

Late October 2020

By Supervisor John Haschak

Election season is here. Please vote and get all your eligible friends and family to vote. Of course this is the most important election of our lifetime (aren't they all, but this time it really is true!) The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved support for Proposition 15, the Schools and Communities First proposition. By closing corporate loopholes, it will provide needed funding for schools and local governments.

The board of supervisors recently created two ad hoc committees. One is for Measure B and one is for the cannabis ordinance. Supervisor Ted Williams and I are on both of these ad hocs.

Measure B is making progress, such as the construction of a crisis residential treatment facility, funding for mobile outreach teams consisting of a sheriff's deputy and a mental health worker, and the acquisition of a training facility.

We want to make sure that there is a solid financial and strategic plan adopted. There is too much taxpayer money at stake to haphazardly commit to facilities and services without ensuring that the money is spent as effectively as possible. We don't want to spend money here and there and then realize we don't have enough for a key project. We are making sure the numbers are correct and the expenses and revenues are all accounted for.

The BOS approved 10 recommendations that Supervisor Williams and I made about the cannabis program. Some have to do with how the cannabis department deals with applicants. When staff says that it takes five hours to determine where an applicant is in getting their permit, there is a big problem with internal management. When there are 882 growers with only an embossed receipt and not a Mendocino County permit, and we can't get those people a county permit, we have a problem. Supervisor Williams and I are working on fixing these problems. We have been able to get an agreement with Department of Fish and Wildlife to streamline the

process for "sensitive species reviews" and dedicate a biologist to Mendocino County to expedite that process. We are still working out issues with the state agency in charge of cannabis as to how people will get their annual permits.

At the October 13 BOS meeting, which was dedicated to cannabis policy, a major shift happened. Staff recommended that there be no expansion and no new grows in rangeland in Phase 3 (the phase for new cultivators). Sheriff Matt Kendall, ranchers, environmentalists, community members, the Farm Bureau were all opposed to expansion, especially in resource lands. In spite of this opposition, the BOS on a 4-1 vote gave direction to staff to create an ordinance that will allow lands designated ag, rangeland, or upland residential to cultivate 10 percent of their property as cannabis. This was a shocking proposal! As you can tell, I voted no.

The next day I got a call from a businessman in Iowa who has 144 acres. He was planning on growing an acre but now, if this passes, will grow 14 acres. So while the county cannabis department flounders in getting the legacy growers their county permits and State of California annuals, the floodgates will be open to new cultivators from all over.

If you have an opinion on this change in direction, you can do something. There are still two steps for this direction to be changed. The Mendocino County Planning Commission needs to hear this proposal, and then the ordinance has to come back to the board for approval.

Several groups are helping sponsor a Third District Town Hall meeting on November 15. More information will be sent out.

Wishing you all the best and feel free to contact me at haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or 707-972-4214. Stay well.

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

For 'personnel' reasons?

To the Editor:

Following the letter from the former Willits police chief, Alexis Blaylock, and the statement by City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, both printed in the edition of October 15, 2020, the resignation of Blaylock appears not to be for personal reasons as stated by the city manager, but for personnel reasons.

The personnel in question being not just in the city manager's department but also within the police department itself. Instead of welcoming a new police chief who had extensive experience, it would seem that people in our city government made short shrift of Alexis Blaylock.

Was she treated poorly because of race and gender? Did city government fail in due diligence? I would urge the Willits City Council to look further into city management. We cannot afford to lose good people due to less than stellar behavior.

Jane Camp, Willits

What's wrong with this picture?

To the Editor:

Page 2 of the October 15 edition of Willits Weekly featured two side-by-side statements – one, a letter to the Willits community from the former WPD chief, Alexis Blaylock, and the other, a statement from the Willits city manager, Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra. While the former appears to be a sincere and regretful message, the latter is a terse slap in the face, not only to Alexis, but to the entire community.

It was at considerable expense that Alexis was hired. She is a highly credentialed professional who would have been an asset not only to the Willits PD, but to small town PD's nationwide.

During these times of global upheaval, we as a small town need to stick together. We deserve the transparency of local government that is currently so lacking on the national level. What a disappointing ending to what was once a hopeful chapter in Willits history.

There has to be more to this

story, and I certainly hope that this unhappy episode has nothing to do with race or gender.

Norma Hanson, Willits

Our loss

To the Editor:

Our new police chief is no longer our chief. Alexis Blaylock came to our city with an agenda to do all she could for our town.

She brought knowledge, experience, compassion and integrity to the job.

At a time for re-building our city and having the right people to help us, this loss is so wrong.

John and Lena Hofmaister, Willits

Will taxpayers ever find out?

To the Editor:

Will taxpayers ever find out the reasons the chief left, or are we left with a mystery city administration that gives the appearance of having systemic issues, leaves the citizens in the dark, and asks for more tax money to keep the Willits Police Department alive?

How can errors in the system ever be corrected if nobody is allowed to know about them?

Mike Burgess, Willits

No longer owner of Masonic Temple

To the Editor:

I am writing to let Willits residents know that as of June 2020, I no longer own the Willits Masonic Temple at 330 Main Street due to disputed contaminated property issues.

Several people have contacted me about the illegal homeless encampments set up on that property, as well as broken windows and trash.

COVID-19 has apparently delayed the transfer of ownership papers back to its original owner. It is no longer my responsibility, and I request that no one contact me about it. Thank you.

Dave Parmenter, Willits



Above, left: Jaynene Johnson smiles with the rest of her "bubble" group: Frida, Moses, Atlas and Sasha Thomas. Above, right: Trenton Leopold of Leopold Collective, organizer of the Willits Beautification project, is ready with trash bag in hand. Below: The long field and path which runs parallel to South Main Street gets a much-needed cleanup.

'Willits Beautification'

Leopold Collective organizes community cleanup day, picking up trash from well-traveled field

Citizens can't rely on the government to do it all for them. There are times when it becomes necessary for concerned residents to take things into their own hands in order to create an environment that will

enhance the beauty and sustainability of their city and of their own neighborhoods.

It was in this spirit that Leopold Collective, under the ownership of Trenton Leopold and his partner, Halley Armstrong, took it upon themselves to gather some of their friends, identify areas of Willits that would be greatly improved by some love and care, mostly by picking up trash that had been left by people with a lesser appreciation for the aesthetics of the place in which they live.

