the congregation are staffing the store on Saturdays, so the store is open Monday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm.

The store had been a Willits icon for decades, when it was run by Bud Lindberg. In the old days, Lindberg operated the two-building complex on North Main Street as a deluxe secondhand shop called Bud's Bargain Center. The nice stuff – tables, dishes, furniture and clothes – was in Building A, and the weird stuff – axes and sledgehammers, bows and arrows, engines, water skis and bicycles – was in Building B. Lindberg passed away in December 2010, and the store has been closed since then.

Now, Williamson is renting Building A only and all his inventory, collected from running the Redwood Valley Antique Mall for 18 years on Highway 101, is on sale in Building A. Building B is being used for storage for auto

repair material for Cal's Garage, which is located next door.

One of the store's more unusual attractions is that Williamson will give out Bibles, free, to all who ask.

"We're here to spread the gospel," Williamson said. "That's why we got involved."

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the Bible is the most widely read book in the world, with more than 5 billion copies having been printed (or hand-copied) and distributed over 20 centuries.

The store also boasts a small baseball card shop. "It's the only baseball card shop in the county," said Williamson. It's beautiful, no doubt: baseball cards of Mays, Mantle, a few football cards, a framed 10" X 8" photograph of Ted Williams finishing his swing.

Some of the prices are shockingly low. While there recently, Willits Weekly freelancers saw a solid oak cupboard in good condition for \$40, and also happened upon the complete soundtrack from Ken Burns' PBS mini-series "Jazz" – a 5 CD set – for \$5.

According to St. Paul, Jesus said it is better to give than to receive, and Williamson has taken that to heart.

"If you see something you want, and you don't like the price, talk to us," Williamson said. "Because it's not our stuff. It belongs to God."



Above: A selection of clocks to look at – and buy! Below, from left: Dolls of many sizes arranged with care inside their display chest. Dishes, dishes, and more dishes. All Bibles are free at the Willits Bible Thrift Store.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Soroptimist

Best for Women

Soroptimist International of Willits would like to remind the public that since AT&T no longer prints residential numbers in their directory, we rely on residents to update us on any needed change to the Willits Community phone book.

This change could be your phone number (landline or cell) address (home or P.O.), addition of a new business, addition of a new listing or removal of a listing for moving or death.

We are happy to add or update your listing in our directory. You can email your information to willitsphonebook@gmail.com or call Loraine Patton at 621-0173 and leave her a message.

All changes need to be made by December 1st of this year in order to make the NEW 2017 Directory.

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Section 698.040 General Provisions in Measure AF reads that “(E) Manufacturing of commercial medical marijuana, either with the use of volatile solvents or with the use of non-volatile solvents, shall be prohibited in any zoning district in the Town Zone.”

The Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services will create the standards for manufacturing in addition to those imposed by the state regulations. Measure AF itself sets a firm basis for this. Sections 6.22.104 and 162.040 set manufacturing operating requirements, minimum standards, and zoning restrictions. These include methods or procedures to limit risk of explosion, combustion or any other unreasonably dangerous risk to public safety, a hazardous waste disposal plan, a fire safety and suppression plan, a water source and discharge plan. Measure AF requires that local agencies responsible for issuing county permits first establish standard operating procedures and regulations before issuing permits.

All of this is a step forward toward safety and public protection. And this provides a lot more than we have now – which is nothing. No regulations mean that some bad eggs out there are operating very dangerously. Clearly, the chiefs meant to say “Vote Yes on Measure AF” to bring regulations to cannabis manufacturing.

Crystal Rae, Covelo
Thank you!

To the Editor:
Hometown Harvest Moon – Thank you!

Thank you to the community for coming out and supporting our annual Hometown Harvest Moon Celebration! A big thanks goes out to the FFA of Willits, Kelly Case-Brackett, and all of the FFA of Willits volunteers.

Their exhibit was a great addition to the Hometown Celebration event! We would also like to acknowledge and thank the Pinon and the Riley families for all their help in making the event a success.

Thank you again,

Marie Blancas, Hometown
Celebration committee
member, Willits

**Stealing what's been
earned**

To the Editor:
There have been some articles written lately in the local newspapers both as “Another Voice” and as letters to the editor by a group of individuals who claim to be looking out for your public money. The fact is that they are trying to destroy the earned pensions of the retirees of Mendocino County. Their ring leader, John G. Dickerson, goes all over the state of California speaking to groups of people who think like he does. These groups’ missions are to destroy public employee retirements. You can go on YouTube and watch Dickerson speak in Marin County and Contra Costa County.

As for Dickerson’s project in Mendocino County, his group consists of a retired lawyer, a financial consultant, a few well-to-do business people, and anyone else who will join his group. I believe these individuals are well off and their retirement is secure. They are the 1 percenters of Mendocino County, in my opinion.

Dickerson tries to convince you that his group is looking out for you. That your house is on fire. The facts are that Dickerson and his group are fanning the flames.

They are trying to destroy the retirements of the employees of Mendocino County. They take about 20 percent fact and mix it with about 80 percent error. You know the old story: “You can fool some of the people all the time and all of the people some of the time.” Even his lawyer friend wants the County of Mendocino to declare bankruptcy. Shame on these ideas. Not only is that unethical, it’s immoral. Especially when there is over \$400 million dollars in Mendocino County’s retirement investments. Well, I and others are

not fooled by these ideas.

We all know that the Mendocino County retirement is underfunded. Most of the retirement programs in the United States are underfunded. Dickerson’s financial consultant friend says we have had a bull market; the fact is the market has been on life support since 2008. If the market was in such good shape, interest rates in this country would not be so low. That is the real problem that these retirement funds are having, low interest rates.

Now, pay attention to this: Mendocino County must not be having too bad of a problem, because they are paying two retirements to employees in middle and upper management. *Employees who make \$70,000 to \$150,000 a year and above.* If the problem is so bad, why does the County of Mendocino not stop paying two retirements to employees (*middle and upper management*) who can afford to fund their own second retirement, and put all of the funds in the main retirement that all county employees are part of???

This would help the main retirement recover. The people of Mendocino County should be mad as hell about this; I know I am. You don’t hear Dickerson or his group say anything on this subject. In fact when I asked about this at the joint meeting of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the Mendocino County Retirement Board in January of this year, no one would answer my question. Maybe a few of the editors of the local newspapers should investigate this.

A few months ago the Ukiah Daily Journal listed some names of retirees of Mendocino County that receive fairly high retirements. What the article did not say was that most of the retirees of Mendocino County do *not* receive a retirement anywhere close to the amount that this handful of retirees receive. In fact most of the retirees – after paying income tax and now their own medical insurance – are struggling to make it from payday to payday.

The people of Mendocino County might think that the pensions of the retirees of Mendocino County are completely funded by the county. The fact is that the retirees of Mendocino County paid *two deductions every payday*. One deduction for retirement and one deduction for COLA raises. So when you hear Dickerson’s group complain about COLA raises or want to reduce COLA raises, just remember the retirees paid for these raises. When I went to work for the County of Mendocino, and I received my first check, I could not believe the amount in deductions that was being taken out. I had worked 21 years in the private sector and never had this amount of deductions taken out, but I and my fellow employees endured this because we believed we were going to receive a decent retirement when we retired. Now that I am retired, I and other retirees have to put up with a group of financially well-off individuals (*the 1 percenters of Mendocino County*) who are hell bent on destroying our retirement. These 1 percenters like to say that our retirement will cause the county roads not to get fixed. That is more *false error* spread by these individuals. The County of Mendocino Department of Transportation gets their funds from federal and state fuel taxes. Sometimes the county adds some funds, and sometimes they don’t. I worked for Mendocino County Department of Transportation for 21 years. I know that if MCDOT had to depend on county funds to run their department they would go broke, but they do not. So quit using county road repair for your excuse about my and every Mendocino County retirees lack of funding. It’s not true.

Think about this, citizens of Mendocino County, if Dickerson’s group is successful in destroying the county’s retirement system, they will cause most of the county’s retirees to have to go on welfare and food stamps (Social Services). Will that help the county budget? I don’t think so. It will be both a economic and emotional hardship on the retirees. It will also hurt the majority of the businesses in Mendocino County. You see, most of the county retirees stay in Mendocino County when they retire, and they spend their money in Mendocino County. While the retirees will probably still shop at Safeway and Food Maxx, they probably won’t be able to shop at places like Mendo

Mill, Rainbow Ag, Ken Fowler Motors, etc.

This group’s financial consultant says that about 50 cents of every tax dollar the county takes in is paid to the county retirement plan. This is not true. If the County of Mendocino’s retirement plan did not have any investments and the county funded all of the retirement payments from the general fund, it would cost about 16 cents on the dollar. It’s simple math (no Power Points needed). Take the total yearly retiree payments divided by the total yearly county budget equals the percentage. About 16 percent if there were no investments. But there are over \$400 million dollars invested.

It’s very interesting that when I was called out in the middle of the night by the California Highway Patrol to plow snow, sand roads, or for downed trees (many times with power lines involved), *nobody* told me they were going to try and steal my retirement. In the New Year’s flood of 05/06 when I risked my life to help the residents of Potter Valley (see Ukiah Daily Journal), *nobody* said, “Hey, John when you retire, we are going to steal your retirement.” These residents were glad I and my coworkers were there. I laid thousands of tons of asphalt during the years I worked for the County of Mendocino DOT. Not one time did anyone from the public tell me they were going to try and steal my retirement. These people were happy that we were doing this work.

Folks, it’s time to wake up to this sham that these people are trying to steal from the Mendocino County retirees. Now, to the retirees of Mendocino County, it’s time more of you make your voice heard in the newspapers, to the retirement board, and to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors if you want to keep these 1 percenters from stealing your retirement.

John Almida,
Mendocino County retiree,
Willits

Next Century Cities

To the Editor:
Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg announced today that Mendocino County has joined Next Century Cities, a bipartisan initiative dedicated to ensuring the availability of next-generation broadband Internet for all communities in California and across the nation.
“The board of supervisors has long recognized that in order for Mendocino County to thrive economically in the 21st century, and to be a place where our kids can have good jobs and raise families, affordable high-speed broadband is essential. Cities and towns that are able to offer high-speed broadband have experienced tremendous benefits. We need to create such opportunities for Mendocino County residents,” said Hamburg.

The county is currently in the process of forming a Broadband Working Group to develop “Goals and Strategies” for the county, and to develop a broadband plan. Next Century Cities can provide needed resources to assist with these efforts.
“Next Century Cities welcomes Mendocino County, the latest community to join us in support of high-speed Internet,” said Deb Socia, executive director of Next Century Cities. “We encourage all cities and counties that recognize the benefits of these investments to join this initiative.”

To date, over 130 cities and their elected leaders have joined Next Century Cities in recognition of the importance of leveraging gigabit-level internet to attract new businesses and create jobs, improve health care and education, and connect residents to new opportunities. Next Century Cities will support communities and their elected leaders across the country as they seek to ensure that all have access to fast, affordable, and reliable internet.

For more information, see their websites at <http://nextcenturycities.org> or visit this link at the same site to read more about Mendocino County and broadband: <http://nextcenturycities.org/members-cities/#post-2027>.

Carmel J. Angelo,
Chief Executive Officer,
Mendocino County

So far, the draft project description has failed to note that, under the proposed county ordinance, people currently growing medical cannabis at the “cottage industry” level (2,500 square feet or less) may continue to do so without securing a permit if their cultivation site meets with new setbacks encoded in the cultivation ordinance.

That point was made by Second District Supervisor John McCowen. Board members Dan Gjerde (District 4) and Carre Brown (District 1) agreed with McCowen’s claim that the board had previously been quite clear on that point.

County Department of Planning and Building Lead Planner Andy Gustavson surprised by McCowen’s statement, but after some discussion agreed the project description could be revised to include that provision.

Because of delays associated with ironing out the project description, Gustavson said, county staff would not be able to meet its previous commitment to place the document before the county planning commission for review at its November 3 meeting.
A new date of December 1 had previously been selected, but the necessity of revising the draft yet again compelled Gustavson to tell supervisors that perhaps staff would not be able to make the December 1 meeting either. The December 15 planning commission meeting was pointed to as an alternate date, should county staff not be able to draft a final version of the project description by Thursday, October 27.

The lengthy interval between the October 27 date and the December 1 meeting is because of the month-long public comment period required by CEQA, the California Environmental Quality Act. Mendocino County is attempting to comply with the requirements of CEQA, in drafting its host of cannabis-related ordinances.

