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Above, from left: The sign dedicating the Willits High School Ag Farm to past ag teacher Greg Randrup was ready for its unveiling Wednesday afternoon. Just to the west of the gate to the farm is a memorial bench dedicated to Randy Clark, WHS ag student and graduate of 1999. His mom, Sue Clark, and Greg Randrup's granddaughters Ella, left, and Alissa, right, smile from their seat on the bench. Greg Randrup's daughter, Jenn, walks back across the ag bridge with Chuck Ream. Randrup's fellow ag teacher and family friend.



Below: The crowd gathered together to celebrate the sign and dedication including from back row, left: FFA officer Danielle Barry, FFA officer Kody Brandon, ag teacher Kelley Case Brackett, WHS Principal Mike Colvig, ag teacher Becky Bowlds, Cari Stiles, Jenn Randrup, Nigel Swinney, Peggy Randrup, Steve Short, Sue Clark (in front), Charline Ford, Annette Pinon, FFA officer Ryan Reed, John Pinon (holding Alexander Pinon), Dan Pinon and John Ford. Front row, from left: Ella Randrup-Swinney, Alissa Randrup-Swinney, Eva Pinon, FFA officer Tanner Drew and Chuck Ream.

Unveiled Wednesday as phase one of the Greg Randrup Ag Farm dedication, the large metal sign spans the north entrance to the school's farm reads "WHS Farm Dedicated to Mr. Randrup." On one side, the sign has the silhouette of lambs and on the other a turkey – two

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Above: Past FFA member James Brown holds a basket of the Randrup's Oatmeal Cookies that will be auctioned off again at this year's FFA dinner to help fundraise for FFA jackets in memory of Greg Randrup. Below, left: Peggy Randrup, in pink, is usually the buyer of the cookies her late husband enjoyed so much. Below, right: Peggy, Jenn, and the granddaughters remove the fabric covering the sign at the ag farm during Wednesday's presentation.



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***Above: Third District Supervisor John Haschak, right, holds the board proclamation honoring Emandal Chorale Director Don Willis, left, as a 2019 Arts Champion.***

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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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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!

FALL HARVEST WORD SEARCH

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A C E R T I F I E D O N T A Z U G K N P

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ANTIBIOTICS	EROSION	GRIT	NATURAL
BIODYNAMIC	EXTENSION	HEIRLOOM	NO-TILL
CAGE-FREE	FEEDING	HERITAGE	NUTRIENTS
CATTLE	FERTILIZE	HOMESTEAD	ORGANIC
CERTIFIED	FLAIL	HORMONES	PASTEURIZED
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CLUES ACROSS

- Type of relic
- Type of medical program (abbr.)
- Outer defense of a castle
- 1,000 calories (abbr.)
- A way of using
- Abounding with surf
- Expressed violently
- Shared a boundary with
- Swedish krona
- Thick piece of something
- Wreaths
- Animated program network (abbr.)
- Regains possession of
- Spielberg sci-fi film
- 2-time Super Bowl winner
- Ice hockey position (abbr.)
- Circulatory system parts
- Supervises flying
- District in Peru

- Impudence
- \_\_\_ willikers!
- One point east of southeast
- Papas' partners
- Youngsters
- Type of tree
- A hazy or indistinct appearance
- Poems with distinct pattern
- Marketing term that denotes price
- Fast drivers

CLUES DOWN

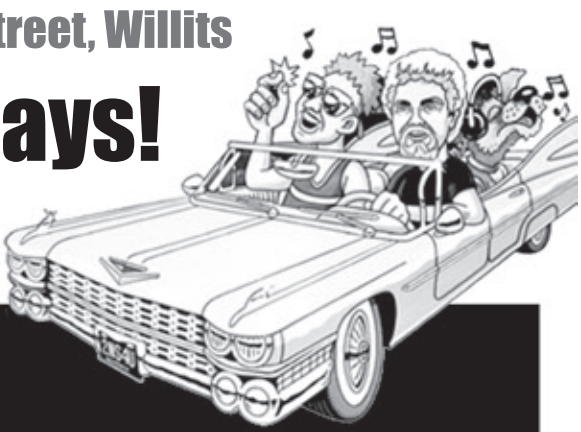
- Grenade
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Small, immature herring
- \_\_\_-fi (slang)
- 007's creator
- Liquefied natural gas
- Cleanse thoroughly
- Handle of a knife
- Perform diligently
- Drink pourer
- Extreme greed
- Southern Russia river
- Type of cracker
- Single Lens Reflex
- Barely sufficient
- Slick
- Reference books
- Federally recognized native peoples
- Manganese
- Senior officer
- Atomic #18 (abbr.)
- Tax collector
- World wonder \_\_\_ Falls
- Origins
- Car mechanics group
- MMA fighter Urijah
- Gland secretion
- Gelatinous water creature
- Good friend
- Arab ruler
- Capital of Belgian province Hainaut
- English broadcaster
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Affirmative
- Trigonometric function (abbr.)

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Above, left: Clay Hawkins and The Back Porch Project start off the celebration with their combined musical backgrounds creating a compellingly unique folk sound. Above, right: Beth Lang, producer of the KZYX music show, "World Tour," and David Hulse-Stephens, board of directors member, take a moment for a photo.

Birthday Bash

KZYX Radio celebrates 30th anniversary at the Willits Grange on Saturday

KZYX&Z Radio has given Mendocino County and beyond 30 years of public radio. It provides us with local, California, and world news, weather reports, music of all kinds, talk and call-in shows, interviews with interesting people, hourly updates on emergencies and disasters, and NPR Flagship Programs. "No other radio station covers all of the county," said Dave Stephan, who was in charge of underwriting for years.

To celebrate this benchmark birthday, the KZYX&Z board of directors decided to have the event at the Willits Grange. "We chose Willits because it's the geographical center of the county," explained David Hulse-Stephens, chairman of the event planning committee. "So, it drew supporters from all of the county."

He added: "We'd just had our Fund Drive and made our goal of \$85,000. As we were planning the anniversary celebration, we wanted it to be a celebration of our 30 years with past and present employees, programmers, volunteers and listeners. We didn't do it as a fundraiser. Our only criteria is to break even."

The event was skillfully curated by local event producer Da Grand Pooba. He designed the event and brought together the music, production crew, food vendors, and beverage donations. His experience, along with all the KZYX&Z staff, board of directors, and volunteers, made for a smooth-running and wonderful event. "It was beyond our wildest dreams!" one board member exclaimed.