On Friday, October 16, Leopold, Armstrong, and a few of their friends gathered at the parking lot of the Adventist Health Howard Hospital, passed out bags and gloves, conferred on the areas which they wanted to beautify, and began their canvassing of those fields for debris and other objects that do not belong in that environment.

The target area this day was a field that ran from Baechteld Road, north behind the stores, shops and restaurants that line the east side of South Main Street, to the railroad tracks on which runs the Skunk Train, close to Safeway.

This area was chosen by Jaynene Johnson, who, along with many other people, use this area to walk to downtown as an alternative to traversing the busy roadway of Main Street. It is a much more idyllic passage of grasses and trees than the concrete and asphalt.

"This field is a nice path that gives us an alternative to walking on Main Street," explained Johnson. "It's used by many people. It takes you parallel to Main Street, and connects the north side of town to the

south side of town. It allows a lot of people to have a nice path to walk on. It goes from Baechteld Road to the Skunk Train tracks near Safeway.

"I wanted to clean this field up," she said, "because I walk this path with my kids. I walk this to Safeway, as do a lot of other people. It's part of my community and seeing it clean is so important for our point of view of this town that we live in. It's also to let it be known that this is our town. This is our community. We take care of where we live."

"We're doing this because, like Leopold Collective's business plan, it's always socially sustainable efforts," explained Leopold. "Not only donating to the schools, but also consciously making a better environment. When I went to college in environmental studies, my professor said when people like the place that they live, they want to make it better. That's how you make communities better."

"First," he said, "you make them look better and more livable and that is socially sustainable. People can be environmental without even thinking about it. They are just actually trying to make the place they live in better. When you make a place better, you're actually making it more environmental. Everything works like a system."

"I feel," continued Leopold, "when the business owners and the citizens take it upon themselves to not just pay taxes, hoping that the cities will do this type of activity for them, that is how communities build and grow strength and look more beautiful, attract more tourism, economic stimulus."

Leopold's partner, Armstrong, added: "We figured, since the world is in chaos, we

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Beautification
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At right: Some of the "trash" is actually art. At far right, above: Leopold Collective's Halley Armstrong is gloved and ready to begin. At far right: Halley Armstrong and Willits newbie Travis Forsyth pause for a photo.

Photos by Mathew Caine



WCA calls for member submissions for December Small Works Show

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is putting out the call to WCA members for submissions for the annual Small Works Show in December.

It's time to paint, sculpt, bead, sew, or use any other materials to make your art. Christmas is just around the corner, and we are planning our December Members Small Works Show.

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HOW TO
SUDOKU

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

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Engine additive
- Undemanding
- '___ your enthusiasms'
- Well-known island
- Not saintly
- Habitual
- Central parts of church buildings
- Trust
- Intestinal
- Deep-bodied fish
- Live up to expectations
- Snag
- Partner to haw
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Sheep disease
- Male term of endearment
- United
- Popular TV host

- Overnighters
- Beloved British princess
- Obtains from
- Third Mughal Emperor
- Shares the opinion of
- Central European river
- Feudal estates
- KU hoops coach Bill
- Spreads out for drying
- 'The Partridge Family' actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

- Picturesque
- South Pacific island country
- Shrub of the olive family
- Establish the truth of
- Unfettered

- Originations
- Famed English park
- Sheep's cry
- Danced
- More upstanding
- Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- Type of lettuce
- Place to call a pint
- Backs
- Partner to cheese
- Makes it there
- Value
- One's convictions
- Former CIA
- Clashed
- Affirmative
- Journalist Tarbell
- Athletic shoes
- Roof style
- Make possible
- Make less dense
- Healthy food
- Silly

MCHC Health Centers welcomes
Dr. Donna Smith, OB / GYN

Submitted by MCHC Health Centers

Having spent most of her 27 years in medicine as a solo practitioner in tiny, rural communities, obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Donna Smith is pleased to join the vibrant, dynamic team at Care for Her, the women's health service at MCHC Health Centers.

"Throughout my career, I have gone where I was needed most, from Ketchikan and Sitka, Alaska to Elkins, West Virginia, and most recently, Glasgow, Montana, which is directly in the middle of nowhere," she said. According to the Washington Post, of all U.S. towns with more than 1,000 residents, Glasgow is the farthest from any metropolitan area of more than 75,000 people (more than four hours in any direction)—and according to Smith, most of the people there like it that way.

Whether in a big city or a small town, Smith is fascinated by people and always has been. "As a kid, I would see someone who didn't look like me or act like me and my immediate reaction was, 'You're different. I want to meet you,'" she said. "I still feel that way. I'm interested in what motivates people."

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Dr. Donna Smith joins MCHC Health Centers' Care for Her clinic as an OB / GYN.

COLUMN | MCOE: A Perspective on Education

Grab 'n' go – use online resources, then ditch the screen

By Michelle Hutchins, Mendocino County superintendent of schools

A year ago, none of us could have imagined that so much of our education system, let alone our economy, would depend on video conferencing, but here we are. Whether it's Zoom or Google Meet, many of us are glued to a screen much of the day.

As challenging as meetings can be, I believe no one has a bigger challenge than teachers who are tasked with trying to keep the attention of dozens of students who, with brains still under development, have a limited ability to concentrate for extended periods under the best of circumstances – and clearly, these are not the best of circumstances. With distractions that include everything from family members walking into the room to cell phones notifying students of their friends' latest posts, it's no wonder they struggle to stay focused.

Not only are teachers competing with all sorts of distractions, they also have to develop new ways to teach. This is where many teachers shine. As often happens in a crisis, people find creative solutions to problems. Just check out Mr. Melville's Monitor Mirror video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=MY5p0GqH_qA) on YouTube.

Online resources

At the Mendocino County Office of Education, we've provided teachers and other educators with online resources and best practices. Since we aren't the only ones in need of this information, allow me to share some resources with all of you.

For distance learning resources in English, visit www.mcoe.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Distance-Learning-Resource-MCOE.pdf.

For distance learning resources in Spanish, visit www.mcoe.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Distance-Learning-Resource-MCOE-Spanish-FINAL-1.pdf.