McCowen also tried to refine the project description document, asking his colleagues if they would agree to add a final summation to the document that reiterated McCowen’s long-held contention that the Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance would tend to improve Mendocino County’s environment.

McCowen said he wanted to add a sentence to the section entitled “Prior Effects of Cannabis Cultivation,” which begins on page 4 of the document: “Therefore, the environmental impacts of existing cultivation sites are generally less significant than those of illegal trespass sites, and the impacts will be further reduced as existing sites are brought into compliance with permit requirements.”

Both Gustavson and Deputy County Counsel Matt Kiedrowski argued against including the addition.

“I’m reluctant to make a conclusory statement about the magnitude of the impacts,” Gustavson said. “The statement you are proposing is not a controlling statement. It is an opinion, really, that is supported by anecdotal evidence.”

Kiedrowski echoed Gustavson. “I’m not sure the additional sentence is needed. ‘Therefore’ is conclusory, and I don’t think we need it in this document.”

McCowen persisted until Brown urged him to back off, citing time constraints.

Board Chairman Gjerde offered a solution to the impasse, suggesting the language be revised to state the environmental impacts of existing cultivation sites are generally “presumed to be” less significant than illegal trespass sites.

Gustavson complimented Gjerde on his linguistic skills. “I think you have stuck a balance there, with ‘presumed to be.’”

Business license ordinance

County Deputy Executive Officer Sarah Dukett told supervisors the ball is rolling on the development of a business license ordinance to regulate other aspects of the medical cannabis industry, including dispensaries, distribution, processing, testing, manufacturing and transportation.

She presented supervisors with a timeline for the process of drafting and adopting the business license ordinance. That timeline commenced on Monday, October 17, when Dukett and other staff presented general recommendations on the ordinance to the General Government Standing Committee, which consists of supervisors Brown and Gjerde. Dukett said she will likely bring a draft of the ordinance to the full board of supervisors in December or January, and it will probably go to the planning commission in March or April.

The completed ordinance will come to the board of supervisors for adoption in April or May, and, if all goes well, the county will be accepting applications for licenses in May.

Gustavson told supervisors he expects the process of drafting the ordinance and submitting it to an environmental review will be a “fairly straightforward exercise.”

A question arose concerning whether the county will allow the manufacturing of cannabis products involving the use of butane in the manufacturing process.

McCowen noted preliminary notes relative to the manufacturing portion of the ordinance indicated butane-related manufacturing would be prohibited and asked, “Why is that?”

Gustavson told supervisors the prohibition was an error. “If we do, that’s an oversight if that exists.”

But Dukett contradicted Gustavson. “We are looking at prohibiting butane,” she said.

The Heritage Initiative, Measure AF, allows cannabis manufacturing processes involving butane and other flammable solvents but only in industrial zones.

Director of Environmental Health Dave Jensen raised several questions about the regulatory thoroughness the county wanted to adhere to in issuing its permits. Jensen asked if the county wanted to include purity tests for cannabis, explaining he was bothered by issuing a permit for products that may be tainted by pesticides and herbicides.

“It makes me uncomfortable,” Jensen said. “I want to make sure infused edibles have zero pesticides in them. I want to make sure cannabis concentrates have no residual pesticides in them. But we know they do. We know that when you concentrate an agricultural product, you also concentrate the pesticides applied to grow the crop. We know that.”

“So, as director of Environmental Health, and an employee of Public Health, not being able to certify that before we give out a permit makes me uncomfortable.”
Gjerde said the state would likely have standards and protocols in place when it issued a statewide framework for regulation, due to occur on January 1, 2018.

“It looks like there will be a gap year, 2017, before the state takes over,” Gjerde said. “Maybe we issue a disclosure statement about what was tested, and what was not.”



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



Spunky Jesse

Jesse and his sisters came to stay with us at the Humane Society after their loving owner passed away. He was shy at first, but this 2-year-old Chihuahua mix has begun to open up and show his true doggy colors. Jesse is spunky and loves people, but would do best as an only dog. To learn more about Jesse or our other adoptable animals, contact us at 707-485-0123 or hsimc@pacific.net or visit at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the Broller).

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit, play with and/or adopt dogs and cats, is open to prospective adopters from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.mendohumanesociety.com for more info.

Little Jack

This adorable little kitten is Jack. He is a 4-month-old male black-and-white medium-hair kitten. You can meet him in the lobby of the Ukiah Animal Shelter along with his two brothers and sister. Jack is very friendly and playful and will be a joy to his new family. Kitten season is coming to an end, so if you are considering adopting a kitten now is the time!

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



Annual Fall Book Sale
October 20 - 23

when: Thursday, 6 - 9 pm (FOWL members only)
Friday, 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, 10 am - 3 pm (\$3 a grocery-sized bag day!)

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SAL Karate

Sheriff's Youth Activities League program hosts master trainer

On Saturday, October 8, the Willits Body Works Gym and Martial Arts Center and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Youth Activities League hosted a Matsubayashi Shorin-ryu Karate Seminar, featuring Master Karate Instructor, Renshi Phil Kromka (Sensei).

Sensei Kromka, a long-time supporter of the SAL Karate program, flew in from Texas to conduct training with the SAL Karate students. Parents were encouraged to work out with their children. Kyoshi Michael Tobin SAL Karate. The Lil Dragons and Karate Kids class, ages 3 to 8 years, participated, and tweens, teens and adults had separate trainings.

The SAL Karate (self-defense) classes for youth

– **Kyoshi Michael Tobin of SAL Karate**



At top: Master Karate instructor Renshi Phil Kromka, in back, left, and Kyoshi Michael Tobin of SAL Karate pose with members of the Lil Dragons and Karate Kids at the seminar on October 8 at Body Works Gym. Above: Parents were encouraged to work out with their children at the SAL Karate seminar with Master Karate instructor Renshi Phil Kromka, at rear, left.

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What's Happening Around Town

Thursday, October 20

Willits Library October Book Sale: Friends of the Library members-only day today, Thursday, October 20. (Renew your membership or join at the sale! (\$10 regular, \$5 senior or \$100 membership for life). Willits Community Center. Sale runs Friday, October 21 through Sunday, October 23, for the general public, including Sunday's \$3/grocery bag sale. Volunteers needed: sign up at the library or call Marcia at 459-2614 to volunteer. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Willits High School Soccer Games: at WHS home field against Cloverdale. Girls game at 4 pm (coach Tatiana Cantrell); boys game at 5:30 pm (coach Noel Woodhouse).

"To Couple, Or Not To Couple?": a production of four sizzling, socially engaging one-act plays, opens at Willits Community Theatre opens tonight. This second-stage production showcases the insightful work of local playwrights Don Samson and Damian Sebouhian, with two plays from each writer covering themes from relationships, money and sex, to crazy neighbors, burial and empty-nesting. Final weekend: Thursday, October 20 at 7 pm, Friday, October 21 at 8 pm, and Saturday, October 22 at 8 pm. Advance tickets, \$10, are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out.

Shanachie Pub: You Knew Me When, "Outfitted with an array of instruments, You Knew Me When is a husband and wife indie folk-rock pairing with a full band sound. Formerly of Nashville, TN, the duo have toured full-time since June of 2012." Visit www.youknewmewhen.com. Thursday, October 20, 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



The Dirt Floor Band

Friday, October 21

Willits Library October Book Sale: Willits Community Center, see Thursday, October 20 listing for details.

"To Couple, Or Not To Couple?": a production of four sizzling, socially engaging one-act plays, at Willits Community Theatre, Friday, October 21 at 8 pm. See Thursday, October 20 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Gypsy Moon: "With soothing harmonies, soul-stirring poetry, and instrumentals that make the hips sway, Gypsy Moon is constantly reinventing their version of indie-folk to include Celtic melodies, Latin rhythms, jazzy vocals, bluegrass drive, and a gipsy swing." Visit www.gipsymoonband.com. Pick & Pull opens. Friday, October 21, 9 pm. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, October 22

Willits Library October Book Sale: Willits Community Center, see Thursday, October 20 listing for details.

Great Pumpkin Hunt: Brooktrails Neighborhood Association presents a free Great Pumpkin Hunt on Saturday, October 22, starting at 1 pm, at Ohl Grove Park in Brooktrails. With Jumphouse, crafts and games.



"KLLG 97.9 Station Delivery": A musical benefit for and official launch of KLLG 97.9 FM, with local favorites The Dirt Floor Band, Pick & Pull and Bug Guts. Saturday, October 22 at the Willits Center for the Arts. Beer & wine, kombucha and jun, and snacks available by donation. Doors open 7 pm; music starts at 8 pm. \$15, advance tix at J.D. Redhouse. "Wanna become a charter member of KLLG? We'll be able to sign you up right there and then. We'll also be hosting a silent auction and raffle, all proceeds going to the station. All this and so much more fun stuff you'll just have to come see for yourself. And don't worry – if you get lost in the crowd just look for Barbie, she'll take you where you need to go. Trust us on this one...." Doors open at 7 pm, music starts at 8 pm. \$15. Advance tickets at J.D. Redhouse. Tickets available at the door, too, if it

doesn't sell out!

"To Couple, Or Not To Couple?": a production of four sizzling, socially engaging one-act plays, at Willits Community Theatre. Final show tonight: Saturday, October 22 at 8 pm. See Thursday, October 20 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Good Bad Band, "5 piece high energy bluegrass band based out of SF ... characterized by acoustic elements and rustic tones." Visit www.facebook.com/neckbeardboys.

Saturday, October 22, 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, October 23

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, October 23 (the last breakfast this year!), with live music. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast! \$8 buys you a plate of the best "scratch" pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods.... Choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Local Farm Fresh Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea. Live music. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra sides of Organic Fruit and Amish Organic Maple Syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block

west of 101)

Willits Library October Book Sale: Willits Community Center, see Thursday, October 20 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Sol Tribe, "a blend of reggae dub & alternative out of San Antonio, Texas ... Sol Tribe's sound embodies a blend of reggae dub & alternative with a large presence and unmistakable feel." Visit www.reverbnation.com/SolTribe.

Sunday, October 23, 6 pm, special Sunday start time. \$5 cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Tuesday, October 25

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" and "Sully." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Willits High School Soccer Games: at WHS home field against Fort Bragg, Tuesday, October 25.

Boys game at 4 pm (coach Noel Woodhouse); girls game at 5:30 pm (coach Tatiana Cantrell)/

City Council Candidates Forum: Come meet & greet Willits City Council candidates Bill Barksdale, Bruce Burton, Gerry Gonzalez, Saprina Rodriguez and Madge Strong. Tuesday, October 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Candidates will have 2 minutes each to comment on written questions from the audience after initial 3-minute introductions. Hosted by the Little Lake Grange and the American Association of University Women, AAUW, Willits Satellite. Info: 459-4444.

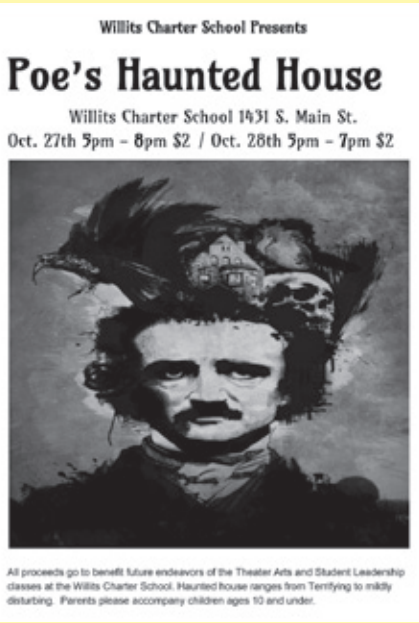
Shanachie Pub: Tracy Hui, "a genre defying itinerant folk artist/songster/composer/improviser ... breathes fresh invigorating air into traditional Jazz, Appalachian, Folk, Rock and original compositions." Visit www.facebook.com/tracyhuimusic. Tuesday, October 25, 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



Thursday, October 27

Willits High School Volleyball Games: at home court against Lower Lake on Thursday, October 27. JV at 5 pm (coach Tim Miller), and varsity at 6 pm (coach Jill Walton).

Poe's Haunted House: Willits Charter School presents Poe's Haunted House, "ranging from terrifying to mildly disturbing!" Thursday, October 27 from 5



All proceeds go to benefit future students of the Theater Arts and Student Leadership classes at the Willits Charter School. Haunted House opens from Terrifying to mildly disturbing. Parents please accompany children ages 10 and under.