KZYX&Z broadcast the event. From 1 to

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At top, left: Da Grand Pooba, who organized the KZYX Radio 30th Birthday Party, announces Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings. At top, right: The SheWolf Coffee booth serves a delicious pumpkin soup with a twisted bread stick. Above: KZYX&Z's new team of full-time staff sign up new volunteers and sell merchandise: from left, Renee Wilson, membership; Alicia Bales, program director; Marty Durlin, general manager; Rich Culbertson, operations director; and Jake Martin-Wagner, production director. At left: The Real Sarahs, gaining recognition on the "West Coast Americana scene," delight the crowd with favorites as well as compositions from their new album. Below: People dance throughout the night.



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fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, eighth-, and eleventh-graders took it last spring.

WUSD Superintendent Mark Westerburg explained that the test was not designed to measure basic skills, that "it's a Common Core test ... [and] Common Core is not just basic skills.... It's application of the basic skills ... [requires a student to] think deeper."

If it were up to him, he continued, the basic skills would have the priority when it came to testing.

"If I were state superintendent, my first day, we would have a basic skills test," he said. "In other words, can the kids read, do grade-level math, do grade-level grammar?"

Such a test could be graded "early and quickly," he explained – unlike the CAASPP testing, where results aren't available until the school year following the school year of the test.

"My frustration with state testing is immeasurable," he said. "We're now in the middle of October before we get our results from last year.... So doing things about them is problematic."

Test scores were low, but Westerburg said "he hoped that about a year or two years from now, that data is going to change ... go up ... because we made some significant changes at Baechtel and ... we have the best math staff we've had in a long time at the high school."

Those kinds of changes, however, will not change a disparity in state funding that results in some districts receiving less money per student than others, which leads to difficulties in attracting experienced teachers and less money for everything else.

"It's not a level playing field," said board president Alex Bowlds.

"Not even remotely close," agreed Westerburg.

"I happened to go to a game at St. Helena and spoke with their board president and their superintendent," he continued. "They had a math opening this year and had 64 applicants. Their base pay is \$71,000, and they pay full health care."

And that, he said, is "because they get \$36,000 per student and we get \$10,000."

How that is possible, he explained, is because St. Helena is a "basic aid" district ... the amount of local revenue that's generated stays local and "is divided amongst the number of students you have."

It's more complicated, but very simply, school districts that are "basic aid" have local property tax revenue high enough to exceed a state funding threshold (think the Mendocino Unified School District in our county) and are allowed to keep that excess. Districts where property taxes aren't high enough to meet the threshold receive state funding to bring them up to that level.

Westerburg advocates the sharing of basic aid districts' excess revenue.

"In my opinion, the state ought to look at situations like that and say the revenue generated there should be spread throughout the county not just ... St. Helena," he said.

"Basic aid – it's an anomaly that's disproportional to everybody else. When you go to look for a teacher, and your starting pay is \$71,000 and there's no cost for your health care.... They're stealing veteran teachers from other places."

"With a starting wage of \$46,000, and you can't find housing, why would you come here?" asked Bowlds, who then ended the discussion with an open question to six students – FFA officers waiting their turn to make a presentation to the board.

"Any of you planning on becoming a teacher?"

"They don't make enough money," one answered.

Getting more money involves more than state funding. It involves efforts at the local level as well, three of which were discussed at the meeting.

"The Willits Educational Foundation raised \$56,000 from the summer gala – \$56,000!" said Westerburg. "The year before was \$36,000. The bidding was crazy."

Another almost certain revenue boost will come from the sale of 10 acres of land that is not being used at Blosser Lane Elementary School.

"I met with the city today. We're getting it rezoned to R3," said Westerburg. "There may be other testing we have to do ... and there's a gentleman who lives on Locust Street who has an acre adjacent to us who wants to be part of it now."

"It's pretty hard to find 11 acres in the center of town of flat buildable space, and we're sitting on it," he said. "It's not just the money we'd get from it. It's houses ... bringing kids to the district."

"Whatever revenue we get is going to put a parking lot at the high school and a roof on Blosser."

Finally on the local fundraising front, the decision about whether or not to offer a bond measure on the 2020 ballot is getting close to being made; the results of a survey will provide that answer.

"There will be some folks in the community getting a survey in regards to a potential bond ... a call [or] email," said Westerburg. It will be a "random sample of the community," he said. "The survey will tell us yea or nay ... go or stay."

How the district fared financially last school year was also on the agenda, with a review and board approval of the 2018/2019 unaudited

actual report by Director of Fiscal Services Nikki Agenbroad.

At \$339,793, "deficit spending was quite a bit more than we were anticipating at the time we did our estimated actuals," she told the board. "At that time we were looking at potential deficit spending of \$176,000."

The primary reason for the discrepancy, explained Agenbroad, was "a significant loss of revenue related to the outcome of [a] food service audit."

"We were right on target if not for food service. Our [food service] audit was pretty ugly, and we have a lot of things to fix, and we will do so," said Westerburg.

"We had several issues," said Agenbroad. "Not filing within timeline ... issues with records."

"It's a very micromanaged program," added Westerburg. "But, on the plus side, it's going to force a more efficient, effective food service."

"We're producing out of four kitchens.... We need to produce out of two kitchens," he said. "That's part of a change that will come in January. Blosser will be producing food for Baechtel and Sherwood and Sanhedrin. Those are our best two kitchens."

Westerburg said although some believe "the panacea" for the food service woes would be no longer allowing older high school students to leave campus for lunch, he disagreed that was a solution. "That would increase how much we have to buy, how much we have to produce, and the manpower. That's not the magic bullet. We couldn't seat the whole high school in the cafeteria. We would have to go to probably three lunches."

Agenbroad added that the district would "continue to not charge students [and] more kids are eating in our food service programs than in previous years."

Westerburg also said the district was in the process of applying for a grant that would pay for "kettle cookers at Blosser and the high school, a salad bar line, and a heating unit for warm stuff."

He also described three other grants in process.

Funding is on the way for drinking fountains/filtration stations at all schools except Sherwood, and a new bus, purchased with grant funds, "will hopefully be here within the month."

"Playground equipment for Brookside school made it to round two," he said. "I'm assuming it's going to get funded."

And there will definitely be "two brand-new barns out in the back at the high school sometime the end of the month, [that] are just going to be fabulous for FFA," said Westerburg.