In addition, here are some read-aloud video resources:

- StorylineOnline – Streamed videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books. Each title includes lessons resources. (www.storylineonline.net)
- Common Sense Media – 25 podcasts for kids are available. (www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/the-best-podcasts-for-kids)
- KidLit TV – Read alouds for kids. (www.youtube.com/user/KidLitTV)
- Puffin Books – A wide range of videos and some read by authors or celebrities. (www.youtube.com/user/puffinbooks1)
- Story Time for Children – Wide range

of stories developed by Toddler Fun and Ladybird Books for children of all ages. (www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHmAAAna0scKC7fHTkdVVA_gX4PED5gx67)

- Kid Time Story Time – Read alouds with puppets focused on mindfulness and social emotional awareness. (www.youtube.com/channel/UCEPsNDUUhM-7yZhUjQQNqWQ)

- Teaching Books – An engaging collection of resources that brings books to life. (www.teachingbooks.net)

- The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators – Digital remote learning resources. (www.scbwi.org/digital-directory-for-remote-learning-resources/)

Zoom fatigue

Although there are wonderful resources online, it is important to get away from the screen when you can, especially video chats. According to University of Kansas professor Jeffrey Hall, the author of "Relating through Technology," Zoom fatigue is real.

"Zoom is exhausting and lonely because you have to be so much more attentive and so much more aware of what's going on than you do on phone calls," he says. Not only are you paying attention to other meeting participants, but when your own camera is turned on, you are also watching yourself speak, which can be unsettling. He says older technology such as phone calls are less demanding. "You can be in your own space. You can take a walk, make dinner."

Online mental health resources for families

If you're concerned about your child's or student's mental health, check out the Child Mind Institute (www.childmind.org). It includes resources addressing children's mental health and learning challenges, with the goal of empowering parents and teachers to make data-based decisions.

If you're looking for fun activities for kids, here are some ideas:

- Take a hike.
- Make a big pot of chili or bake a cake.
- Carve pumpkins.
- Write and share gratitude lists.
- Do a scavenger hunt.
- Picnic at the ocean.
- Decorate your house for Halloween.

Helping kids focus on the positive things in their lives can alleviate some of the tough parts of living through a pandemic.

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KLLG Update

Willits' radio station brings on new program director and trains some hosts

KLLG, Willits' low-power radio station at 97.9 FM, broadcasting out of the Little Lake Grange, has served the local community with news and a variety of entertainment for three years. In that time, the station has moved from a tiny, closet-like studio into a much larger space where they built a soundproof room for live broadcasts. It also provides the roominess needed to store varied equipment and socially distanced meetings.

Michael Foley had been the program director for most of those three years when he knew he needed to step down from the directorship. "I was realizing I wasn't giving it the kind of attention it needed and I'd been doing it for two years," he said. "I needed to pass the program director position on."

When the recent Oak Fire started, Jeff Shipp, programmer for the live show, "Shiptastic," met with Mike Burgess, KLLG's electronics guy, to have Burgess show him how to set up the generator and read the news.

During his training with Burgess, he told Willits Weekly: "Normally I was just a programmer and I also set up the theater program on KLLG. When Mr. Foley wanted to take a break and I saw Liam [Uicearbhail] that day he said, 'we need somebody to fill the program director role,' I said, 'I'm really enjoying contributing, maybe I can help take on that role.'"

Step up he did. He's been in training with General Manager Pat Collins, along with Foley and other volunteers like Burgess to learn the ropes around program directing. Last Saturday afternoon he helped Foley train three new programmers. "That's what the program director is geared for – bringing people on, training them, and keeping that organized," Shipp said.

Foley described what was going to happen Saturday afternoon, "Part of what we're doing today is the training on what proper behavior is on the radio." The station has to adhere to FCC regulations. If there's a problem the programmer notices they've done or someone else has noticed and called in, KLLG has to have a protocol to fix the problem. "That's how there's a check on all the live programs," Foley added.

They interviewed and trained Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, and the duo DJs known as Luna Assassin and Dablond. They're also known for their sound system under the name Original Damage.

Read the rest of KLLG Over on Page 13



Above: Mocking up a live broadcast are the father and son twosome, Jeff and Finn Shipp, who work together to produce the entertaining Saturday afternoon show, "Shiptastic." Below, left: The KLLG schedule is broken down hour by hour on a white board. Shipp explains: "All those little, empty white boxes is where [the station] is playing a mix of songs that we own. They could be filled in with local talent, either radio shows or talk shows." Below, right: DJs Luna Assassin and Dablond pose for the camera before their radio training begins.



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Above: Members of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors club need the community's help this year to fill Christmas stockings.

Above, from left: The Grim Reaper prepares to collect guests of "The Glittered Graveyard." Beware: the entrance to "The Glittered Graveyard" also bears the name, "Last Stop Cemetery," where guests "never complain." Jack-o'-lanterns in front of the Glitter My World studio showcase what a little glitter can do to make a project extra special.

'The Glittered Graveyard'

Socially distanced Halloween fun in Willits October 30 and 31

Submitted by Glitter My World

The Glitter My World studio on East Valley Street in Willits usually puts on a small but elaborate display in the front yard of our studio. This year with COVID, we realized that so many kids were going to miss out on the Halloween experience because of the codes and rules around safety issues.

This made us extremely sad, so we started thinking about how we could create a safe Halloween experience. We decided to go big and open up the entire studio lot and create a one-way walk-through experience for the kids (and for all ages).