Friday, October 28

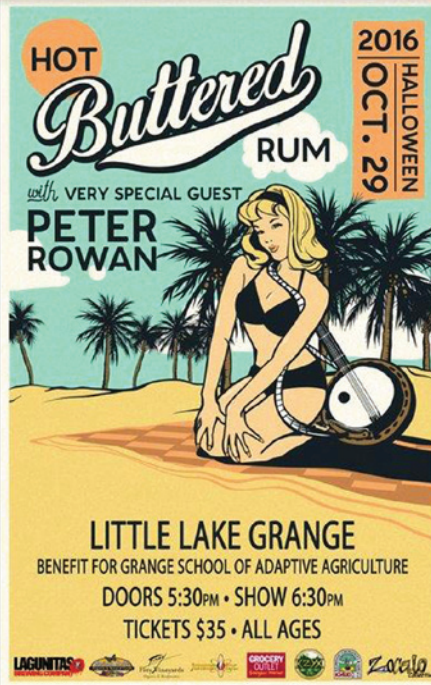
Poe's Haunted House: Willits Charter School presents Poe's Haunted House, "ranging from terrifying to mildly disturbing!" Friday, October 28 from 5 to 7 pm. \$2. See Thursday, October 27 listing for more details.

Saturday, October 29

Willits Boy Scout Troop 42 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Enjoy breakfast at the Rec Grove Park on Saturday, October 29 from 8 to 11 am. Sponsored by the Willits Lions Club. \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 5 and above, under 5 free with an adult. Info or tickets: call Tiger Den Leader Michael Tobin at 354-0565 or contact a Boy Scout from Troop 42.

WUSD Color Run: Blosser Lane and Brookside PTOs host the 2nd annual Willits Unified School District Color Run, Saturday, October 29, at the Willits High track. Registration from 8 to 10:45 am, and the run begins at 11 am. Fee is \$30 per person, to raise funds for Brookside, Blosser Lane, Baechtel Grove and Willits High! "Please come and show your support for our schools! You can run, walk or dance your way around the track!!" More info: Windi Kvasnicka 707-354-0755.

Hot Buttered Rum: Grange School hosts a Halloween dance party featuring the return of Hot Buttered Rum, with special guest bluegrass legend Peter Rowan opening the show, Saturday, October 29. "Join us for a raucous evening at Willits' Little Lake Grange ... Grange School is hosting the party, so you know it's gonna be good! Last year we saw GMO corn and El Nino dancing hard on the floor, scaring everyone with their agricultural nightmare costumes, and we can't wait to see what you cook up this year. Costume contest, photo booth, weird, twisted, absurd games.... Plus homemade hard



WCS (229 East San Francisco Street, or call 459-3333), or from David Partch (459-7054).

Celebrate Your Wild Life Dance Party: Saturday, October 29 at Harwood Hall, Laytonville. "Come and Celebrate your Wild Life with a Bash and Hoot!! We honor the bats, the bears, the bobcats and all the creatures of the night at this DJ Dance Party!!" Dinner by Fox and Hound and Chief starts at 5 pm. Full bar! Full fun, Kid Zone, costume prizes, a raffle, and an

extreme boogie tune selection. A fundraiser for Mendocino Wildlife Association. Visit us online at mendowildlife.com

Halloween at Shanachie Pub: with Afro-Funk Experience, "an ambrosial mix of musical interpretations influenced by the African diaspora, created in a collective and organic manner," and a costume contest, with prizes from downtown merchants. Sponsored by Moon Lady. Saturday, October 29, 9 pm. Advance tickets (available now), \$10; \$15 at the door. Visit <http://www.afrofunkexperience.com> for more about the bank, known as "The Bay Area's Dance Kings." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.



COLUMN | At the Movies

'Sully'

The Story: On January 15, 2009, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Tom Hanks) was captain of U.S. Airways Airbus Flight 1549 when it collided with birds and lost power in both engines, then had to make an emergency landing in the Hudson River. Sully saved the lives of 155 passengers and his flight crew with his brilliant and focused airmanship. Afterward, he underwent a rigorous and stressful investigation which threatened his livelihood and his reputation.

My Thoughts: Clint Eastwood put together a masterpiece. It is tense and thrilling. It's a true story. We all know what happened, or think we do. But this flick showed me that I was unaware of the challenges Sully had to face while being cross-examined by the Air Traffic Safety Board. An investigation that was in many ways even worse than the emergency landing on the river. This is a great story and a brilliant movie.

Parents: A true story of heroism and of a man who waved away the notion of being a hero. For Sullenberger, a man's duty is simply to do his job. I think all children should see an honest man performing heroically. He is a true and valuable role model, someone whose behavior our children can aspire to emulate.

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



Willits Library October Book Sale

Willits Library October Book Sale: Willits Library's most exciting event of the year, the October book sale at Willits Community Center, set for October 20-23. Our entire community has been contributing quality, gently used books all year for our massive sale. The first day, Thursday, October 20, is reserved for Friends of the Library members. It's a great time to renew your membership or join for the first time (\$10 regular, \$5 senior or \$100 membership for life). Get the first choice of all the wonderful books of every genre, including beautiful, like-new special books suitable for gift giving (think Christmas), vintage books, science, gardening, travel, self-help, mystery, historical, cooking – a wealth of delicious reading to enjoy by the fire all winter.

Friday and Saturday will be regular sale days for everyone who loves books and wants to support the library. Then, on Sunday, the most exciting day of all for many of us, all the books that are left (except for special or vintage) will be offered for only \$3 per grocery-sized shopping bag.

Volunteers are needed for a set-up crew on Sunday, October 16, cashiers for Friday and Saturday, and take-down crew on the afternoon of the Sunday, October 23. There is a sign-up sheet at the library, or you may call Marcia at 459-2614 to volunteer.

This is community involvement at its most fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

– Friends of the Willits Library, FOWL

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Celtic harpist Patrick Ball, November 13, Willits Community Theatre

Senior Center Lunch

Week of October 24 through 28

Monday: Chicken Cacciatore on Rice
Tuesday: Taco Salad
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Hot Dog/Bun
Friday: Turkey/Gravy – Birthday Lunch

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

Senior Center Raffle

Harrah Senior Center presents our first FUNding Raffle: Your support will sustain our many programs for seniors and soon-to-be seniors (that's you, baby boomers!). We have prizes galore including a two-week stay in the Azores! Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Please come by the Senior Center to purchase your tickets. If you have any questions, call us at the Harrah Senior Center, 459-6826. Prize drawing will be held November 4 at 7 pm at our annual Baked Potato Bar, 5 to 7 pm. Baked potatoes with your choice of toppings; dessert and beverage included. \$9 adults; \$8 members; \$5 children. Advance tickets available at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road; 459-6826.

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Skunk Train's Pumpkin Express

Saturdays in October

Celebrate fall by climbing aboard the Skunk Train's Pumpkin Express! A beautiful round trip to an autumnal wonderland and pumpkin patch at Northspur Station. Once there, kids will be able to choose their own pumpkin and enjoy tasty fall treats. 9:45 am from the Willits Depot, 299 East Commercial Street, Saturday mornings in October. \$59 age 13 and up; \$34 kids 2-12; \$10 for dogs; free for kids under 2. Visit <http://www.skunktrain.com/experiences/pumpkin-express/> for tickets and info.



Reception for Marjo Wilson show at Brickhouse

Saturday, November 5

An Americana mix of ranch art and down home groove, with special guest singer/songwriters Natalie Moss and Melissa Hand of Willits. (Melissa Hand and Eric Kaplan are the new band, Outre) Also featuring guitarist John Telgaard, visiting from Denmark. Plus a little ukulele presentation, audience sing-a-long! At Brickhouse Coffee, 3 Main Street, 459-1598. Doors open at 6:30 pm, show from 7 to 9 pm. Info: check Marjo Wilson Facebook Page or call 367-507

MCOG Transportation Workshops

Come have a say about the future of transportation in Mendocino County!

The Mendocino Council of Governments is in the process of preparing both an Active Transportation Plan and an update to the Regional Transportation Plan. The two plans together will identify transportation needs and projects for the next 20 years in all modes of transportation including bicycle, pedestrian, streets, highways, rail and transit.

A series of workshops is planned to give the public opportunity to voice their concerns about transportation and help us to identify needs throughout the county.

Workshops are set for Willits on Monday, November 7 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, and for Covelo on Wednesday, November 16, from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Covelo Fire Protection District, 75900 Hwy 162.

If you are unable to attend a workshop, please watch our website for updates and upcoming opportunities to participate, including a survey: www.mendocinocog.org, or call 707-463-1859 for more information.

2016 Mushroom, Wine & Beer Camp

Saturday, November 5

The cross-county Skunk Train is still not available this year, so the Mendocino County Museum is reprising the lively mushroom dish competition, wine and beer tasting, along with a great barbecue, expanding the options for activities, and shortening the transportation time by holding the 2016 Mushroom, Wine & Beer Camp at the stunning Wente Scout Reservation, a beautiful camp on a lake surrounded by walking trails, a mere 15-minutes east of Willits, on Saturday, November 5 from 1 to 5 pm.

Guests will still enjoy the popular mushroom cook-off contest prepared by chefs, locally crafted beer and wine, and mushroom walks and talks (led by Mendocino's own mushroom expert, Eric Schramm), but this year will also feature camp-themed games, nature crafts, a barbecue, and more.

Tickets now on sale: \$90 camper ticket (full camp program and wine and beer tasting); \$10 bus ticket (70 seats available. Park at the museum and let the bus do the driving); \$50 camper "dry" ticket (for designated drivers). Info or to buy tickets, visit www.mendocinomuseum.org/mushroom-wine-beer-event-2016.html. Proceeds to benefit the museum's exhibits, education programs, and special events.

– Mendocino County Museum

At right: Jeff Yokum stands with new employee, Jimmy Dawson, inside the shop's paint booth. At far right: Lorenzo Rodriguez takes a two-story selfie with the new crew during a company barbecue lunch.

Below: The newest Yokum's crew member, Jimmy Dawson.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Photo by Lorenzo Rodriguez

New Auto Painter

Yokum's Body Shop welcomes Jimmy Dawson to staff

Willits has gained a new resident and skilled auto shop professional, Jimmy Dawson. The city itself and the surrounding areas were an integral part of Dawson's decision to move here from his home in Tooele, Utah and start work at Yokum's Body Shop.

Originally from San Diego, Dawson had been residing in Utah for 35 years, where he started working in an auto body detail shop in 1990. By 1993 he was starting to paint cars and do light body work, and also spent time as a Sherwin Williams auto body paint sales representative. He'd been working with national chain auto body shops, and keeping an eye on online job boards and West Coast opportunities since he and his wife, Tracey, became empty nesters.

"I'd been posting on and watching Zip Recruiter and Monster, and had been receiving daily emails with openings for jobs in the auto body and paint industry," explained Dawson. "After our sons - Daniel, 25, and Jake, 21 - moved out, we thought it might be a great opportunity to move elsewhere, and when I saw the posting for Yokum's, it looked just right. It was the first one I'd actually replied to, and the shop's owner, Jeff Yokum, responded right away."

Yokum worked out a deal to fly Dawson out to the area for a visit in late August, just a week after the initial contact between the two. Dawson jumped on a red-eye flight on August 27 and came to check out the area.

"I was really impressed by the beauty and the small-town atmosphere," explained Dawson. "It looked like there were great options for hunting and fishing and wildlife, and I've always felt at home in the mountains and trees. The tall trees here were just a bonus!"

The pair toured the shop, the town and enjoyed lunch, and then Dawson jumped in a rental car and headed for the coast.

Dawson has since moved here and started work with Yokum's. His wife will be joining him shortly and the pair look to become homeowners in the area.

"I'm really happy that I was able to recruit someone to move here to Willits when they would have been qualified to get a job anywhere," explained Yokum. "It's great that he chose to come here and be a part of our team, and we all welcome him here."

Yokum's had been looking for a painter to add to their staff, and had been spreading the word broadly to try

Read the rest of Dawson | Over on Page 11

Willits High School's Amazing Athletes

Volleyball | Julia Johnstone, 17, Senior

Soccer | Lalo Escobedo, 16, Senior

Position: Back row

Breakfast of Champions: Wheaties

Love for the Sport: "I like the intensity and how it brings us together."