Speaking of FFA, their six officers were at the board meeting to practice performing their opening and closing ceremonies for an upcoming competition.

At their conclusion, all board members were appreciative and trustee Robert Chavez particularly so.

"I went to an FFA convention in Kansas City – looked at all those thousands of kids," he told the board. "And all the kids I met were respectful, and they knew their manners. They'd shake your hand. They'd look at you in the eye. Their grip was firm."

"And then I heard their speeches, and I thought ... these are the future leaders of the United States. They were absolutely amazing."

"It's an absolutely wonderful organization ... does great things," he said. "So I put my kids right into it."

Other news of note included a happy ending to a curriculum dispute.

Teachers from Brookside and Blosser had attended last month's board meeting en masse to complain about an administrative directive restricting the distribution of textbooks to students who had not reached a specific proficiency in reading.

Westerburg said at the time that he would be glad to meet with a group of teachers and talk about it.

So, there were meetings.

"Brookside and Blosser have been working with the administration to reinstitute benchmark curriculum," Willits Teachers' Association president Tessa Ford told the board.

And they worked it out.

"I have heard nothing but gratefulness from the teachers about being allowed to use benchmark again," she said. "Thank you very much, Mr. Westerburg."

Still more good news in the form of lots of new 10-week-long clubs that have been formed as a result of a new stipend available from the district for teachers who have interests and skills to share, have the approval of their principal, and 10 interested kids.

Some of the new clubs include robotics, knitting, Christian, atheist, theater, chess, Latino, and a book club.

As its last item of business, the board delayed decision on the adoption of new state instructional requirements with respect to comprehensive sex education until its November meeting.

Board member Jeanne King, who had expressed strong opposition to some of the contents of the new requirements at last month's meeting, agreed to "provide the board with some materials" prior to the November meeting, at which time the board will decide whether to approve the new requirements or not.

Along with a few other fruit crops, the total for all fruit and nut crops grown in Mendocino County, including grapes, was \$152,631,000.

Timber had a good year by recent standards. In 2018, the timber industry enjoyed the largest harvest of trees in the past 10 years, and also the highest gross dollar at-mill value over the past 10 years.

In 2018, the county's few remaining timber companies and independent loggers cut down trees which were turned into 137.4 million board feet of lumber. Those logs had an at-mill value of \$132.5 million. This is \$30 million more than the at-mill value from 2017 and roughly twice the at-mill value from 2010 (\$57 million), 2011 (\$59 million), 2012 (\$71 million) and 2013 (\$66 million).

It is always difficult for people to find a context for 137.4 million board feet of timber. Is that a lot, or not? People should keep in mind that in 1989, county timber companies and loggers cut down 515 million board feet of timber. In 1992, LP, GP and other local mills cut down 275 million board feet. In 1995, local companies cut down 211.5 million board feet.

By 2000, that number had shrunk to 156 million board feet. In 2005, it was 120.8 million board feet. In 2010, the harvest was 94.7 million board feet, and in 2015, the timber harvest was 121.7 million board feet.

According to the 2018 Crop Report, Mendocino County was fourth in the state in volume of harvested trees in 2018, coming in behind Humboldt, Siskiyou and Shasta counties, but ahead of El Dorado County.

Livestock production remained very comparable with 2017 results. Total livestock production for 2018 was

did the supervisors use county general fund dollars to pay for the contracts.

The \$1.5 million for the project manager has already been set aside within the \$27 million which has already been budgeted for the jail expansion; the \$75,000 going to the Thomas Law Group will be paid for by asphalt plant proponent Northern Aggregates.

The proposed contract with Vanir Construction will extend through June of 2023.

During discussion about the project manager contract, the supervisors learned that some portions of the new wing of the jail, which will have exterior walls that are built out of 10-inch concrete blocks, will not have insulation. Also, the new wing of the jail will not have solar panels.

When the supervisors inquired about these perceived energy inefficiencies, they were told by county Facilities and Fleets Assistant Manager Terry Anderson that the insulation was intentionally deleted from the project, due to cost, and also due to the fact that there was very little heat retention factor, also called "R-factor," to be gained from insulating 10-inch concrete blocks.

Anderson told the supervisors the project did not include solar paneling on the roof of the building, because doing so was not permitted by the state's Board of Corrections.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams said he thought it would be desirable if the new wing of the jail were to be designed to have a "zero carbon footprint."

"The better direction, instead of micro-managing and insisting that we have staff look at insulation or heat pumps, perhaps we could direct that this be a zero-carbon footprint building, however that's accomplished – whether it's buying clean energy from somewhere else – whatever it takes to keep from adding to the county's carbon footprint in the course of adding this wing," Williams offered.

"I would be very leery of adding a condition like that at his point, when we are this far down the road, and given that delay of the project would most likely increase cost," Second District Supervisor John McCowen responded. "Solar, I think, is where the greater opportunity is; but again, I think solar parking lots, with shaded covering with solar on top, is probably a bigger bang for the buck. So if we really don't want to delay this, I think we should approve this as recommended."

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde asked Anderson for a report on the "R-factor" of the concrete blocks.

**Elliott says law firm has no conflict**

During discussion of the contract

valued at \$18.5 million; in 2017, the total value was \$18.7 million. Local ranchers in 2018 almost stayed even with 2017 in cattle and calves, in sheep and lambs, in hogs and pigs, and even in miscellaneous.

According to statistics available in the 2018 report, the pear industry in the county continues to slowly contract. Acreage was down by 105 acres, or about 8 percent from 2017 total acres; price was down \$14 a ton, or about 3 percent from the 2017 price; total revenue from pears was \$13,390,300, down \$1.1 million from the 2017 crop value.

Taking a moment for a longer-range view of the state of the pear industry, pear farmers in 2007 were growing pears on 2,047 acres. They produced 37,903 tons of pears and earned revenues of \$16.9 million. So the 2018 value of the pear crop was down \$3.5 million from the value of the 2007 pear crop, a decline of 21 percent over a 12-year period.

The total value of all agricultural crops, excepting cannabis, was \$320,576,970 in 2018, up almost \$44 million from the previous year.

After Department of Agriculture Standards Specialist III Aaron Hult finished his presentation, he was asked by Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams if next year's crop report could include information about cannabis. Hult said he didn't see why it shouldn't, as cannabis was now a legal and regulated crop in California.