This year we will be taking families

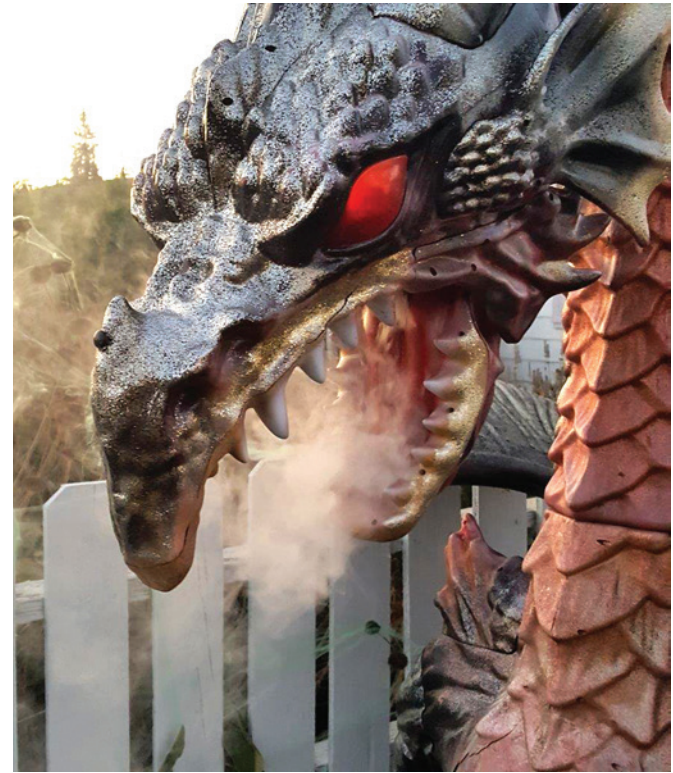
through a tour of "The Glittered Graveyard." Our animatronic butler will start the tour at the Pet Cemetery, where you can walk down the biodegradable glitter driveway to meet all our dearly departed pets, such as Glub Glob the piranha fish and Coily our Cobra. Next, a very talkative witch will encourage you to turn back but we recommend pressing on to meet our fortune teller, dragons, brides, mad scientist, and many more otherworldly delights.

It is a free event, and all are welcome as long as families are willing to socially distance as they move through the lot. The event will be in compliance with the 2020 COVID rules of a one-way socially

distanced, non-touch event. At the end of the walkthrough, there will be individual bags of candy hanging that can be picked up and taken home.

The studio is located at 132 East Valley Street in Willits (near the post office). The event will start at 6 pm and end around 8. We will run the walkthrough for two nights to keep the crowds down. You can join us on either October 30 or 31. The exit will be onto the street behind the lot, Tuttle Lane (for pickups).

Want to help out with the event? We can use assistance running the animatronics, foggers, lights, etc. Contact us at info@glittermyworld.com.



Below, from left: A terrible dragon guards the front yard of the Glitter My World studio on East Valley Street. An unfortunate witch falls victim to her own cauldron of potion. "The Glittered Graveyard," an elaborate display set up in the front yard of the Glitter My World studio, is home to many headstones as well as creatures. A pirate rows under the skull and crossbones flag.



Photos courtesy of Glitter My World

At left: A culture waits for a meal at the "The Glittered Graveyard."

WFD Juniors get ready for Christmas

For the third year in a row, the Willits Frontier Days Juniors will help make the season bright for many children in Willits, preparing the stockings that get handed out alongside other free gifts and goodies provided by the Willits Children's Christmas Program. While they normally are able to hold events to fundraise, this year, the group will rely on donations from the community to be able to fill the stockings for those in need. Interested in donating? Call Marcy Barry at 272-5935 for more information.



Adventist hosts 'Trolls World Tour' as drive-in movie

As way to create awareness in the community during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Adventist Health Howard Memorial is hosting "Movies and Mammograms." The hospital will be holding a drive-in movie event showing "Trolls World Tour" on Friday, October 30 in the back parking lot of the hospital at 1 Marcela Drive in Willits. Gates will open at 7 pm and the movie will start at sundown.

To reserve a parking spot for the drive-in movie event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movies-and-mammograms-trolls-world-tour-tickets-125997141843>

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Willits Toy Run 2020: Outdoor toy drop-off; GoFundMe page

The Willits Children's Christmas Program is sponsored by the Willits Rotary Club and coordinated and co-sponsored by the Willits Wild Bunch, Inc. The Christmas Program is set up to assist needy families in the Willits area and to supply gifts of toys, food and clothing to children who would not have a Christmas without this program.

During a normal year, the Willits Wild Bunch, Inc. sponsors and coordinates the Willits Toy Run, which this year will be the 28th annual run. During a normal year the Toy Run is attended by hundreds of motorcycle riders and members of the Willits community. A large gathering is held at Little Lake Grange where music, food, a huge raffle, and a live auction take place. Toys are donated by the attendees, and money is raised through the raffle and auction. But this is not a normal year....

The 2020 Toy Run will take place with modifications: It will be held outdoors, and social gathering protocols will be in place at a toy drop-off location.

We have launched this GoFundMe page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/willits-toy-run-and-christmas-program> for donations, since a raffle and live auction which is always generously supported by our local businesses, will not be part of this year's run because of the social distancing restrictions.

The money is used to help obtain toys and clothing for the children to supplement the toy donations from the Toy Run. On average the Willits Christmas Program supports approximately 200 families and 450 children.

Thank you all for your past support, and thank you in advance for your support this year during these trying times.... Because of all these restrictions over the past six+ months, these kids really do need an awesome Christmas ... and we hope to give them the best one ever. Love to you all and thank you.

— Rich Venturi, Willits Wild Bunch, for the Willits Toy Run

Enchanted Pumpkin Path on hiatus

Over 30 years, the Enchanted Pumpkin Path has grown into a beloved community tradition – offering young children in our community a safe, fun alternative to trick-or-treating on Halloween. Adults too often enjoy watching familiar stories come to life and mingling with friends and neighbors in the Smoky Cauldron Café or playing games.

This year the Waldorf School of Mendocino County is sad to announce that current Mendocino County shelter-in-place guidelines preclude all possibility of safely hosting any version of this magical event. We wish families in our county good health and look forward to next autumn when we can once again welcome the larger community to share the experience of the Enchanted Pumpkin Path.

— The Waldorf School of Mendocino County

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Parker is an 8-year-old male looking for a home to spend his golden years in. He came to us in December of 2018 as an owner surrender. Mellow Parker loves to sunbathe and lounge around. Parker is neutered, micro-chipped, and current on vaccines.

You may apply to make Parker or Molly – or both – a part of your family at www.mendohumanesociety.com.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering. For information or any questions, call 707-485-0123 or, for cats, you may email catteam@hsmc.org and, for dogs, you may email dogteam@hsmc.org. Visit "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, and visit www.mendohumanesociety.com to learn more.

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This interest is part of what drew her to medicine. Not only did she want to meet all sorts of people, she wanted to make a positive difference in their lives. "All I've ever wanted is to help people. It's not about the money. A simple thank you and I'm happy," she explained.