How Long Playing the Sport: since sixth grade.

We would like to nominate Julia Johnstone for our volleyball athlete of the week. In our game against St. Helena, Julia served 26 times without a miss, including 8 aces to lead the team. She also recorded 13 digs, and her solid all-around performance enabled us to win the second game of the match against a tough opponent. Despite starting off the season injured, Julia attended every practice and game, and has returned to be a go-to player for the team.

- Coach Tim Miller



Position: Center Mid

Breakfast of Champions: Cap'n Crunch and bananas

Love for the Sport: "The intensity and how it brings us together."

How Long Playing the Sport: Since 2nd grade

Last Thursday at our homecoming game vs. Middletown, we were missing one of our senior captains. The coaches asked Lalo to play a new position in the midfield and carry the team. He stepped up and played brilliantly. Early in the 2nd half, he scored our first goal on a picturesque dipping shot from 20 yards out. Lalo continued to play great soccer and to carry the team to a 3-0 victory.

- Coach Noel Woodhouse



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govern the permitting of other aspects of the marijuana industry, including dispensaries, processing, manufacturing, testing, transportation and distribution.

In this article, Willits Weekly compares and contrasts the basic provisions of Measure AF with those proposed by the county, focusing (on the county side) on Measure AI and the Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance.

Applicability

The Heritage Initiative/Measure AF: applies to unincorporated part of the county only. Does not apply to areas within the city limits of Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg or Point Arena.

County Business License Tax (Measure AI): same as above.

Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance: same as above.

Who can get a permit?

The Heritage Initiative: Requires a permit, to be issued by the commissioner of agriculture. Must be at least 21 years of age and, until January 1, 2020, must provide proof that the applicant has resided in the county for at least the previous two years. The residency requirement becomes void after January 1, 2020.

Permittees must own at least 51 percent, and must maintain full management and control, of the business or entity for which the permit is sought.

The Heritage Initiative does not describe any particular requirements that must be met before the permit can be granted. It merely says (Section 6.22.080): "The Mendocino County Department of Agriculture shall issue permits for the cultivation of medical cannabis, including but not limited to Permit Types 1, 1A, 1B, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B and 4."

Exemptions on permit: No permit required for those who grow cannabis if the grower is a qualified patient, if the growing area is less than 100 square feet, and if the grower does not sell, distribute, donate or provide the cannabis to any other person or entity.

County Cultivation Ordinance: Requires a permit, to be issued by the commissioner of agriculture. There are three phases of permitting. The requirements for receiving a permit are vague during the initial period (2017-2018.) Section 10A.17.090 states, "Applications for cultivation permits shall be made upon such forms and accompanied by such plans and documents as may be prescribed by the Agriculture Commissioner's Office so as to assure the fullest practical presentation of facts for the review of the application." During this period, the commissioner of agriculture will only issue permits to those people who can demonstrate they have been cultivating medical cannabis in Mendocino County prior to January 1, 2016.

There are two levels of exemption to this permitting process under the proposed county ordinance. The first exemption is for qualified patients or primary caregivers using a maximum of 100 square feet of land for growing medical cannabis.

There is also an exemption to the above limitations to all existing growers, if they are growing at the cottage industry level (up to 2,500 square feet) and if they are in compliance with setbacks encoded in the county's draft Medical Cannabis Ordinance.

After January 1, 2018, the ag commissioner will start granting permits for Type 1A and Type 2A permits (that is, indoor growing on medium and large sites in Industrial zoning districts) to people who cannot document they were growing cannabis in Mendocino County prior to January 1, 2016. People who were not growing cannabis in Mendocino County prior to January 1, 2016, cannot be granted those permits until that date.

This phase of permitting will be much more exacting, and will include providing the office with a cultivation plan which will detail status and procedures for water storage, water conservation, drainage, runoff and erosion control, watershed habitat protection, proper storage of fertilizers, plus a copy of permits for water diversion or other water issues from the California Water Resources Control Board, as well as copies of permits for streambed alteration from California Fish and Wildlife. These Phase 2 permits will require proof that the amount of medical cannabis to be grown is consistent with patients' medical needs, or with the applicant's medical needs, or will require an agreement from a cannabis dispensary that the grower is authorized to grow pot for that dispensary. County cultivation ordinance Section 10A.17.090 lists 27 requirements and attached ancillary permits in order to secure a county permit.

After January 1, 2020, the ag commissioner will grant permits for all permit types (to be described in a subsequent section of this article) and for "new growers," but only on parcels that are zoned Agricultural, and only when a watershed assessment is completed. When asked what the county means by "watershed assessment" on Oc-

tober 18, Supervisor John McCowen said the county is awaiting a recommendation from state water agencies as to what would suffice as a "watershed assessment."

Where can people grow cannabis?

The Heritage Initiative: For the inland zone of Mendocino County (which includes the entire county except for the coastal zone and the Mendocino National Forest), the Heritage Initiative notes 18 zoning districts in which cannabis cultivation would be a permitted use. These zoning districts include SR (Suburban Residential), AG (Agricultural Lands), RR (Rural Residential), UR (Upland Residential), RL (Rangeland), FL (Forestland), TPZ (Timberland Production), R-1 (Single-Family Residential), R-2 (Two-Family Residential), R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential), RC (Rural Community), OS (Open Space), PF (Public Facility), C-1 (Limited Commercial), C-2 (General Commercial), P-1 (Pinoleville Industrial), I-1 (Limited Industrial), and I-2 (General Industrial).

The Heritage Initiative limits how much cannabis may be grown on specific parcel sizes, as follows: On parcels less than one acre in size, outdoor and mixed-light cultivation shall not exceed 2,500 square feet. On parcels between 1 and 5 acres in size, outdoor and mixed-light cultivation shall not exceed 5,000 square feet. On parcels less than 20 acres in size, outdoor and mixed-light cultivation shall not exceed 10,000 square feet. Outdoor cultivation on a single parcel shall not exceed one acre in size.

The Heritage Initiative also includes language that details where cannabis may be grown in the coastal zone. Since the Willits area is in inland Mendocino County, this article will not detail the provisions for coastal zone cannabis production.

County Cultivation Ordinance: Is more restrictive than the Heritage Initiative. Lists 11 zoning districts where cannabis production would be permitted, and then breaks that down according to the type of production. For example, Type 1 cultivation (medium-grow area, natural light) would be permitted in all 11 zoning districts that are being contemplated. Type 1A (medium-grow area, indoor lighting) would be permitted in only three zoning districts (I-1 (Limited Industrial), General Industrial, and Pinoleville Industrial.) Type 2 permits (large growing area, natural light) would be available only for six zoning districts; Type 2B permits (large growing area, mixed light sources) would be available in nine zoning districts.

The zoning districts available for pot production include Rural Residential 2, Rural Residential 5, Rural Residential 10, Agricultural, Upland Residential, Rangeland, Forestland, Timber Production Zone, I-1 (Limited Industrial), General Industrial, and Pinoleville Industrial.

The zoning districts not available for cannabis cultivation under the county ordinance, but which would be available for cultivation under the Heritage Initiative, are Suburban Residential, Rural Residential, Rural Residential - 1, Rural residential - 3, Rural Community, Open Space, Public Facility, Limited Commercial, and General Commercial.

Location parameters

The Heritage Initiative: Prohibits cultivation of medical cannabis within 600 feet of any school or park and within 100 feet of any occupied legal residential structure (unless both the occupant and owner waive or reduce the setback requirement). Outside growing may not occur within 30 feet of a parcel under separate ownership from the grower.

Prohibits pot dispensaries within 600 feet of any school or park

County Cultivation Ordinance: Prohibits cultivation within 1,000 feet of a youth-oriented facility, school, park, church or residential treatment facility; within 100 feet of any occupied legal residential structure located on a separate parcel for outdoor or mixed light growing (with no provisions for waiving of that restriction); within 100 feet of another mobile home in mobile home parks (for outdoor or mixed light growing), and within 50 feet of a legal parcel under separate ownership (in the case of outdoor or mixed light growing.) Also prohibits cultivation "in any location where the cannabis plants are visible from the public right of way or publicly traveled private roads."

Additional limitations or provisions

The Heritage Initiative: Fences at least six feet in height must be constructed "where cannabis plants are visible from the public right of way or publicly traveled private roads." Such fences must "fully enclose the immediate garden area."

Lights must be downcast, and light glare must not exceed the boundaries of the parcel upon which they are placed.

Noise shall not exceed county standards in the general plan DE 100, 101 and 103.

Power: No restrictions on power source.

Nuisance: No language addressing nuisance issues. Does refer to "Right to Farm Ordinance" and advises that cannabis producers ought to "execute or make available a disclosure statement pursuant to

the Right to Farm Ordinance," which would protect cultivators from complaints about odors, noise, fertilizer drift, etc.

Water: Growers shall not use water that has been or is being illegally diverted from any stream, creek or river. Pot production shall not create erosion or result in contaminated runoff into any watercourse or body of water. A water diversion statement from the California Water Resources Control Board and (if applicable) a Notice of Intent and Monitoring Self-Certification from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board shall be kept with the operations plan.

Mendocino County Cannabis Commission: Mandates the establishment of the aforementioned commission as an independent body. Provides that one of its tasks will be to initiate and oversee the development of an annual economic impact report, measuring the economic impact of cannabis on the local economy.

County Cultivation Ordinance: Fences are mandatory for all outdoor and mixed-light grows. The county ordinance says that the fencing must be "secure, wildlife exclusionary fencing." Fences have to be at least 6 feet in height and must fully enclose the garden area.

Lights and Noise are subject to the same restrictions as with the Heritage Initiative.

Nuisance: states that "any violation of this chapter (i.e., the county ordinance), failure to obtain and maintain in good standing any permit required by this chapter, failure to comply with any required element on which a permit was issued, or any violation of this chapter where a permit was not required, shall be declared to be a public nuisance." Provides for the abatement of the nuisance.

Power: Requires that indoor or mixed-light cultivation shall not rely on a generator as the primary source of power. Allows generators as back-up power in emergencies or during inclement weather, and requires that growers shall shift to alternate sources of power over time, as a condition of getting a future permit.

Water: Requires compliance with all statutes, regulations and requirements of the California Water Resources Control Board. Also requires enrollment in Tier 1, 2 or 3 with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Order 2015-0023, if applicable.

Permit types

The Heritage Initiative: Provides for 11 permit types for cultivation, two permit types for manufacturing, one permit for testing, two permit types for dispensaries, one for distribution of medical cannabis, and one for transporting medical cannabis. Eighteen permit types in all.

The cultivation permits include: MB (micro-business): for outdoor, mixed-light or indoor growing on 2,500 square feet or less; Type 1: outdoor, natural light, up to 5,000 square feet; 1A: indoor, artificial light, up to 5,000 square feet; 1B: mixed-light, up to 5,000 square feet; Type 2: outdoor, natural light, between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet; Type 2A: indoor, artificial light, between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet; Type 2B: mixed-light; between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet; Type 3: outdoor, natural light, from 10,001 square feet to one acre; Type 3A: same size constraints as (3, above,) using artificial light; Type 3B, size guidelines as (3, above), using mixed light; and Type 4: nursery production of cannabis plants, size of operation to be "not in excess of that determined by MMRSA or other applicable state guidelines."

County Cultivation Ordinance: 10 permit types topping out at 10,000 square feet for cultivation and 22,000 square feet for nursery production. Types are C: natural light, up to 2,500 square feet; C-A: indoor, artificial light, up to 2,500 square feet; C-B: mixed light, up to 2,500 square feet; Type 1: outdoor, natural light, between 2,501 and 5,000 square feet; Type 1A: indoor, artificial light, same size constraints as (Type 1); Type 1B: mixed light, same size parameters as Type 1; Type 2: outdoor, natural light, between 5,001 and 10,000 square feet; Type 2A, indoor, artificial light, same size parameters as Type 2; Type 2B: mixed lighting, same parameters as Type 2; and Type 4: for nursery production; shall not exceed 5,000 square feet.

Taxation

The Heritage Initiative: Proposes the taxation of cannabis businesses, including the cultivation, harvesting, transportation, delivery, sales, manufacturing and processing of cannabis. Tax rate shall be 2.5 percent of gross receipts for medical cannabis and 5 percent for non-medical cannabis.