Hult also noted that Senate Bill 657, a bill authorizing county departments of agriculture to include cannabis information in their crop reports, had passed in the state Senate. Hult told supervisors that next year's report would include information about production totals for the legal, permitted side of the county's cannabis crop.

extension with Thomas Law Firm, Keep the Code Board of Directors President Cynthia Raiser Jeavons came to the podium to say that she had concerns that a conflict of interest existed with regard to the law firm and the case it will be helping on, Keep the Code vs. the County of Mendocino.

Jeavons said this was because Thomas Law Firm principal Tina Thomas used to work for Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, which was the legal firm that represents Keep the Code.

Tina Thomas is a different person than attorney Tina Wallis, who is the principal attorney for Northern Aggregates.

"Keep the Code retained Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley to represent our group in 2007," said Jeavons. "Tina Thomas left Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley in 2012. She then formed the Thomas Law Group. Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley then changed its name to Remy, Moose and Manley, at that same time, and continued to represent Keep the Code.

"Tina Thomas and at least one of the current associates at the Thomas Law Group were attorneys at Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley when the firm was advising Keep the Code and the county's environmental review which is at issue in this litigation.

"The Thomas Law Group has a potential conflict under Rule 1.9 and 1.10 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct, that Keep the Code has not waived or been asked to waive," Jeavons said.

Outgoing Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott assured the board that there was no conflict.

"I don't see a conflict, and neither does Tina Thomas," Elliott said. "She hadn't worked on this and she was not exposed to this case. She was pretty much out the door when this came forward."

**Supes appoint seven to Round Valley MAC**

During the consent calendar part of the meeting, the board approved the appointment of seven people to the newly formed Round Valley Municipal Advisory Council. They are Laura Betts, Kathryn Britton, James Russ, Dane Downing, Lew Chichester, Jessica Still-Otto, and Charles Sargenti.

Municipal advisory councils are local advisory bodies that are appointed by the board of supervisors. They serve as two-way conduits of information: first, from local communities to the district supervisor and secondly, from the district supervisor to the community. With the addition of the Round Valley Municipal Advisory Council, Mendocino County has six such councils: in Gualala, Hopland, Laytonville, Redwood Valley, Round Valley and Westport.



Above, from left: Mariachi Tarasco De Lorenzo Sandoval opened up the entertainment at St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta. The crowd at the Fall Fiesta had shaded tables on the warm October Saturday. Ballet Folklorico of Petaluma dancers pose before performing. At right: Many raffle baskets were on display, including this one donated by Imagination Station Toy Depot. Far right: A lunch plate at St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta.

# Fall Fiesta

St. Anthony's parishioners come together to enjoy a day of Mexican food and culture

St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Willits offers two Sunday Masses each week: the first in English at 9 am and the second in Spanish at 10:30 am.

In recent years, the whole parish community, those who attend the English Mass and those who attend the Spanish Mass, have come together at the Fall Fiesta to enjoy a big Mexican meal, some wonderful cultural music and dancing by guest performers, kids' activities and a raffle.

"This is the third year we've done the Fiesta," said Jill Persico, "to bring all the parishioners together, to share a meal and get to know each other. It was Father Aaron's inspiration."

Reverend Aaron Bandanadam is the priest for the Willits church. "Father Bandanadam is always welcoming new people to our parish and is always looking for ways to unite our diverse community," says the St. Anthony website at <https://stanthonymillits.org/>.

This year's Fiesta, held October 5, featured music by Mariachi Tarasco De Lorenzo Sandoval, out of Santa Rosa.



Above, left: One young dancer from Paquiyollotzin, Ballet Folklorico of Petaluma. Above, right: Meena TePas, left, and Dean Meyer hold their lunch while waiting for Mexican street corn, too.

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At left: This raffle basket was donated by Unique Boutique. Above: Flaring skirts make the Paquiyollotzin cultural dancers even more beautiful. Below, left: Homemade zucchini bread, one of the raffle prizes at St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta. Below: These pink and white costumes for a dance from Colima, Mexico honor the pink and white coconut candy popular there.



## Willits Furniture Center

# 2008

BEFORE

AFTER

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

775 Central Ave, Willits (707) 459-4224



Thursday, October 24

**Willits Farmers Market:** Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, October 24, 3 to 6 pm. Greens and veggies, fresh strawberries and summer fruit, tomatoes, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, dinner items, fair trade chocolates, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

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

**New Dancer Folk Class:** Begins Thursday, October 24, 7 to 8 pm. Learn fun dances from around the world! Note: this is the regular weekly class, now open for new students with no experience. Willits Charter School 1431 South Main Street. Good exercise, lots of fun. No partner needed. Sliding scale 0-\$5. Info: Megan, 530-647-6512, megster1989@yahoo.com.

Friday, October 25

**"Take It and Go" Tri-Tip Dinner:** The Willits High School Booster Club's annual tri-tip dinner at the Willits High School Ag Farm. Friday, October 25, pick-up from 4 to 6 pm. The meal for four includes a whole tri tip, Caesar salad, beans, Emandal bread, cookies, and a rose. Tickets: \$60, available at Cat's Meow, 29 South Main Street or call Jessica, 707-489-1478 or Bonnie, 707-272-6262. Supports athletic programs at Willits High School.

**Sherwood School Fall Festival:** Willits' rural elementary school at 32600 Sherwood Road presents its 35th annual Fall Festival on Friday, October 25. Lasagna dinner & fun 4 to 5:45 pm; student performance 6 pm; children's carnival and raffle. For tickets or more information, call: 984-6769.

**Pumpkin Ball:** Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Friday, October 25, 6:30 to 8 pm. "Trick-or-treating, a book patch, costume contest, spooky crafts, and more. Fun for all ages!" A free event.

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

Saturday, October 26

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

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

**FFA Alumni Fundraiser Dinner:** Annual fundraiser dinner for Willits Future Farmers of America is set for Saturday October 26, at 4 pm, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Tickets \$25 per person, \$30 at the door. "You do not need to be an FFA Alumni to attend: Live and silent auction, Sherwood School's 35th Annual Fall Festival Friday, October 25, 2019. One World. FOOD & FUN 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. Dinner • Children's Carnival • Raffle. LASAGNA DINNER PERFORMANCE 6:00 p.m.

What's Happening Around Town



South Main Street.