She says her love of medicine is as strong now as it has ever been and being part of a team will allow her to continue working for the foreseeable future. "I love what I do," she said. "And at Care for Her, I've found a group of medical professionals with a work ethic and commitment to quality that matches mine, so we can support each other as we support our patients."

Care for Her Medical Director Dr. Karen Crabtree said, "We are privileged to have Dr. Smith join us. She comes with the experience, patience, and compassion that make for an exceptional physician. She is a skilled surgeon and enjoys both gynecological procedures as well as obstetrics. She is a great fit for our Care for Her family."

Smith's approach to patient care is based on three core beliefs: 1. There is good in everyone, all you have to do is look for it, 2. To provide good care you must first understand the patient's perspective, and 3. People can make big changes in their lives when they choose to (and there is nothing like the arrival of a new baby to speed up that process).

"We need women to be at their best when they are pregnant to give babies the best chance to thrive," she said. "So, I don't judge. I listen. I work hard to understand what my patients are dealing with, and I explain the reasons for my recommendations. People are a lot more likely to follow recommendations when they understand why they're so important."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Smith says she never planned to move so much or to such remote locations. After graduating from Temple University School of Medicine and completing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, she started her career in Ketchikan. When she arrived, there were five physicians doing obstetrics. Within a few years, she was the sole remaining OB / GYN to care for her community. "I learned a lot, but eventually, the load became too much," she said.

Unlike some medical specialties where physicians can set their hours and temporarily reduce their workload to take much-needed breaks, obstetricians are beholden to the timetables set by nature. An obstetrician working alone typically sees patients in the office during the day and then delivers babies at all hours, day and night.

Smith considered making this move to Mendocino County to work for MCHC about 10 years ago, but at that time she and her husband, general surgeon Dr. Bob Crockett, decided on a different path and returned to Alaska instead. However, they both fell in love with the area, and even bought a small property in Elk a few years later with the idea that they might retire there someday. Now that they have arrived here in Mendocino County, they are both enjoying the Ukiah community and plan to make Mendocino County their permanent home.

"We bought a house here and moved in the middle of a pandemic. Crazy, but it worked," she said. She and her husband are settling in and Smith already feels at home at Care for Her, one of several services provided by MCHC Health Centers.

MCHC provides comprehensive health services including primary medical care, pediatrics, dentistry, women's health, obstetrical care, counseling, psychiatry, and specialty care, and looks forward to growing to meet the ever-expanding needs of the communities it serves. MCHC Health Centers includes Hillside Health Center and Dora Street Health Center in Ukiah, Little Lake Health Center in Willits, and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport. Learn more at www.mchcinc.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

WW293

MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following measure is to be voted on at the General Municipal Election that will be held in the City of Willits on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the following Measure:

MEASURE K: APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SALES TAX

City of Willits Emergency Funding Ordinance - Shall the City of Willits enact a ½ cent sales tax, providing \$1,000,000 annually for 10 years, to prevent the elimination of police services; street and sports field maintenance; closing of city facilities; and loss of other essential city services?	YES	
	NO	

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Cathy Moorhead
Deputy City Manager, City Clerk
Publication Date: October 22, 2020

LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2020-F0439

The following company is doing business as Bigfoot Fab, 4800 Hearst Willits Road, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Tony Gera, 4800 Hearst Willits Road, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 1, 2020.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 2, 2020.

/s/ Tony Gera
Publication dates: 10/01, 10/8, 10/15 and 10/22/2020

WW291

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2020-F0492

The following company is doing business as Calahoula Cafe - Bubbling Well Therapeutics - configuration and tutoring. - \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email uicearbhail@gmail.com

Registered owner: Sally Ann Pringle, 80 South Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on September 21, 2020.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 30, 2020.

/s/ Sally Pringle
Publication dates: 10/22, 10/29, 11/05 and 11/12/2020

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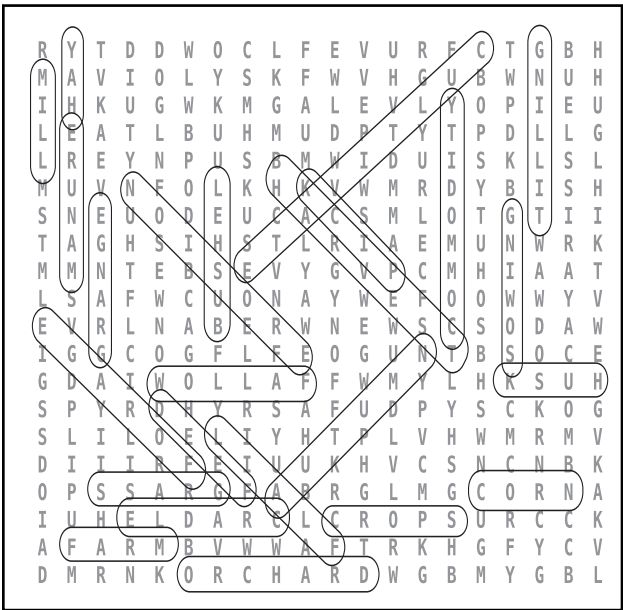
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Wanted: Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers
As demand for home-delivered meals has increased due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the Willits Senior Center is looking for another Meals on Wheels volunteer driver and a substitute driver: the job takes about 3.5 hours to complete. If you're interested in joining the team, call Deb Holcomb at 459-6826.

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Above: American Legion Post 174 Commander Fred Branson and Legionnaires Frank Deuel, Robert Ireland, Roger Ham and John Frankum salute the flag. Below: John Frankum raises the flag as Roger Ham salutes.

100th Anniversary

American Legion Post 174 Day in Willits observed with flag-raising

"Today is American Legion Post 174 Day in the City of Willits, as decreed by the Willits City Council," said Roger Ham, adjutant for the local post. "Our post is 100 years old as of today. The American Legion was started by World War I veterans and was chartered by Congress in 1919. The preliminary charter for our post was in January of 1920 but the official charter was not until October 15, 1920."

Post 174 was responsible for initiating the first Frontier Days parade and rodeo in 1926 in order to help fund the Howard Memorial Hospital, according to the national website, www.centennial.legion.org. Once the event grew too big, the production became the responsibility of the Frontier Days Association. Post 174 remains the lead color guard for the parade and the rodeo. Post 174 was also responsible for placing flags along Main Street on flag holidays, a duty which was taken on by the local Boy Scouts in 1996.