County Business License Tax (Measure AI): Proposes a flexible tax rate with floors and ceilings. From January 1, 2017, until January 1, 2020, the tax rate shall be 2.5 percent of gross receipts. Within this initial period, people who cultivate pot on less than 2,500 square feet shall pay a tax of \$1,250 per growing cycle; people who are growing pot on between 2,501 square feet up to 5,000 square feet shall pay a tax of not less than \$2,500 per growing cycle; and people who are growing pot on more

than 5,001 square feet shall pay a tax of not less than \$5,000 per growing cycle.

After July 1, 2020, the tax rate may be increased in 2.5 percent increments, following a vote of the board of supervisors at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board. The tax rate may not exceed 10 percent per fiscal year on gross receipts.

Measure AI also includes taxes on cannabis dispensaries and other cannabis businesses. Business owners who are running dispensaries shall pay a tax of 5 percent of gross receipts for the fiscal year, for the initial period of January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020.

As with cultivation, Measure AI provides that after June 30, 2020, the board of supervisors may increase the tax rate on cannabis dispensaries, in increments of 2.5 percent, not to exceed 10 percent of gross receipts.

Measure AI provides that people who are engaged in other aspects of the cannabis industry - such as distribution, delivery, manufacturer, nursery owner, testing laboratory and transporter - and whose business is conducted in the unincorporated portion of the county, shall pay an annual tax of \$2,500. This tax shall be adjusted upwards annually, based on the most recent change of the Consumer Price Index.

Dispensaries

The Heritage Initiative: Enables the county Health and Human Services Agency to issue permits for cannabis dispensaries. Permits are for two years and may be renewed in two-year increments. Dispensaries may not employ persons who are under the age of 21. Dispensaries shall only dispense cannabis to qualified patients or caregivers with a valid approval or recommendation from a physician. Prior to dispensing, the dispensary shall obtain and maintain verification from the recommending physician that the individual who is requesting medical cannabis is a qualified patient. Dispensaries may deliver cannabis to patients.

County Ordinances: To date, the county is in the early stages of working on a draft ordinance that would regulate dispensaries.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing means the production of secondary medical cannabis products, such as tinctures or cannabis concentrates such as "honey oil."

The Heritage Initiative: directs the county Department of Planning and Building Services to establish minimum standards for the safe operation of manufacturing facilities by June 1, 2017.

A Manufacturer 7 type producer shall maintain an on-site operating plan that will include (but not be limited to) methods or procedures to limit risk of explosion, combustion, or other unreasonably dangerous risks to public safety, a hazardous waste disposal plan, a fire safety and fire suppression plan, and a water source and discharge plan.

County Ordinance: To date, the county is in the early stages of working on a draft ordinance that would regulate the manufacturing of secondary medical cannabis products.

Testing

The Heritage Initiative: directs the county, before July 1, 2017, to promulgate standard operating procedures for the testing of medical cannabis. Such procedures will include a process for a testing facility to become accredited by an appropriate accrediting body.

Prior to date when the county shall adopt testing standards, the Heritage Initiative provides that "the county shall issue permits for this procedure upon an applicant's submission of a detailed description of the applicant's operating procedures."

County Ordinances: To date, the county is in the early stages of working on a draft ordinance that would regulate the testing of medical cannabis products.

Transportation

The Heritage Initiative: As with dispensaries, manufacturing and testing, the Heritage Initiative directs the county to "promulgate standard operating procedures and regulations for the transportation and distribution of medical cannabis." The Heritage Initiative posits a date of July 1, 2017, by which these standards should be adopted.

The Heritage Initiative states that, before the county shall do this, the county may issue permits for transporting medical cannabis, and enumerates elements that should be required prior to issuing the permit, including information on the methods of transportation, security, handling of cannabis during transport, inventory control, storage, quality control during loading, and methods for maintaining accurate and complete records during transportation process.

County Ordinances: As with dispensaries, manufacturing and testing, Mendocino County is in the early stages of working on a draft ordinance regulating the transportation of medical cannabis.



Fall Harvest Photos

raises \$200 for Mendocino Care-A-Van

Everyone who decided to attend the 2016 round of Fall Harvest photos at J.D. Redhouse can all share in the joy of being able to donate \$200 to the Mendocino County Care-A-Van.

Local photographer Maureen Moore held the fundraising event during the Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration as a 50/50 fundraiser, and was proud to do her part to help raise the much-needed funds.

The Care-A-Van provides low-cost and affordable options for spay and neuter, vaccines and other vital services for keeping animals healthy and happy in the community.

The Care-A-Van will be back at J.D. Redhouse on November 9. People who are interested in scheduling an appointment or learning more about services offered or how to help support the organization can contact them directly at 463-4427.

At left: Bliss, Julie (holding Clyde the dog) and Stefanie stand in front of the Mendocino County Care-A-Van in Willits on Wednesday with the \$200 donation check.

Mendo Mill's September 'Bucket Challenge'

raises \$2,500+ for WHS Booster Club

Willits Mendo Mill store manager Bob Doty presented a check for \$2,560 to Willits High School Booster Club President David Barrett at the club's monthly meeting last Thursday. The funds donated by Mendo Mill were raised through the "Bucket Challenge" event, held on the first weekend in September at Mendo Mill stores around Mendocino County.

Each Mendo Mill store offered shoppers a chance to buy a \$5 bucket and receive 20 percent off all items in the bucket. For each bucket purchased, Mendo Mill donated \$10 to the local high school sports program. Customers in Willits also gave an additional \$140 in cash donations.

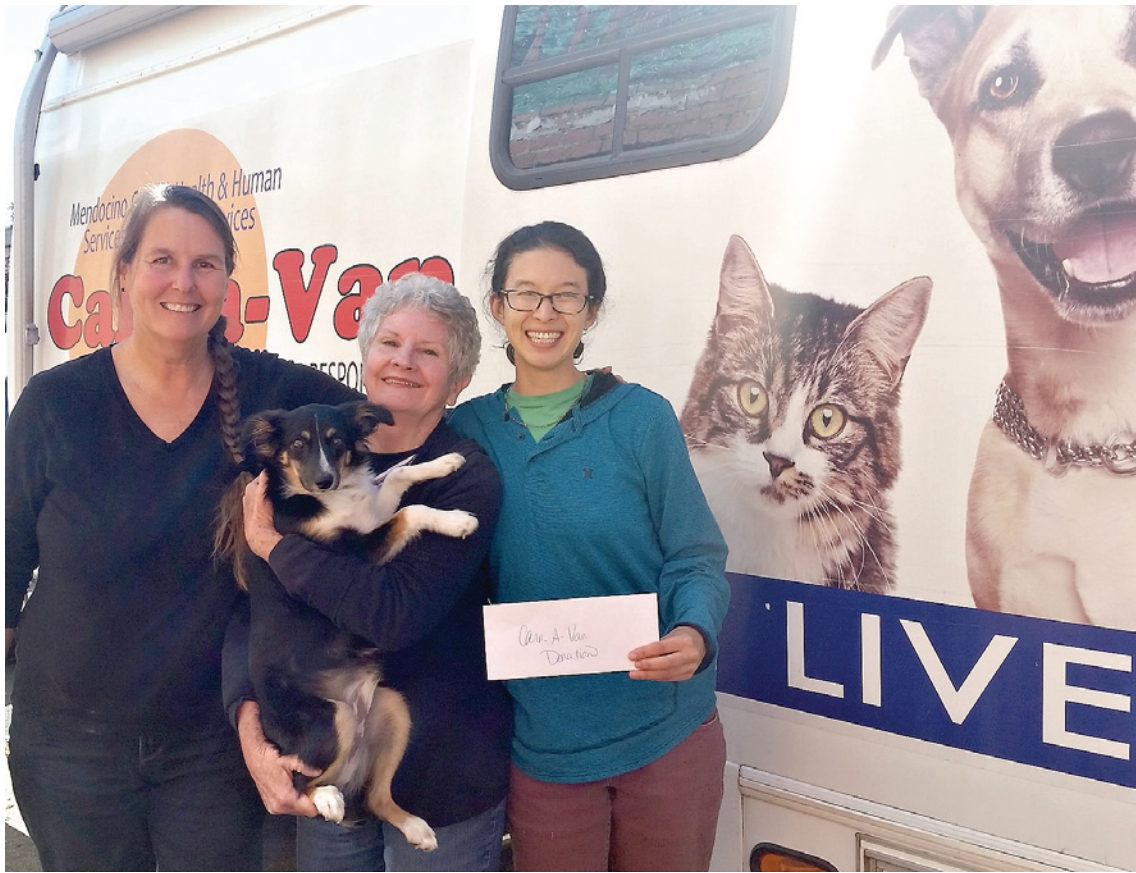
Barrett said the Boosters would like to thank Bob Doty and Mendo Mill for their continued support, which is much appreciated.

The WHS Booster Club raises funds for sports and extracurricular activities at the high school. Those interested in finding out more are welcome to drop by the next monthly meeting, on November 10, or to email whsboosters123@yahoo.com with any questions. Keep up with WHS Booster Club activities by liking the "Willits High School Booster Club" page on Facebook

– WHS Booster Club

At left: Willits High School Booster Club President David Barrett, at left, accepts a check for \$2,560 from Bob Doty, manager of the Willits Mendo Mill store, from the "Bucket Challenge" in September.

Photo courtesy of the WHS Booster Club



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The gift of good health is one of the best gifts you can give yourself. Getting a mammogram takes 30 minutes of your time that might ensure you'll have more time with your loved ones for years to come.

The American Cancer Society recommends women age 40 and older receive a mammogram screening annually to help detect cancer in its earliest and most treatable stage.

Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is offering uninsured women the opportunity to have a mammogram at the reduced price of \$190*.

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and engines were dispatched from both Brooktrails Fire Department and Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department to search for the blaze, says BFD Deputy Chief Jon Noyer.

It was later determined the fire was in the Sherwood Ranch area, he said.

"We gained elevation [as we were searching]," Noyer said, "and we could see fire on Sherwood Ranch that involved a residence and some small structures."

Brooktrails fire engines found the fire scene "difficult to access" because "of the gate size," Noyer added.

CalFire engines, arriving at the scene, reportedly knocked down a cattle fence to reach the flames.

"The vegetation [fire] was quickly contained," Noyer said, but fire crews remained at the scene throughout the night.

Three CalFire inmate crews, one fire chief, four engines and a bulldozer joined two engines and a water tender from the Laytonville Fire Department, and a Little Lake Fire Department water tender in battling the flames.

The fire was contained by 9:58 am Thursday, but crews remained on site until 5:23 pm that day, Smith said.

The structure was a total loss, Noyer said.

Cause of the fire remains under investigation, Smith added.

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and pull more talented workers to the area.

"I really liked that Yokum's was a family-owned business, had been in operation for 44 years, and really treated their employees so well," said Dawson. "That really piqued my interest. Shops that I'd worked in over the past really weren't family-oriented at all. It was just like, 'come in,' 'get your work done,' and that was it. Being a part of a shop that cares about you and the work you're doing also was very appealing."

The community is encouraged to come in and say "hi" to Dawson to welcome him to the area and help him get to know the rest of the Willits community.

Stop by Yokum's Body Shop located at 1619 South Main Street on the south end of Willits. They are open from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday and are closed on weekends. Give them a call at 459-9385 and find them online at www.yokumbodyshop.com or on Facebook under "Yokum's Body Shop, Inc."

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members Madrigal and Ron Orenstein who, along with other group members, has been expanded to include other voices within city government.

Madrigal and Orenstein, plus City Planner Dusty Duley, Building Inspector John Sherman, City Manager Adrienne Moore and Chief of Police Gerry Gonzalez took part in talks at the meeting.

The group met Tuesday in public at City Hall with an attendance of about 17 people. Another meeting is scheduled for 4 pm on November 15.

The group was taking input from the community Tuesday. The style of meeting held this week allowed for direct communication between individuals and group members.

Willits resident Jeffrey Apodaca listened to the city, asked questions, and spoke his part about cannabis.

"You have to learn not to control, but to guide," Apodaca said.

The working group and the public workshop showed that the city and members of the council intend to move ahead on developing a cannabis policy

County spends bundle on mental health

Supervisors on Tuesday approved the expenditure of \$1.7 million for contract extensions on existing mental health services in Mendocino County.

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The items were on the board's consent agenda and were approved without discussion.

The items included a \$1.4 million addition to an already existing contract with Willow Glen Care Center for hospitalization and treatment of mental health patients from Mendocino County; a \$150,000 addition to the contract with John Garrett, M.D., confirming Garrett as the county's chief psychiatrist; and a \$160,000 addition to a previous contract with Segal Telepsychiatry Network to provide psychiatric services to mental health patients in Mendocino County.