Sunday, October 27

**Brookside PTO Color Run: Annual Color-a-Thon Color Run fundraiser for the Brookside Elementary School PTO is on Sunday, October 27 this year, at the Willits High School track, 299 North Main Street. Tickets are \$30 per person. "If you pre-register you will get a T-shirt and color packet, otherwise merchandise will be available to buy there. The run starts at 2 pm; check in / registration starts at noon. Food, merchandise, fun games and DJ Ken**

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** Last one of the year. 8 to 11 am, Sunday, October 27. Choose made from scratch sounrdough 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. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 (seasonal) and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. "Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods." Free breakfast for firefighters, one breakfast per official ID. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**"Infused Herbal Oil Techniques":** Sunday, October 27, 12 to 3 pm. Learn to create high-quality medicinal oils from plants you gather out in the wild or in your back yard. Discussion of the medicinal qualities of plants you may find. School of Adaptive Agriculture. 16200 North Highway 101. Visit [www.adaptiveagriculture.org](http://www.adaptiveagriculture.org) for info and registration.

**Harvest Festival:** Bobbing for apples, cupcake walk, relay races, ring toss, and more. All are

welcome to this free event for the community, sponsored by the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sunday, October 27, 5:30 to 7 pm at the old Seventh-day Adventist School, 22751 Bray Road.

Tuesday, October 29

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

**Shanachie Pub: FlyLite Gemini, "one man stomping his way through original folk, rock, and blues tunes." Visit <http://flylitegemi.com>. Tuesday, October 29, 5 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.**

Wednesday, October 30

**Grant Funds Workshop for Non-Profits:** Presented by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Wednesday, October 30, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Laptops and brown-bag lunches welcome! The Community Foundation's 2020 Community Enrichment Program online application now available, with individual grant awards from \$3,000 to \$8,000 for community projects throughout Mendocino County. Organizations invited to apply at [www.communityfound.org](http://www.communityfound.org) by December 6.

**"Teaching Biointensive Farming in Africa":** Samuel Nderitu, director of the African Grow Biointensive Agriculture Center of Kenya, will talk about efforts to end

hunger and poverty in Africa. Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street.

Thursday, October 31

**Free Halloween Makeup Glitter Party: Glitter My World invites you to "Come on in and let us glitter you up!" for Halloween: Free glitter**



hair, glittering skin, face painting, glitter tattoo, scary glitter makeup, glitter beards. All ages welcome. Thursday, October 31, from 2 to 4 pm at Glitter My World, 132 East Valley Street.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, October 31, 3 to 6 pm. See October 24 listing for details.

**Thriller Walk:** Thursday, October 31. Begins at Gateway Games, 385 South Main Street, 5 pm. Wear your spookiest costume and march down Main Street to optional special showing of "Night of the Living Dead" at Noyo Theatre, 57 East Commercial Street, 5 pm and 7:30 pm, \$3. Prizes handed out for best costumes and best spooky dancers!

**Dirt Floor Band at Northspur Brewing Company:** Thursday, October 31, 9 pm to midnight. "It's another DFB Halloween thing, at the brand new Northspur Brewing Co. Get weirdly costumed and enjoy a

full evening of shenanigans like when we were kids." 101 North Main Street.

Friday, November 1

**"Twelfth Night": Willits Community Theatre presents William Shakespeare's comedy about love and mistaken identity. Opening night Friday, November 1, plays through November 17. As adapted by director Billy Hetherington, the play is shifted to America in the 1920s, and staged at Mr. Duke's, a faded nightclub featuring a house band with musical director Craig Mountain. Opens Friday, November 1, 7:30 pm at Willits High School, 299 Main Street. Plays Thursdays at 7:30 pm, \$15; Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm, \$20; and Sundays, November 9 and 20 at 2 pm, \$15. Tickets: [www.brownpaperickets.com](http://www.brownpaperickets.com) or 1-800-838-3006.**



**"Monster Mash Costume Party":** at the Library Commons, 23925 Howard Street, Covelo, Friday, November 1, 8 pm. "Come as you aren't!" Live music by Blue Luke & the Yolla Bolly Band. Benefits KYBU 96.9 FM and Friends of the Round Valley Public Library.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mamadou Sidibe & Robert Usher: "Master kamale ngoni player, Mamadou Sidibe is from the Wassoulou Region of Mali, West Africa." Saturday, November 1, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, November 2

**"Natural Expressions: Art Inspired by Mendocino County":** Arts and crafts showcasing the beauty and diversity of Mendocino County's landscapes and resources. Paintings, fiber art, crafts made from Mendocino County's rich natural resources such as mushrooms, driftwood, shells, redwood, and leather. Free admission and opening celebration, Saturday, November 2, 12 to 4 pm. Free nature-inspired art craft workshop, 1 to 3 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. Through March 15. Museum open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm.

**Shanachie Pub:** Danny Minch & Friends: An early evening comedy show by Fresno comedian Danny Minch, now touring across the country, "will get the night rolling with laughter!" Music by The Fixins later. Saturday, November 2, 6 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

**"Twelfth Night":** Saturday, November 2, 7:30 pm. See November 1 listing for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** The Fixins. "Bay Area-based Americana jam band that plays an original and eclectic mix of folk, funk, roots, and blues." Saturday, November 2, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, November 3

**Ecstatic Dance:** Special guest, Gabriel Francisco. 10 am: Dance is Life workshop with Gabriel. 11 am: Ecstatic Dance with Gabriel. 1 pm: Sound Healing Closing. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Hosted by Chantal Shanti-belle.



Ecology Action 3-Day Workshop

Ecology Action presents its Grow Biointensive® Sustainable Mini-Farming Workshop, November 1-3, at the Golden Rule Community. "You will learn techniques that use up to 66 percent less water, saving up to 94 percent in energy, growing soil up to 60 times faster than in nature, and getting higher yields." Executive Director John Jeavons and Ecology Action staff will share 46 years of experience in developing, using and teaching the Grow Biointensive® techniques. Info / registration (closing October 31): [www.growbiointensive.org/workshop.html](http://www.growbiointensive.org/workshop.html) or 459-0150.

'An Autumn Evening in Willits' Cancer Resource Centers fundraiser

"An Autumn Evening in Willits," a fundraiser for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County, will bring together food, friends and music, on Saturday, November 9, from 6 to 9 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Folksy trio Just Enough will bring smooth harmonies and acoustic guitars, 304, includes dinner of rosemary roasted chicken, autumn salad with sweet potatoes, wild rice, apples and kale, and butternut lasagna with mushrooms and sage, plus dessert and beverages. Tickets: Cat's Meow, 29 South Main Street. \$10 tickets after 7 pm for just the music. The Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County is a local, grassroots nonprofit that provides information, advocacy and support to cancer patients in Mendocino County, free of charge. Info and reservations: 707-937-3833 or visit <https://crcmendocino.org/>.