Additionally, American Legion Post 174 provides services for veterans as well as the community, producing several dinners and events during the year to support scholarships for high school seniors. Any

veteran who needs help can find it at the local post. The national organization also acts as advocates for the veteran community.

"The veterans organizations have representatives in Congress to stand up and speak on our behalf on the benefits we earned, because we wrote a blank check, signed our names at the bottom, said up to and including our lives," explained Ham.

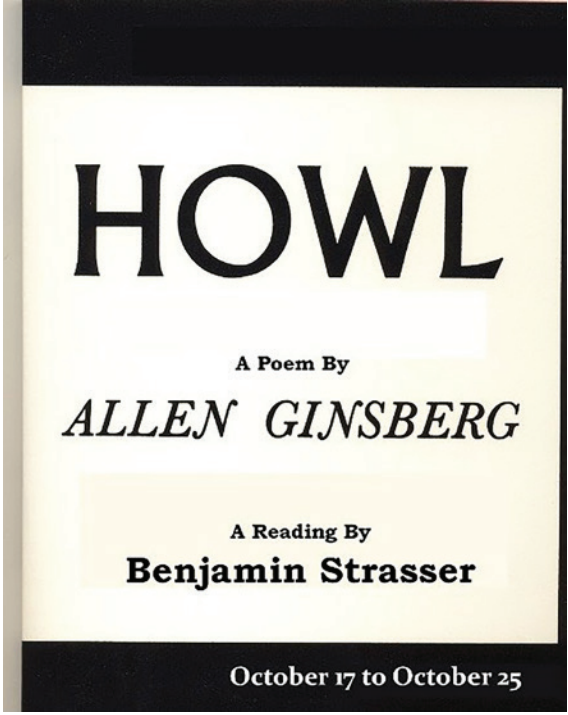
"The social fabric of this country has changed in terms of philanthropic organizations," Ham said, in commenting about his hopes that younger veterans would join the organization. "They are shrinking in size. There is not a renewed sense of wanting to belong. Life is difficult with both parents having to work. It's hard to take on an

active role. We're a service organization. Let's hope folks reach a point in their lives when the feel it is time to give back. Those with kids should want to create a better world they can grow up in."

Post 174 is always looking for new members: Anyone who has served in the military or has family associated with the military is welcome to reach out to the group for membership, support and other resources. Contact Roger Ham, post adjutant, for more info at 456-9858.



Willits Community Theatre presents reading of counter-culture poem 'Howl' through October 25



By Steve Hellman for WCT

In its latest online offering, Willits Community Theatre presents a dramatic reading of Allen Ginsberg's "Howl," the classic counter-culture poem from 1950s America. The trend-setting, language-rich, heartfelt lament is read by actor Benjamin Strasser and is available for streaming through Sunday, October 25 at the WCT website: www.wctperformingartscenter.org.

In "Howl" Ginsberg describes the agony of

growing up queer, intellectual and visionary in a world that wanted to constrain him into a dull and soul-less conformity. Central to Ginsberg's vision is an expression of the outcast represented by his fellow poets, jazz artists, political radicals, homosexuals, drugs addicts, and psychiatric patients.

The poem eventually went on to become widely recognized as a spark for the Beat Generation and the counter-culture movement of the 1960s.

In December 1999, a panel of poets and professors assembled by National Public Radio ranked "Howl" as the third best poem written by an American in the 20th century, behind T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land" and Hart Crane's "The Bridge."

At right: A stylized portrait of Allen Ginsberg, author of the poem "Howl."



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In order to do that, the county's Planning and Building staff will have to eliminate the 5 to 1 setback requirement which is encoded in the county's regulations affecting the siting of cell towers. This regulation states that for every 1 foot in cell tower height, there shall be a 5-foot setback in distance between the tower and the nearest neighboring building.

In previous planning commission discussions on the project, AT&T staff told the planning commission that they could not incorporate the monopine disguise of the tower, because doing so would increase the tower's height by 10 feet, which would then cause the project to violate the 5 to 1 setback rule.

However, in discussions on Tuesday, Chief Planner Julia Ackerkrog told the supervisors that planning regulations allow the county to dispense with the setback rule for aesthetic reasons.

The presentation of the appeal was spirited, with opponents to the project attacking several elements of AT&T's justification of the project. AT&T claimed the tower was needed to fill a gap in coverage; but opponents said they already had adequate to good cell and internet coverage on Pine Mountain.

AT&T said the tower would allow the company to provide First Net coverage to first responders, but opponents pointed out the county does not currently subscribe to First Net and has already made substantial financial investment in its own emergency communications system.

Linda Cardana Gabrielson reminded the board that, earlier this year, the supervisors had allocated \$1.6 million for the county's Public Safety Microwave Repeater replacement project, and that the board has publicly committed to spending as much as \$11 million to fully upgrade that system.

Speaking of the county's plan to modernize and upgrade the county's Information Services system, which was written by a company called Client

First, Gabrielson said, "Nowhere in this Client First plan or in the grand jury's report is First Net mentioned.... First Net will not be a guaranteed service without a contract and a subscription, at significant additional cost to the county and to the taxpayers."

Opponents attacked AT&T's June 4 claim that most Pine Mountain residents supported the project and that most of the opposition to the project was coming from people who lived many miles away from the project.

Cynthia Raiser Jeavons shared a map online which showed a circular area about 2.5 miles in diameter with the site of the proposed cell tower in the center of the circle. The map showed supporting parcels in blue, and opposing parcels in red. "Within the in-house service area, eight parcels support and 20 parcels oppose the project," Jeavons said. "As you get closer to the tower, more parcels are in opposition. On the whole map, there are 31 parcels that support the project, and 50 that oppose the project."

In a summary statement, Jeavons claimed that 78 percent of people who commented on the project were opposed to it, while only about 21 percent of commenters supported it.

David Drell told the board it could not approve the project without violating the covenants, codes and restrictions for Pine Mountain Estates, which prohibits radio towers and commercial activity within the subdivision. Drell noted the tower is sited on property which is not actually within the Pine Mountain Estates and so is not covered by the CC and Rs, but that the private road that would serve the cell tower is on property that is covered by the CC and Rs.