The 2016-17 budget for mental health, including both the mental health budget and the Mental Health Services Act budget in Mendocino County, is \$27.5 million.

According to the county's 2016-17 final budget, while the county contributes \$0.00 to the \$21.26 million budget for mental health services, it does contribute \$2.37 million to the Mental Health Services Act budget of \$6.25 million.

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On October 5, one of the three puppies was found to be lethargic and ill, and was tested for parvo virus. The test came back positive, and the puppy was euthanized.

Three days later during the shelter's weekly "pack walk," another dog was discovered to be lethargic and was given a parvo test. Again the test came back positive. The dog was put into a quarantined area but, according to Montana, "did not make it."

On October 12, the entire canine portion of the shelter went under quarantine. All the other dogs were tested, and a third dog tested positive for parvo. That dog was transferred to a local animal hospital. Montana said he is improving.

According to Montana, since that time there have been more tests for parvo, but none have come back positive.

According to shelter volunteer Shawna Phillips, the shelter will be under quarantine until October 26. Phillips, who has been a consistent critic of both the shelter and the county's management of the shelter for the past year, used the occasion to again criticize shelter management. "Cross-contamination occurred between the puppies and the dogs that were on the pack walk," Phillips said. "This is highly irresponsible. We have a broken animal shelter system that continues to fail the homeless animals of our county."

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in step with state medical cannabis regulations.

The committee faces challenges of licensing, permitting and regulating.

For example, some objectives for the group include land zoning, odor, noise, licenses and proximity to schools, parks and residential neighborhoods.

The committee stated its support for growing operations inside industrial buildings as one segment of cannabis industry the city can allow with new policies.

"We are considering industrially zoned parcels," Madrigal said.

If the city decided to embrace all the businesses outlined in the state Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, licenses and permits could reach past indoor growing to include other segments of the industry, such as transportation and laboratory testing.

"We are coming from a climate of total prohibition to allowing things," Chief Gonzalez said.

MMRSA allowed for state and local governments to begin the work of developing permitting process for medical

A busy week for warrant-serving deputies

Sheriff's deputies arrested 45-year-old William Jeffrey Lockett of Willits on October 13 on warrants charging him with inflicting corporal injury to a spouse, dissuading a witness and felony failure to appear.

Lockett was arrested at his Holly Street home and booked into county jail. Bail was set at \$165,000.

That same day, deputies arrested 33-year-old Joshua Thomas of Covelo in the emergency room at Howard Memorial Hospital on numerous warrants issued in both Mendocino County and San Luis Obispo County after being alerted by fugitive recovery agents searching for Thomas.

The Sheriff's Office confirmed Thomas had two active Mendocino County felony arrest warrants for providing false identification and assault with a deadly weapon, as well as two misdemeanor warrants from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office for multiple drug charges and failure to appear.

Thomas was booked into county jail. Bail was set at \$120,000 for the Mendocino County felony warrants and \$15,000 for both San Luis Obispo County warrants.

On October 15, deputies arrested 42-year-old Angela Furia of Covelo after being called concerning a possible domestic disturbance in the 24000 block of Mendocino Pass Road.

While the domestic disturbance proved unfounded, investigating deputies discovered

Furia had three active failure-to-appear warrants for her arrest, two from Mendocino County and one from Sonoma County.

One of the Mendocino County warrants was a felony; the other two were misdemeanor warrants.

Furia was booked into county jail. Bail was set at \$190,000.

In the early hours of October 17, sheriff's deputies contacted two men in a parking lot in the 100 block of Kawi Place in Willits. One of the of them provided deputies with information regarding his identity that deputies believed to be false, said sheriff's Lt. Kirk R Mason.

Once confirming the man had given them with false information regarding his identity, deputies confronted 23-year-old Maric Santiago Arriaga of Ukiah, whom a records check determined had three outstanding arrest warrants.

During a search of the suspect, Mason said, "deputies located about 9 grams of methamphetamine on his person."

Arriaga was arrested and taken to county jail, where he was booked on the three outstanding arrest warrants, possession of a controlled substance and providing false information to a peace officer. He was being held on \$90,000 bail for the outstanding warrants and an additional \$25,000 on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance and providing false information to a peace officer.

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

(the "PHF unit") in 2000, due to an inability to afford, and retain, staffing. He reminded board members of how things have devolved since then, with his officers having to spend, in 2015, a total of nearly 2,000 hours waiting around in the county's hospitals' emergency rooms, acting as security when mentally ill patients who are acting out.

When asked if the facility he is envisioning would be "Ukiah-centric," Allman said that decision would be up to the board of supervisors. When asked why he, the sheriff of Mendocino County and not a policy maker, was taking the lead on resolving the county's mental health problems, Allman countered with the question, "Who else is?", meaning that the board of supervisors has not seen fit to act on this issue at any time since the closure of the PHF in the year 2000.

When asked about the conclusion in the Flora Report that the county would likely be stuck with a bill of some \$4.8 million a year to fund the staffing of the facility, or facilities, Allman told the board members that mental health funds are reimbursable.

"With my department, it's money in, money out," Allman said. "The money comes into my department from the county administration, and it goes out in wages and retirement and costs of running the sheriff's office. But in mental health, it's the opposite. It's money out, meaning the county pays for the services, but then it bills for the services, and it gets the money back. So, with mental health, it's money out, money in. But that money does come back."

No one who was at Wednesday's meeting in Willits, including Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Jenine Miller, Redwood Quality Management Company Executive Director Tim Schraeder, or Redwood Quality Management Company Operations Officer Camille Schraeder, contradicted Allman's analysis of mental health funding patterns.

After Allman sat down, board chair Wetzler called for a vote on the question of whether the mental health board supported measure AG and AH. Dina Ortiz and Emily Strawn cast the two dissenting votes in the 9-2 vote.

The bureau's new webpage says its regulations should be ready in 2018.

At present, a section of City of Willits Municipal Code, Title 9 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, bans medical marijuana dispensaries inside city boundaries.

In another section of city code, the city limits medical marijuana grown by individuals to no more than six marijuana plants grown inside an "enclosed structure."

In Humboldt County, Arcata turned a rundown industrial area into a location zoned strictly for medical marijuana businesses earlier this year.

Arcata offered in April an application for a "Commercial Cannabis Activity Permit" to operate in its new marijuana zone.

In March, Santa Rosa allowed cannabis businesses into the city, when its governance moved to allow cannabis cultivation businesses to operate with a conditional use permit.

On Wednesday, the Ukiah City Council was scheduled to consider creating a new use permit for medical marijuana dispensaries.



At left: There was a full house at Friday's "Taco Rampage" event to raise funds for Willits Area Cyclists. Above, left: Bowen Cummings holds his raffle winnings, a case of "Pliny, the Elder" beer, and his commemorative WAC mug. Above, right: WAC organizers Chris Beebe and Ashley Sherf enjoy the successful event. Below: Kaleb Mattox, Dylan Moore and organizers Chris Beebe and Adam Sherf tend bar.

Photos by Holly Madrigal

Taco Rampage

Willits Area Cyclists host a good time in Brooktrails

By Holly Madrigal, contributing writer

The Willits Area Cyclists enjoyed a packed house at their fundraising event Friday night at the "Taco Rampage" at the Brooktrails Community Center.

Steven and Kareen James, Simon Topp, Kate Cahill and Robin Pilatti were busy serving up fresh-caught fish tacos. Chris Beebe and friends were providing local beer for donations to the WAC.

Co-organizer Ashley Sherf explained the money raised by this event will go towards bike trail development throughout Brooktrails and Willits. The group has already done extensive mapping of existing trails which you can find on their website www.WACtrails.wix.com/ride.

WAC members hope to connect more trails and are encouraging biking enthusiasts of all ages to get active. Future projects may include developing a loop track in Brooktrails or a "Pump Track" where the rider uses their own momentum

to do jumps or tricks.

The group has been providing bike tune-ups and information at the outdoor farmers market in City Park. WAC also participated in the Boggs Surrogate 8-hour race held at Willits' Camp Wente. Apparently this was the most mountain bikes in Willits at one time, ever!

The rain did not dampen the spirits of families who came to watch the "Red Bull Rampage" bike competition on a big screen projector. The planned outdoor activities like the "slow race" and "Huffy toss" were revised to include ping pong and a raffle. Eva and Kyler, age 8, crafted handmade bracelets for donations to the WAC effort.

Ashley Sherf wanted to especially thank the Brooktrails Property Owners Association for making the space available for the event and the sponsors that helped make it happen, including Jake McFadden, Moon Lady, J.D. Redhouse, Mariposa Market, Romi's BBQ, George's Geodes and Gems, Dave's Bike Shop and the Russian



River Brewing Co. All these sponsors were well-represented in the delicious food, drink and raffle items at the Taco Rampage.

A collective cheer went up when WAC members Chris Beebe and Adam Sherf gathered the group to award the raffle prizes and thank the crowd. Bowen Cummings won the case of "Pliney the Elder" Beer, Oceanea Debisschop won a beautiful crystal lamp, and Mary Kanne won a number of treasures from the Moon

Lady boutique. All ages enjoyed watching the death-defying bike races, as the competitors navigated trails in the red-rock canyons of Utah. The footage showed some cyclists flipping, completing soaring jumps and, yes, occasionally taking a painful fall down the mountainside.

By the end of the evening, the fish tacos were all eaten and the cupcakes went fast. Hopefully the Willits Area Cyclists will repeat this successful event next year.



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Willits High senior Rocky Boat and Sober Grad Committee volunteer Sherri Lovell sell raffle tickets for Sober Grad's Fall Basket.

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Sober Grad fall raffle basket

The Sober Grad Committee's fall raffle basket is being displayed at events and businesses around town. The basket has a value of more than \$600 this year. Some of the items are: 2 Park Hopper tickets donated by Disneyland (which are good for 2 years); haircut and beauty products; gift cards, soaps, socks, microwave dehydrator, candles, chocolate, plush velvet throw, mugs and much more.

All items were donated by Cat's Meow, Flowers by Annette, Main Street Music, Mirror Mirror on the Wall, Buster's, and parents of Willits High School seniors.

Raffle tickets are \$1/each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held Thursday, November 16 at the Sober Grad meeting. For more information contact Joyce Waters, 707-489-8377 or willitssobergrad@gmail.com.

The Sober Grad Committee is also selling Subway BOGO cards. An explanation follows: Each year Subway of Willits allows us to print 100 cards to sell to people. Each card represents 15 times a person can go into Subway and purchase 1 foot-long sandwich and a large soda and get a 2nd foot-long for 99 cents! This card is good through the end of next year, through 12/31/17!

This is a great way for students, or anyone, to go together and get 2 foot-long sandwiches for a great price. The cost of the card is only \$10, which all goes to Sober Grad. An easy \$1,000 if we sell all 100 cards. If you want to purchase a card, contact Angi Edgar at 459-2260. This makes a great stocking stuffer!

– Joyce Waters, Sober Grad Committee

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Willits favorite Patrick Ball returns to WCT

Celtic harpist and storyteller Patrick Ball will bring his popular performance to Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, November 13 at 2 pm.

After delighting sold-out WCT audiences in 2014 and 2015, Ball returns with his latest combination of spellbinding stories and mesmerizing sounds from his maplewood Celtic harp. In his passion for eloquence and a deep devotion to the mythic oral tradition, Ball spins together his Irish wit, tales from the old country, and compositions from Ireland's national treasure, Turlough O'Carolan.

The crystalline, bell-like resonance of the legendary Celtic harp is guaranteed to take Ball's listeners into deepest realms of the imagination. He has been awarded grants for his work by the Zellerbach Family Fund and the California Arts Council and is the recipient of the Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Association.

His appearance at WCT with his amazing harp and magical storytelling is a one-time annual treat, so early tickets are encouraged.

Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– Steve Hellman, for WCT



Celtic harpist Patrick Ball.