Ongoing Events

Linda Posner's "Word Buffet": KLLG-LP, 97.9, "Poems and Sayings to Start Your Day" Sunday, 10 to 10:30 am.

**Flowers and Sleepwalkers:** Local artist Margaret Prouette's latest show, "Flowers & Sleepwalkers" in oils and watercolors at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

**Frontier Days: A Collector's Journey:** Western artifacts from the Dusky Whitney collection, at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street through October 20. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4:30 pm.

**Meatless Mondays:** at Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 11 Marcella Drive. "Serving delicious plant-based options every Monday." 7 am to 5 pm. **Collective Care:** A Holistic Support Group: Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am. 44650 Highway 101, Laytonville. Holistic community support and information. Children welcome. By donation. [www.ninesistersbotanicals.com](http://www.ninesistersbotanicals.com).

**Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr:** Radio active blues programming for tragically hip and twisted, Fridays, 9 pm to midnight. 97.9 FM, KLLG.

**Willits International Folk Dancing:** Class meets every Thursday, 7 to 8 pm, Willits Charter High School. New dances taught 7 to 8 pm. \$0 - \$5 sliding scale. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

**Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club:** Mondays, 6:30 pm, upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sliding scale \$0 to \$5/sliding scale. Come alone or bring a friend. 707-484-3385 for info.

**Little John's Place:** Every Thursday Pool Tournament, 6 pm. \$5 buy-in. "We'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer." 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/

**Free Herb Talks:** by the Mendocino Herb Guild. Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Willits Farmers Market, at West Mendocino Avenue at Main Street next to the Rexall parking lot.

**Roots Engine House Tours:** Docent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more - up close.

**Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Calvernia Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm, served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

**Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke:** 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

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

**Emandal Choral:** The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

**Friday Potluck Bingo:** Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group:** Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

**Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group:** Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the MUSE, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

**Willits Library Activities:** Wednesdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 to 4); 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); 5 to 6:30 pm "Stamp Club" (Bring your collection); Thursdays: 11:00 to 11:30 am "Wiggle Time" (Explore movement and self-expression. Ages 4 to 7); 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring" (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Calming Stretches"; Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Write Live" (We provide a prompt and a space to create writing); 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Willits Seed Lending Library:** Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

**Drop-In Knitting Circle:** Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring in your projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help you solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net.

**Scroptismit International of Willits:** Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month at St John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

**Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group:** Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Smoking Cessation Program:** Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcella Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm; Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: "Mendocino Sheriff's Activities League" on Facebook or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mondays, 7 pm: "Monday Blues & Beyond" with Blue Luke & Special Guests. Tuesdays, 8 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Laytonville Farmers Market:** Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

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459-3106

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
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Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m. English  
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*Karl Biese, Pastor*  
Church Services:  
Sunday 10:00 to 11:00  
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(707) 459-2988  
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**Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
399 W. Mendocino Avenue  
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Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m.  
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Senior Center Lunch

**Week of October 28 through November 1**

**Monday:** Turkey ala King

**Tuesday:** Carne Asada (Steak) Burritos

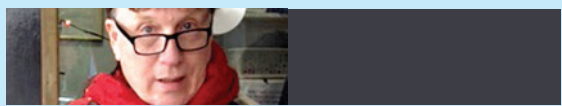
**Wednesday:** Chicken & Dumplings

**Thursday:** Goulash

**Friday:** to be announced

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older, \$6.50 per meal, under 55 only \$8 per meal. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. (Salad Bar available all year). 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

AT THE MOVIES



'Maleficent: Mistress of Evil'

**The Story:** Disney fantasy adventure romance. Maleficent (Angelina Jolie) is not a human being, she has huge wings and a somewhat difficult attitude. Her lovely human daughter Aurora (Elle Fanning) is the titular Queen of the Moors, an enchanted country of fairies and imps and talking tree-people and a huge variety of exotic magical beings. Handsome Prince Philip of the kingdom bordering the Moors is in love with beautiful Aurora, a love which she returns in kind. They decide to marry. And from there, Everything Pretty Much Falls Apart!

**My Thoughts:** The title of this flick gives a rather inexact, maybe even deceitful impression about Maleficent of the Fey Folk, to whit: she is not really evil. Yes, she is reactive, perhaps given to jealous fits, and she does have a somewhat low opinion of human folk. But, as we know from the first film "Maleficent," her attitudes are more than justified. That caviling observation made, I really liked this flick. The magical world is beautifully realized. The characters, some good, some bad, and some silly, are believable. Also, a special shout out to Michelle Pfeiffer as the only truly evil character; Pfeiffer does evil with low-key panache. This is a fun flick.

**And while I'm at it:** Girls, in the real world, just because Mom disagrees with you, doesn't mean she's evil.

**Parents:** This flick is rated PG. It's too scary for the little ones. And, a fairy is murdered. Age 9 or 10 and up seems careful and wise.

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

Halloween Happenings

**October 26:** Shanachie Pub: Halloween Party with Lantz Lazwell & The Vibe Tribe. 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**October 26:** KMUD & Mateel Halloween Boogie featuring Sidecar Tommy: 8 pm doors, 9 pm show. Mateel Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway.

**October 31:** Free Halloween Makeup Glitter Party, 2 to 5 pm at Glitter My World, 132 East Valley Street.

**October 31:** Enchanted Pumpkin Path, 4:30 to 8 pm. Waldorf School, 6280 Third Street, Calpella.

**October 31:** Costume Contest, 4 to 9 pm. Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi Place.

**October 31:** Thriller Walk, Gateway Games 5 pm. 395 South Main Street.

**October 31:** "Night of the Living Dead" special showing, 5 & 7:30 pm, \$3, Noyo Theatre. 57 East Commercial Street.

**October 31:** Dirt Floor Band at NorthSpur Brewing Company, 9 pm to 12 am. 101 North Main Street.

**October 31:** Ghost and the Stones, Halloween Costume Party, 4 to 8 pm. The Village Hearth, 76101 Covelo Road, Covelo.

**November 1:** KYBU Monster Mash Costume Party, 8 pm. Library Commons, Covelo.

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November 10



## George Sirizzotti

November 28, 1918 – September 28, 2019



World War II veteran, George Sirizzotti, passed away at 100 years old, on September 28, 2019 in Willits, California. He was exactly two months shy of his 101st birthday. George was born November 28, 1918, at his home on Alameda Street in Willits, California. He was a lifelong Willits resident.