"So really the CC&Rs cover this project, even though the actual tower is conveniently 50 feet away from the property boundary where the CC&Rs exist," David Drell said. "While the proposed tower is not going to be located on the property with covenant controls, the access road is; the access road has commercial purposes; and as a result, this tower is part of the project; it was considered part of the project during the planning

commission process; and, because of the CC&Rs – which everyone signed when they bought their property – this project cannot be permitted at the location where it is planned," Drell said.

Project supporter Kent Standley claimed opponents' claims that the cell tower would assault their aesthetic sensibilities were without merit. "With the exception of one hoop house, anyone who might be able to see the tower would only see the very top of the tower, over the trees," Standley said. "If this project is built, the vast majority of the public will never see the tower, even if they wanted to, as it would only be visible from private roads."

Ellen Drell reminded the board they could not deny the appeal and approve the project without violating one of the county's most basic planning principles. "I don't think the supervisors can make the finding that this planning decision does not upset the peace and welfare of the neighborhood – and they must make that finding," she said.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak spoke against the project. Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams explained to Haschak why he had to support it anyway.

"I think what's before us, either: Support the technology that will bring broadband and emergency communications, or decide we don't want broadband in the county, and we don't need back-up communications. But you can't say, 'We want those things,' and when it comes before us, we're not going to approve it."

"It's like the homeless. We don't want them on the streets, but we don't want to operate housing to get them off the streets. Or, we need more housing, but we're going to deny housing projects."

"I think our actions have to be in line with our vision. If our vision is, we want broadband and emergency communications, this is the path to get there," Williams said.

Soon after Williams spoke, the supervisors voted unanimously to deny the appeal and approve the cell tower.

Willits man charged with father's murder

by Capt. Gregory L. Van Patten, for MCSO

On October 14, 2020 the investigation into the disappearance of James Andrew Whetstone, 69, continued with investigators revisiting the family property located in the 1500 block of Valley Road in Willits.

While on the property, investigators developed information that led them to the discovery of a fresh grave that had been concealed with debris.

A search warrant was granted for an in-depth search of the property, prompting a further search by Sheriff's Office detectives with the assistance of investigators with the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

During this time, Sheriff's Office detectives excavated the area of the fresh grave and recovered the remains of James Andrew Whetstone.

Sheriff's Detectives were able to link James Presley Whetstone, 29, of Willits, to James Andrew Whetstone's death and arrested him based upon probable cause.



James Presley Whetstone was identified as being James Andrew Whetstone's biological son, and the pair lived together on the family property.

James Presley Whetstone was booked into the Mendocino County Jail on a charge of 187 PC (Murder), and is being held on \$500,000 bond.

A forensic autopsy of James Andrew Whetstone's body is pending at this time.

Sheriff's Detectives are continuing investigations into the incident.

At left: James Presley Whetstone.

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The Small Business Recovery Grant Program funds will be split into two funding streams: Mendo CARES Act grant fund and Business Innovation and Resiliency Grants.

The Mendo CARES Act grant has an allocation of \$350,000 to reimburse small businesses up to \$10,000 in eligible expenses incurred due to COVID-19 business interruption and/or in need of new automated processes required for work.

For eligible business owners a notice of intent portal will open on November 2, 2020 at 12 noon, along with the grant guidelines, FAQs, and application instructions at www.westcenter.org and www.mendocinocounty.org/business/business-resource-for-covid-19.

There are several steps business owners can take right now to prepare their application including making sure their business license is current and readily available. Business applicants will be required to submit their business license number, a W-9, receipts for expenses, and other supporting documentation in order for their full application to be considered. If a business does not currently have a business license, they may apply by contacting the cities of Ukiah, Willits (<https://cityofwillits.org/215/Permits-Licenses>), Point Arena, or Fort Bragg, or the County of Mendocino (<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/collections/treasurer-tax-collector/apply-for-a-business-license>), depending on where the business is located.

Mary Anne Petrillo, CEO of West Center, also recommended: "One of the best things a small business owner can do right now is gather their receipts for past expenses. We will need applicants to request an exact amount based on verifiable receipts."

Final grant award amounts will be based on the number of eligible applications received by November 9, which is the closing date of the notice of intent portal. The final grant awards will be based on calculations from the total requested amounts indicated in the notice of intent, and there is no guarantee that the full amount in the application will be awarded. All applicants are required to submit verifiable supporting documentation with their final application.

The full application portal will open on November 13 at 12 noon when applicants will be informed whether they are eligible to submit a full application. Awards will be announced on Friday, December 4 at 12 noon.

A third round of Business Innovation and Resiliency Grants has a fund allocation of \$150,000 to small business owners with grants of up to \$5,000 per business. The online application portal for this funding stream will open on December 1, 2020 at 12 noon. These awards are to support small business owners with cash needs to transform or enhance their business model to adjust to a COVID-19 economy.

West Business Development Center is a U.S. Small Business Administration funded non-profit business development center that provides reliable no-cost confidential counseling and relevant training programs to entrepreneurs throughout Mendocino and Lake County. West Center hosts the Mendocino Small Business Development Center and the Mendocino Women's Business Center. Contact: www.westcenter.org, 707-964-7571, 345 North Franklin Street, Fort Bragg or 185 East Church Street, Ukiah.

Willits Senior Center Lunch

Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

The Willits Senior Center is continuing to provide drive-thru, walk-up and delivered meals, now that inside dining has been shut down again by the state. Call 459-6826 for more info.

Drive-thru and walk-up meals are still available 12 to 1 pm, Monday through Friday. Pickup is outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. All Senior Center meals are currently \$5.

Home Meal Delivery

Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery; \$5 per meal, Monday through Friday. Delivered throughout Willits. Can you volunteer as a Meals on Wheels driver? Call Deb at 459-6826.

Thursday, October 22: Philly Cheese Steak

Friday, October 23: Carnitas Burrito, wet with Green Sauce

Monday, October 26: Crustless Chicken Pot Pie

Tuesday, October 27: Salisbury Steak

Wednesday, October 28: Teriyaki Beef Stir Fry

Thursday, October 29: Ghoulish

Friday, October 30: Turkey / Birthday Dinner

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

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Ronnefeldt, a counselor in the community who does work with people around their dreams, was proposing doing a program on dreams. "This is a time of great change and insecurity. Paying attention to, working with, and interpreting your dreams can be very helpful," he said. "It's one more tool we can have at this time."