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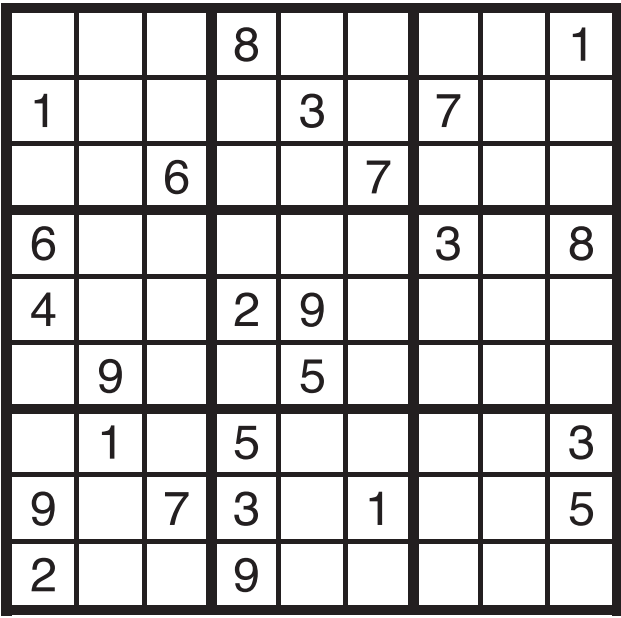
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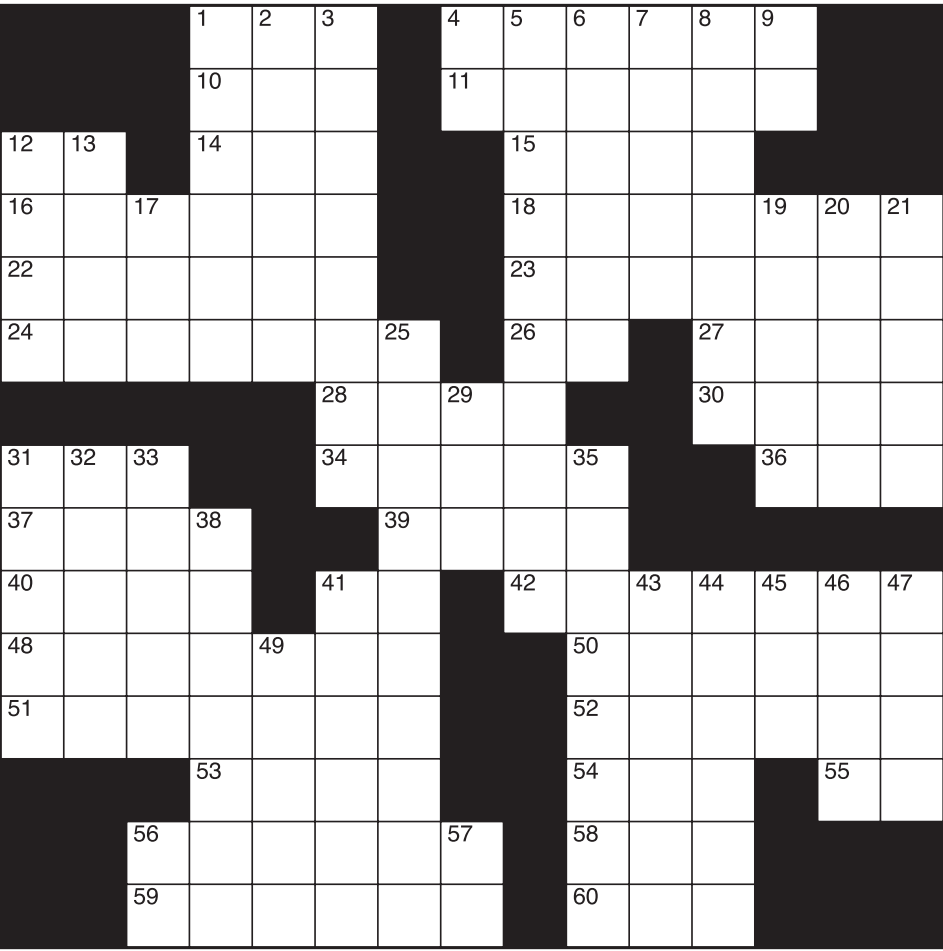
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Sudoku:

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Not him
4. Discrimination against older people
10. A team's best pitcher
11. Hard aromatic seed of an East Indian tree
12. San Francisco
14. Superhigh frequency
15. Not fat
16. A movable indicator on a computer
18. Endings
22. Rapper Iggy
23. Environmental kind
24. Agent of downfall
26. Spanish be
27. Rocky Mountain herb
28. ___ and void
30. Uprising
31. Automatic teller machine
34. European country
36. No seats available
37. Make sense of a language
39. Sea eagle
40. One of Thor's names

CLUES DOWN

- 41. Public relations
42. Chitchat
48. Metal alloys made of copper and zinc
50. Explain
51. Canned fish
52. Of the nervous system
53. Surrounded by
54. Adam's wife
55. Thallium
56. Called
58. Monetary unit
59. If not
60. Very fast airplane

- 12. Inspect
13. Initiates function (military)
17. Los Angeles footballer
19. Decomposition of a cell
20. Spartan Magistrate
21. Treaty organization
25. Supplants
29. The common gibbon
31. Members of a Semitic people
32. Small tropical fish
33. Of the cheek
35. Closeness
38. Consider to be unworthy
41. Of the penis
43. Plural form of beef
44. Able to speak or write a language
45. Body part
46. Information
47. Communicate information
49. Nabran village
56. Of (French)
57. Darmstadtium

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Propositions | From Page A1

"Skyrocketing prescription drug prices are a matter of life and death," they say, alleging "drug-company price-gouging."

"The drug companies put profits over people, returns for stockholders over cures for patients," proponents argue. "What good are miraculous, life-saving medications, if they're priced so high patients can't afford them – and thousands are dying as a result?"

Opponents counter that "experts say Prop. 61 would: increase prescription prices, reduce patient access to needed medicines, produce more bureaucracy and lawsuits that cost taxpayers millions, and hurt veterans by increasing their prescription costs."

They claim the measure is "strongly opposed by the California Medical Association, California NAACP, California Taxpayers Association, Ovarian Cancer Coalition of Greater California, and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Department of California.

Measure supporters include California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee, The Urban League, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, VoteVets Action Fund, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, and Progressive Democrats of America

Opponents include Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California; Latino Diabetes Association; California Association of Rural Health Clinics; Vietnam Veterans of America, California State Council; California Hepatitis C Task Force; and the California NAACP

PROP. 62 repeals the state's death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. It applies retroactively to existing death sentences.

The initiative also increases the portion of life inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution.

Passage of the measure would result in a net ongoing reduction in state and county criminal justice costs of around \$150 million annually within a few years, although that impact could vary by tens of millions of dollars depending on various factors.

Proponents argue Prop. 62 replaces the "failed death penalty system with a strict life sentence without possibility of parole."

Prisoners would have to "work and pay restitution, instead of sitting on death row."

The measure, they argue, would also guarantee no innocent person is executed.

Opponents argue Prop. 62 "repeals the death penalty for brutal killers, including child killers, mass murderers, serial killers, and rape/torture murderers."

Prop. 62, they claim, "means these murderers will live the rest of their lives at taxpayers' expense, with free healthcare, long after their victims are gone."

Proponents include former death row Warden Jeanne Woodford; Donald Heller, author of California's Death Penalty Law; Beth Webb, sister of a 2011 murder victim; John Donohue, Ph.D., professor of Economics and Law, Stanford Law School; and Ron Briggs, who led the campaign to bring the death penalty back in 1978.

Opponents include Marc Klass, father of 12-year-old murder victim Polly Klass; Peace Officers Research Association of California; Association of Deputy District Attorneys of Los Angeles County; and the San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriffs Association

PROP. 63 would require a background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. It would prohibit possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, and establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons. The measure would require Department of Justice participation in the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Passage of the measure would increase state and local court and law enforcement costs, potentially in the tens of millions of dollars annually, related to a new court process for removing firearms from prohibited persons after they are convicted.

Proponents argue the initiative "will improve public safety by keeping guns and ammunition out of the wrong hands," including violent felons, domestic abusers, and the dangerously mentally ill."

Opponents claim "law enforcement, anti-terrorism experts, and civil liberties groups overwhelmingly oppose Prop. 63," which, they allege, "was written by a politician seeking to make a name for himself, not the public safety community."

The initiative's supporters include California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, and the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Opponents include the California State Sheriffs' Association, California Reserve Peace Officers Association, and the Coalition for Civil Liberties, a project of California Rifle & Pistol Association.

PROP. 64 would legalize marijuana for use by adults 21 or older. It also would impose state taxes on sales and cultivation, provide for industry licensing, and establish standards for marijuana products. The measure allows local regulation and taxation.

Passage of the initiative would result in additional state tax revenues, ranging from high hundreds of millions of dollars to over \$1 billion annually, mostly dedicated to specific purposes. It also would reduce criminal justice costs by of tens of millions of dollars annually.

Prop. 64 proponents argue the measure "creates a safe, legal system for adult use of marijuana. It controls, regulates and taxes marijuana use, and has the nation's strictest protections for children." It also "provides billions for afterschool programs, job training, drug treatment, and cracking down on impaired driving."

Proposition 64 opponents say the initiative "purposely omits DUI standard to keep marijuana-impaired drivers off our highways, while legalizing ads promoting smoking marijuana, Gummy candy and brownies on shows watched

by millions of children and teens.

"It shows reckless disregard for child health and safety," opponents argue.

Supporters include Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing; Youth Education and Prevention Working Group, Blue Ribbon Commission on Marijuana Policy; and Dr. Larry Beard, former president of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Opponents include U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, and the California Hospital Association.

PROP. 65 would redirect money collected by grocery and certain other retail stores through mandated sale of carryout bags, and requires stores to deposit bag sale proceeds into a special fund to support specified environmental projects.

Passage of the measure could result in potential state revenue of several tens of millions of dollars annually under certain circumstances, with the monies used to support certain environmental programs.

Proponents argue that "in a deal brokered by special interest lobbyists, the Legislature required grocery stores to charge and keep fees on certain bags at checkout. Grocers get \$300 million richer, while shoppers lose \$300 million."

Prop. 65, they say, "redirects those fees to environmental projects, not grocer profits."

Opponents claim Prop. 65 is "sponsored by out-of-state plastic companies from South Carolina and Texas, who "don't care about California's environment, but just want to confuse voters and distract from the real issue: the need to phase out plastic grocery bags."

Proponents include California Taxpayer Protection Committee, and the California Senior Advocates League.

Opponents include Californians Against Waste.

PROP. 66 changes procedures governing state court challenges to death sentences. Designates the superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. It also requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals, and exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods.

Approval of the initiative would have an unknown ongoing impact on state court costs for processing legal challenges to death sentences. There would be a potential prison savings in the tens of millions of dollars annually.

Proponents of the initiative argue the state's "death penalty system is bogged down by decades of appeals. We need to reform it, not repeal it."

Prop. 66, the claim, "saves millions, brings closure to victims' families and justice to brutal murderers."

Innocent persons, the add, won't be executed under Prop. 66.

But opponents of the initiative claim Prop. 66 is not real reform.

"We don't know all of its consequences," they concede, "but we do know this: it adds more layers of government bureaucracy causing more delays, costs taxpayers money, and increases California's risk of executing an innocent person."

They describe the measure as "a costly experiment that makes matters worse."

Measure supporters include Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey; Shawn Welch, President of the Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriffs Association; and Chuck Alexander, president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association.

Opponents include Jeanne Woodford, California death row prison warden, 1999-2004; and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa; and the League of Women Voters of California.

PROP. 67: A "yes" vote approves, and a "no" vote rejects, a statute that prohibits grocery and other stores from providing customers single-use plastic or paper carryout bags, but permits sale of recycled paper bags and reusable bags.

The measure would have a relatively small fiscal effect on state and local governments, including a minor increase in state administrative costs and possible minor local government savings from reduced litter and waste management costs.

Proponents of the initiative argue the measure "protects California's successful efforts to phase out plastic grocery bags that "strangle wildlife, litter communities, raise cleanup costs, and clog recycling machines."

Opponents claim Prop. 67 is "a \$300 million annual hidden tax on consumers, who will be forced to pay 10 cents for every grocery bag at checkout."

"Not one penny," they say, "goes to the environment." Instead "all \$300 million goes to grocer profits."

Supporters include the California Ocean Protection Council, California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, and the California Coastal Commission.

Opponents include California Manufacturers & Technology Association, California Taxpayer Protection Committee, and the California Senior Advocates League.

Text of county measures
available on website

The Mendocino County Elections Office has added a page to their election website with links to all the measures on the Mendocino County ballot on November 8.