George was preceded in death by his loving wife of many years, Mable Olsen Sirizzotti, who passed away on September 8, 2007. Their marriage was a beautiful love story and he often talked about the day he would see her again. Other family members preceding him in death include his mother, Mary Sirina Sirizzotti; father, Angelo Sirizzotti; brother, Henry Sirizzotti; sister, Hilda Sirizzotti Schroeder; sister, Marguerite (Marge) Sirizzotti Cook; daughter, Larsine Sirizzotti as well as, two nieces and one nephew.

George is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was a loving and generous man who was devoted to his very large family.

The life story of George Sirizzotti reads like a novel. His parents were Italian immigrants who came to America through Ellis Island. They made their way to Willits, California and put down roots that would last a lifetime. They all worked hard every day. George enjoyed sharing stories of his childhood, such as, harvesting and drying non-poisonous mushrooms for his mom's favorite Italian gravy to pour over homemade polenta. The polenta was cooked for hours and had to be constantly stirred using the family polenta stick. All children took turns in the stirring process.

This recipe has been passed down and enjoyed by family members. His father, Angelo, made wine, at the family home, with the children all taking part in the process. George did not like the smell of the fermentation and never drank the wine.

George and his siblings all attended Willits schools. George loved sports from an early age and participated in athletics in high school. He was a proud Willits High School graduate. His love of sports was with him until his last day on earth. After graduation, he worked at Willits Ice and Soda Works until he obtained a job at the Willits Post Office.

George anticipated being drafted so he chose to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps on January 21, 1941. He was the first Willits resident to volunteer for service at that time. He was stationed at Fort Ord, California when the Japanese Air Force attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He completed basic training and was assigned to various U.S. bases.

His final assignment was Shemya Island located in the Aleutian Islands in the Bering Sea. Their mission was to secure the Aleutians and protect the islands from the Japanese. Life was brutal at Earekson, where he was stationed, and just making it from one day to the next was difficult. Temperatures were well below zero with constant blizzards and blinding snowstorms. To avoid being lost and frozen to death, the men grabbed stationary rope leads in order to maneuver from place to place.

George sustained a knee injury while participating in a training exercise that would eventually leave him with a permanent disability. After returning home, he resumed his job at the Willits Post Office. His knee injury proved to be more serious and required surgery and a very long hospital stay in San Francisco, California. He woke up from the surgery in a full body cast which he had to endure for many long months. The injury and surgery left him with a much shorter and stiff left leg. His life of pain began at that time.

Before his surgery and hospital stay, he met and married Mable, the love of his life. They continued to live in Willits and George became the Willits Postmaster, retiring after 34 years of consecutive U.S. postal service.

After his retirement, he and Mable enjoyed life with their many friends and family. He was a successful man with many interests. He enjoyed his coffee buddies, card playing buddies, golfing buddies and his music. He and Mable loved to dance to the music of the '40s and when he wasn't dancing with his sweetheart, he was singing or humming.

Together, George and Mable enjoyed socializing with their many friends and had a standing reservation for the "Sirizzotti table" at the Broiler Steak House, every Saturday night. This dinner ritual continued for many years with the same group of friends.

Family members often comment about George's wisdom and guidance. One of his favorite recommendations for those carrying a few extra pounds was to lose some weight. Those with abundant girth knew they were going to get this scrutiny but loved and enjoyed their time with this wise and loving man anyway.

George Sirizzotti was a patriot who loved his country. He was a proud veteran and donated funds to many veteran organizations. He was honored to serve and wore his disability with pride. His service was to uphold and defend his beloved United States of America.

There was only one George Sirizzotti and he was the best. He was loved by many. Rest in Peace, George.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary. A private graveside service will be held later.

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The rest of **KZYX** From Page 5

3 pm, Clay Hawkins and The Back Porch Project played music from their smoothly blended styles. Starting at 3 pm, DJ Aline spun discs "from the finest Latin music on the world scene" during her Alma Latin Dance Party show and the dance floor came alive.

Next up was The Real Sarahs with their beautiful and engaging harmonies and acoustics. By 7 pm, when Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings took stage, the dance floor was flooded and bodies moved to the music led by Rogers' slide guitar blues. At 9 pm Keystone Revisited wrapped up the party with a good set-list of familiar music as the older crowd began disappearing.

The radio's staff, board members, VIPs and programmers wore name tags. People were delighted to put a face to their favorite programmers and their voices. One person remarked: "It was fun to meet W Dan. I love his voice and 'The Treehouse' is so quirky!" Another exclaimed after overhearing Production Director Jake Martin-Wagner talk, "That's the guy who always says, 'Support for KZYX&Z comes from our members.'"

Charlie Hochberg, one of the founding members of KZYX, was there. When asked how the station got started, Hochberg responded: "The real founder is Sean Donovan. Sean, I, and Steve used to play cards every Friday night and drink – which I don't do anymore. One night, Sean said, 'You know what this valley really needs is a public radio station.' I had to agree totally 'cuz that's what I grew up with in Philadelphia."

Soon after that Hochberg procured a building, donned a hazmat suit, cleared out all the asbestos, remodeled it, and constructed a soundproof studio, all with a lot of community help. A few weeks after the station aired its first programs, Donovan wrangled Hochberg into doing a radio show with some of the vinyl he'd donated plus other music. The program, "The Musical Feast," ran for many years.

There was an undercurrent of freshness and heightened enthusiasm when interviewing KZYX&Z's staff at the anniversary event. Programmer Sarah Reith expressed it nicely: "I think we're at a really great place with the staff, the board and volunteers. I think people are happier and calmer than they've been in a really long time. They have a good focus on what we all want to get done, with a sense of fun mixed with seriousness, with just the right ratios."

General Manager Marty Durlin from Boulder, Colorado brings a depth and wealth of experience working in community radio. She notes: "Mendocino County is a huge area to cover, and KZYX is an ambitious station."