If you're looking for something dynamic to dance to on Thursdays from 11 pm to 1 am, you can tune into KLLG for DJs Luna Assassin and Dablon's live dance-party show. "We want to play drum and bass mostly for the first show." They also have different genres of music as well as different types of drum and bass. "One kind is ragga jungle – drum and bass jungle music with reggae vocals on top," said Luna Assassin. Then there's "liquid funk, technoid, reggae and Latin, too," informed Dablon.

The experienced DJs are known for their pre-COVID events in the community like the Zodiac Parties at the WCA, dance parties at the Leopold Collective, Wrongs of Summer, and DJ-ing at the Emerald Farm at the Solar Living Center in Hopland.

Although Shipp has volunteered to take on the program director's job, he'll continue as DJ for his live show, "Shiptastic," on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Across the air waves, he brings music from the 1950s and 1960s.

On Saturdays he often includes his seven-year-old son, Finn, as a co-announcer. Working alongside his father, who prompts him with questions like, "How does the music feel to you?" the young Shipp has picked up a sense of what it takes to be an entertaining DJ.

He talked a bit about his experience as a DJ. "My favorite of all time [singers] is Janice Joplin." It seems she sings the "kind of songs that make your heart feel like 'awe.' It's also intense where everyone is screaming and yelling. It's just satisfying." When asked which song of Joplin's he liked the best, after a thoughtful moment he answered, "Specifically, 'Bobby McGee!'"

Check www.KLLG.org for other entertainment and news programs. Soon Ronnefeldt's time slot for working with dreams and possibly more programs by Luna Assassin and Dablon will be included.

As Shipp observed, "We can always use more programmers." You can reach him at 214-912-7884.

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might as well do something that we can control, helping the local environment in which we all live. This is our second trash cleanup day. We wanted to do this before it rains to help limit the runoff of the Willits trash into the ocean. It's one step closer to keeping our oceans clean, and just helping Mother Nature because she deserves it. She sustains us."

Leopold and Armstrong met in the Environmental Club at the University of Northern Colorado, which would have trash pickup days on alternate Sundays. Beautifying their environment is in the ethos of their relationship.

Like many businesses during the pandemic, Leopold Collective, headquartered on North Main, is getting by through application of creative and innovative methods. They have plans to integrate local growers and artists into a vibrant community. One of their welcome projects is a locally sustainable, seasonally-defined Japanese-fusion restaurant in the site of the former It's Time Noodle House on Commercial Street. They have the lease and are currently working on the interior.

All Leopold projects try to be as socially responsible as possible, with the latest examples being the trash pickup days, the first of which was sponsored by Sparetime, who provided trash bags and gloves. The latest effort was sponsored by Mendo Mill.

Leopold intends to set a good example for Willits citizens of all ages: "There are children out here who are learning how they can pick up their own trash in their community. You don't have to rely on paying people to provide social services for you for those things to happen. I like being a role model for people in the town who want to do something and make their community better, be more engaged, without necessarily having to rely on taxes to make it happen."

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Adventist Health Howard Memorial encourages mammograms during Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Cici Winiger, Adventist Health

While many women are putting off their annual mammograms due to concerns around COVID-19, Donna Ford, cancer survivor and employee health nurse at Adventist Health Howard Memorial knows first-hand why it's important to take the time to get a mammogram.

"That just made my heart drop hearing that women are putting off their mammograms. Mammograms really do save lives. I'm here 15 years later, and I got to my see children grow up because I got my mammogram."

At age 21, Donna did not fit the typical patient to be diagnosed with breast cancer. She was very young and had no family history of cancer. So when she felt a lump at such a young age, no one took her seriously.

So unlike most women, she went for her first mammogram at 21. The lump was still small and was not cancerous and because she didn't fit the typical profile, the advice was to watch it. For the next 15 years, they kept "watching" it and she kept going for her annual mammogram. Eventually at 45, while going through some stressful events in her life, things changed. She was diagnosed with high-grade invasive carcinoma that had spread to her lymph nodes.

"That could have been the year that I skipped my mammogram, after all, I was very busy and was just exhausted physically and emotionally. But I chose to listen to my body and my instincts and took the time."

Thanks to her persistence, Donna underwent surgery and chemotherapy. "Even after they took the lump out, my surgeon said, it did not look like the typical cancerous ones they see. And it ended up being a very aggressive kind. You just never really know. It's really important to follow up and continue to get those mammograms because it really did save my life."

She has been cancer-free for 15 years and counting. Today, Ford shares her story



Donna Ford, cancer survivor and employee health nurse at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, urges women to take the time to get their mammogram every year.



to help create awareness. "Everyone was so sure I was fine. But with cancer you just never know. Be your own best advocate. Listen to your body. Take the time to get your mammogram every year. I'm alive today because I had my mammogram. I'm here to remind you, please get your mammograms and tell your friends too."

Healthcare organizations nationwide have seen an alarming 60 percent decrease in breast cancer screenings, leaving an estimated 36,000 delayed diagnoses. Katie Hageman, director of medical imaging at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, explains that Mendocino County is no exception to this devastating trend.

"We have seen a drastic drop in mammograms since early spring," Hageman said. "So many people were scared to come into any public areas, and healthcare facilities were no exception. I want the women in our community to know that it is safe to come in for their mammograms. We have implemented extra sanitation policies and take an abundance of caution when caring for our patients."

"My hope is women will once again begin scheduling their mammograms on a routine basis so we can detect cancer in the early stages, increasing their chances of a full recovery and decreasing the need for invasive treatment options."

'Movies and Mammograms'

As way to create awareness in the community, Adventist Health Howard Memorial is hosting "Movies and Mammograms." The hospital will be holding a drive-in movie event showing "Trolls World Tour" on Friday, October 30 in the back parking lot of the hospital at 1 Marcela Drive in Willits. Gates will open at 7 pm, and the movie will start at sundown.

To reserve a parking spot for the drive-in movie event, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movies-and-mammograms-trolls-world-tour-tickets-125997141843>

To schedule a mammogram, call 456-3590. 3D Mammography exams are covered and paid for by Medicare and Medicaid and most private insurances.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of 35,000 includes associates, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals, and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. Together, we are transforming the American healthcare experience with an innovative, yet timeless, whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing.

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