Links to the text of each ballot measure as it will appear in the sample ballot, along with the arguments for and against the measure also printed in the the sample ballots, are included, along links to the full text of each countywide measure.

"We have included city measures and countywide measures for your convenience," said Mendocino County Assessor-Clerk-Record Susan Ranochak. "Please visit our website at: http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/measures.htm. Any questions should be directed to my office at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020 or by calling 707-234-6827."

The last day to register to vote for the November 8, 2016 election is October 24.



Dos Rios man sentenced to
six years for manslaughter

A 28-year-old north county man on Wednesday was sentenced to six years in state prison by Judge Ann Moorman after being convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter in the May death of a Contra Costa County motorcyclist.

Jesse Davidson Bourdeaux of Dos Rios was driving east through Jackson State Forest between 4:30 and 5 pm on May 21, when the Ford F-250 he was driving crossed over double-yellow lines and plowed into a motorcycle carrying 56-year-old Ingrid Fedje of Pacheco.

Although road conditions were wet that day due to periods of rain, Bourdeaux lost control of his the pickup due to "speed and his high level of intoxication," according to Deputy District Attorney Barry Shapiro, who prosecuted the case.

A forensic test of the blood sample taken from Bourdeaux by state traffic officers pegged his blood alcohol at .21, well over the .08 level allowed under California law.

Fedje was wearing safety equipment, according to CHP investigators, and "had no role in her own demise."

In a statement to Highway Patrol investigators, Bourdeaux admitted he had begun drinking at noon the day before the collision in celebration of his birthday. He claimed he had last consumed alcohol 12 hours later, around midnight.

Bourdeaux said he was unable to remember how much alcohol he had consumed during those hours. However, he was sure he did not consume any additional alcohol after midnight or during May 21.

Although Bourdeaux conceded he was still feeling the effects of alcohol when he awoke the next morning, he claimed he was not feeling those effects while driving. However, Shapiro said, after leaving a friend's house where he had stayed overnight, Bourdeaux drove to another friend's house and smoked marijuana.

This report was based on a post on the Mendocino County District Attorney's Facebook page.

North county man sentenced
for attempted murder

A former Dos Rios man was sentenced to 13 years in state prison last Friday for attacking a woman with a rock on Halloween night 2015.

Judge David Nelson sentenced 31-year-old Arlon Lee Strauss for attempted murder, mayhem, inflicting great bodily injury causing a victim to become comatose, and using a rock as a weapon, said Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster, who prosecuted the case.

Under current law, Strauss will be required to serve 85 percent of his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Strauss was allegedly high on methamphetamine when he attacked a woman – whom he says was a friend – from behind while she was washing dishes at the kitchen sink, Eyster said.

The attack badly injured the woman, fracturing her skull and exposing brain matter, but she miraculously escaped death after undergoing emergency surgery and receiving extended medical care from doctors and nurses at Howard Memorial Hospital and Stanford Medical Center.

Strauss originally told investigators an unknown Indian male had attacked the woman and the same mystery man had previously sexually assaulted him, Eyster said. However, DNA testing revealed the Strauss had the victim's blood on his socks.

This report was based on a post on the Mendocino County District Attorney's Facebook page.



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At top, across from left: A jumble of bodies, arms and legs as Jacob Arms, #20, a WHS freshman, moves the ball down the field. Mitchell Hollingsworth, #77, a hard-hitting offensive lineman and WHS junior, Tyler Vesey, #2, quarterback, a leader of the team, cornerstone on defense, a WHS senior, and Eliza DeCent, #12, cornerback on defense and running back and receiver on offense, a WHS junior, come onto the field. The Class of 2017 float, the Class of 2018 float and the Class of 2020 float. Above: Honorees at the 2016 WHS Homecoming, including from left: the senior court and Queen Chanel Alexander and King Adrian Brito; the underclassmen nominees; Grand Marshals Gwen Rasmussen and Laura Herman; and "Athlete's Choice" honoree Noel Woodhouse with Holl Woodhouse. Below: The cheerleaders perform on the field.



WHS Homecoming

Lively crowd attends football games despite the rain

The Wolverines varsity football team lost a close, hard-fought battle to the Cloverdale Eagles at Willits High School on homecoming night last Friday, 21-18.

Despite rain drizzling down off and on, a large, lively crowd gathered for the games and the halftime festivities, where the 201 homecoming court were presented.

Triston Martin had a big game for Willits varsity, with several long runs, a 60 yard touchdown reception, and an interception in the end zone to stop an Eagles drive in the first quarter.

Martin caught the 60 yard touchdown from Willits quarterback Tyler Vesey with under two minutes to play, to cut the Cloverdale lead to 21-18. The pass went just over the outstretched hands of the defender around the Eagles 40

yard line, and Martin charged down the sideline for the score, much to the delight of the loudly cheering crowd.

Willits varsity head coach Mike Colvig said it was "one of the bigger plays of the year" for the team.

"That particular play was one that we've practiced week in and week out," he said, adding that they've made an effort to emphasize the pass more this year to balance out the run-oriented offense better.

The Wolverines attempted an onside kick after the score, but weren't able to retrieve it, and the Eagles were then able to run out the clock.

Cloverdale took an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 6 yard keeper by their quarterback James Wirt, but the Wolverines struck back with a 1 yard touchdown run by Colton Doak in the 2nd quarter to make it 7-6. Colvig said

Doak has "really raised his game" as a running back this year.

Doak's touchdown came shortly after a fumble by the Eagles was recovered by Willits' Justin Hawkins around the 20 yard line.

The Wolverines took a 12-7 lead with 51 seconds left in the first half, when Vesey rolled out of the pocket and connected with Matt Colvig for a 19 yard touchdown pass on 4th down and 7.

In addition to Vesey's two touchdown passes on the night for the Wolverines, he also had some big defensive plays, including a sack near the end of the first half when the Eagles were driving and looking to score.

Martin emphatically ended that drive with a big hit on a Cloverdale receiver near the goal line to break up a pass on 4th down.

Colvig said players having an impact on offense and defense is nothing new for the

team due to their roster, which is much smaller than most other teams they play.

"With so few kids [on our team], they give me everything they have, they really do," he said. "Most of those kids played every single play. So their athletic fitness is at a very high level. Where other teams can just keep subbing kids in, we don't have that luxury."

Two straight touchdown runs by Cloverdale running back Tristen Rege in the second half gave the Eagles a 21-12 lead early in the fourth quarter before Willits attempted their comeback.

The team's record now stands at 1-6 overall, but Colvig said he was very happy with the team's effort, and encouraged by the results over the last two games (they beat St. Vincent de Paul 28-27 the previous week for their

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At far left: Jacob Arms, #20, runs the ball away from the Eagle players, just before crashing into Willits Weekly's photographer, who was willing to tempt fate and danger to get the shot.



At left, top: Homecoming attendees look over the raffle prizes. At left, bottom: Cheerleaders McKenzie McKenzie, Grey, Tatyana Guevara, Shayla Crandal, and Mychaela Nolan.



Below, left: WHS cheerleaders perform their routine on the 50 yard line. At left: An Eagle player tries to grab the ball away from a Wolverine.

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Avenues to Wellness

'Diabetes: Management & Prevention with Food'

This month's Avenues to Wellness program features a presentation by Annie Frassinello, registered dietitian, on "Diabetes: Management & Prevention with Food." The talk is set for Thursday, November 1 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the public; donations appreciated! Wheelchair accessible.

"Learn evidenced-based guidelines for preventing, managing and reversing diabetes through whole food, plant-based eating practices. Discover the top 12 foods to include in the daily diet, meal planning basics, and lifestyle interventions to aid in healthier living with diabetes/pre-diabetes. Food as Fuel, Food as Medicine; The Diabetes Process in the Body; and How to Stay on the Healthy Eating Wagon.

"Annie Frassinello has been a registered dietitian for nine years and a diabetes educator for three years. She is passionate about lifestyle medicine practices to prevent, treat and manage the diseases that plague our country. She practices at Adventist Health and previously at UC Davis Medical Center. She was born and raised in Ukiah."

For more information on the Avenues to Wellness program, visit atwforhealth.org, call 456-9676 or email atwforhealth@gmail.com.

— submitted by Avenues to Wellness



At left: Eel River fall Chinook salmon leaping in the Drake Pool in Fortuna in October 7, 2016. Photo by Eric Stockwell

Above: A drone photo of several hundred Chinook salmon milling in a lower Eel River pool on October 13. Photo by Jason Hartwick

Eel River Recovery Project: Rain starts fall Chinook salmon run

The rain is triggering the start of the Eel River 2016-2017 fall Chinook salmon run, and the Eel River Recovery Project is starting its fifth annual effort to monitor abundance throughout the watershed. Dozens of people participate as volunteers helping with dive counts in the lower Eel River, joining main river kayak expeditions to count salmon nests or redds, and providing observations and evidence about migration and spawning activity throughout the watershed.

In the first two weeks of October, Chinook salmon have been swimming up out of the estuary and moving into a few larger lower Eel River pools. Sustained high Eel River flows last winter caused bed mobility and resulted in positive changes for salmon migration. Numerous shallow riffles where salmon risked stranding last year are much deeper this fall and easier to pass.

ERRP documented adult Chinook in the deepest pools upstream to Scotia,

with the largest concentration in Fortuna pools. No dives were conducted because of potential for swimmer's itch and crowding of fish in shallow water, but there was clearly a total easily over 1,000 early-run fish in the lower Eel River as rains began.

There is no evidence of fish health problems in 2016, unlike last year when ERRP documented significant problems

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Miss Mendocino County Scholarship Program

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Candidate Chanel Alexander hopes to win title of Miss Mendocino 2017.

Photo by Maureen Moore



Willits teen tries for tiara

Chanel Alexander enters the race for Miss Mendocino County 2017

taking college classes at Mendocino College, including English 200 and shadowing Naoto Horiguchi, the college’s athletic trainer, who is able to offer her real-life experience and training in the field of her interest and platform theme: athletics.

“It’s been so nice to get to shadow him and learn from him in the field,” explained Alexander. “I’m super involved with sports and have participated on the soccer, diving, golf and basketball teams over the years at WHS. The sports area has also led me to my platform: the potential harmful effects of energy drinks on athletes. As an athlete, I am against energy drinks – note that there’s quite a difference between “sports” drinks and “energy” drinks. Sports drinks hydrate. “Energy” drinks just give

you a temporary boost, and the heart rate can get over-raised and cause problems.”

To learn more about her platform, Alexander has been reading articles and talking to health and medical professionals to get a well-rounded view of the issues and possible solutions.

When she’s not on the field or in the classroom – or spending time on her extracurriculars, including being a member of the Leadership Class, the Associated Student Body historian, and vice-president of the California Scholarship Federation – Alexander is scooping, blending, pouring and stacking at her barista and food service job at Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli. She makes shakes, smoothies, sandwiches and more, in addition to working the counter and developing her customer service skills. She has been working at Scoops since June and looks to continue through her senior year. Alexander has also recently applied to be a volunteer at Howard Memorial

Hospital and hopes to add that experience to her resume.

Alexander was born and raised in Willits and appreciates the area for its gorgeous views, proximity to the city and beach, and ability to get to know everyone is such a tight community. She wanted to give thanks to her supportive family for their encouragement and motivation for her to compete for the contest, including to her mom, Connie Alexander, and her aunt Tara Aguilar and cousins Lexi, 8, and Destiny, 5; the last two have been Alexander’s super cheerleaders.

“They’re so cute,” said Alexander. “They are like, ‘Yes, yes!! You should go for it! We know you can do it!’”

The contest for the crown will be held on February 4. Those interested in showing support for Alexander can purchase tickets to the pageant or become a sponsor. For info, email chanelalexander@willitsunified.com or contact the Miss Mendocino competition’s executive director, Verna Jacobs, directly at 462-2025.

The Miss Mendocino contest is a local-level, preliminary contest that works its way up through the Miss California and Miss America organizations. Contestants compete for the title, of course, but all are also guaranteed a scholarship to “help them achieve their goal of a higher education.” The winner of Miss Mendocino County is guaranteed \$5,000 in scholarship money. Other contestants receive other amounts determined by the amount raised by the contestants through sponsorships. There is no cost to participate and no experience necessary. In addition, coaching, practice and wardrobe is provided to participants.

If she wins, Alexander will join other winning Willits alumni, including Shyanne DeMarco in 2015, Kassy Aldaco in 2014 and Sarah Ramming in 2005.

– Maureen Moore

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