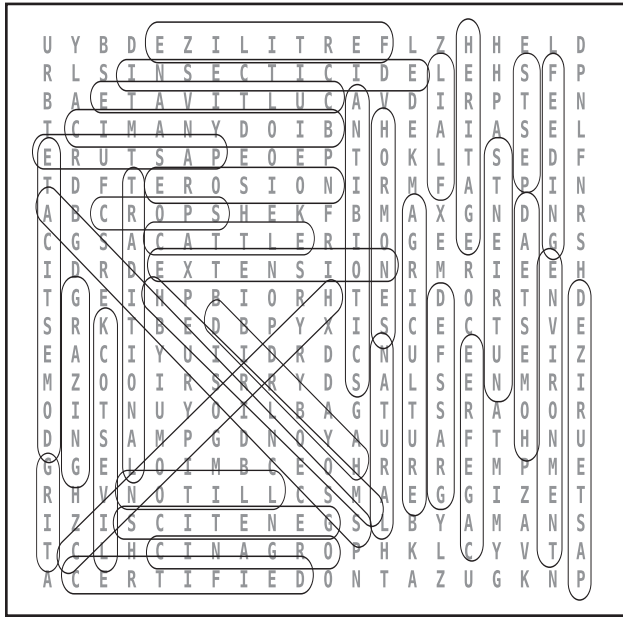
Alicia Bales, program director, has come back to Mendocino County and said she is happy to be here during these precarious times, and that she feels fortunate to be giving her all to KZYX&Z.

Rich Culbertson, operations director, has been with KZYX&Z for 12 years. He's the "Master of Technology" and the "FCC cop for the station."

Membership Coordinator Renee Wilson has been there since January. "I have a great team to work with," she said. "I feel really grateful to the community for their support. It feels like KZYX is going in a good direction."

Jake Martin-Wagner, production director, grew up on the coast. "I've known and loved KZYX for many years, and I never anticipated working in media in this county."

The atmosphere Saturday was festive and lively. It had the feel of many KZYX&Z parties in the past with hordes of people on the dance floor shaking their booties to fabulous music, eating delicious food, and drinking local wines and beer. Dan Roberts, a programmer from the beginning with



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This business is conducted by a married couple.

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

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

/s/ Danelle Fierro

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BURLEIGH DON COOK, aka BURLEIGH D. COOK, aka BURLEIGH COOK

CASE NO. SCUK-CVPB-27276

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Burleigh D. Cook, aka Burleigh Cook,

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sheri M. Cronin in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Sheri M. Cronin be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: November 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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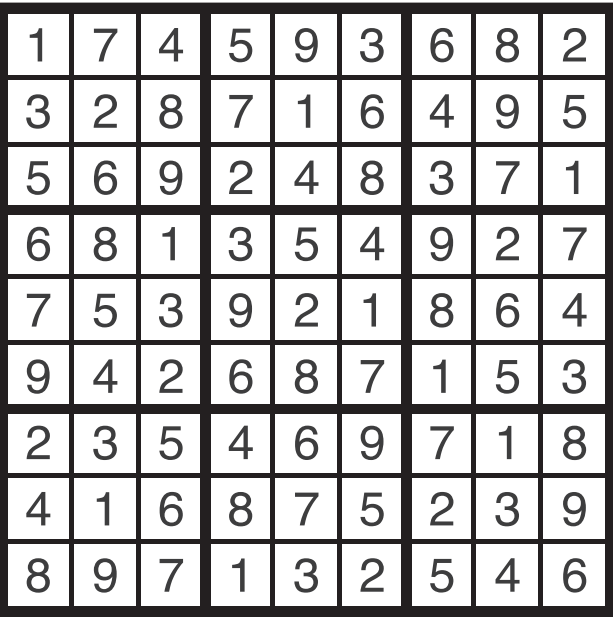
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Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone: (707) 459-5551.

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his "Rhythm Running River" program, summed it up well: "It was a grand celebration!"

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work as a drummer and songwriter for well-known musicians in the past, and, more recently, for his work as a teacher, in which, according to the board of supervisors' proclamation, he teaches "the joys of music and percussion to schoolchildren in Round Valley."

According to the proclamation, Willis was proclaimed to be an Arts Champion in the Individual category "for his many years as director of and songwriter for the Emandal Chorale of Willits."

The Emandal Chorale was founded in November 1995, with Ellen Drell serving as temporary vocal director. Willis became the groups' second director in January 1996 and has stayed director since that time.

The group has moved from practicing at the Willits Environmental Center, to the Willits Charter School, then to the Willits United Methodist Church. It now practices at the Willits Center for the Arts. It is a no-audition choral group that sings songs about peace and justice. It currently has approximately 60 members.

Moments after proclamations were handed out and photographs were taken, the Emandal Chorale made the board of supervisors chambers rock with a stirring version of "We Are an Island," a pulsating song about the immigration question as it was experienced in England during the recent Syrian civil war.



Above: Director Don Willis directs the Emandal Chorale in "We Are an Island" at the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday. At left: 2019 Arts Champions honored at Tuesday's board meeting. From left: Supervisor Ted Williams, Supervisor Carre Brown, Supervisor John McCowen, S.A. Ephraim (co-owner of Frankie's Pizza and Ice Cream), artist Jayne Alison Moscarriello, Emandal Chorale Director Don Willis, Supervisor John Haschak, and Supervisor Dan Gjerdre.

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of the species of animals Randrup spent countless hours raising and owning.

The sign was created by B&B Industries and designed by Danny Mihelcic, with input from Jenn Randrup. Mihelcic was a past Randrup student, and family and friends noted that it was wonderful to have his involvement in the design process.

"He was one of Greg's boneheads, for sure," laughed Greg's wife, Peggy Randrup. "A certified bonehead."

"Bonehead" served as a term of endearment – mostly – for many of Randrup's treasured students.

Several family members, friends and WHS staffers joined together to see the unveiling; both current ag teachers, Becky Bowlds and Kelley Case Brackett; Randrup's previous co-worker and ag teacher predecessor Chuck Ream; Randrup's wife, Peggy, their daughter Jenn and son-in-law Nigel Swinney, and the two granddaughters Ella and Alissa; and close family friends including Sue Clark, John and Charline Ford, and Dan and Annette Pinon and their family, as well as some current FFA officers including Danielle Barry, Cody Brandon, Ryan Reed, and Tanner Drew; and WHS Principal Mike Colvig and WHS campus supervisor Cari Stiles.

Many in attendance had great stories to share about Greg, from logging days, to introductory spaghetti dinners, late-night phone calls about loose animals, and the "tag, you're it" quality of having two ag teachers to share the late-night chase sessions.

The second phase is planned for late in the spring of 2020 when two new ag farm barns, currently still slabs of cement, will be finished. Plans include housing hogs in the eastern barn and having the western barn for a show and practice space.

The Willits FFA kids raised money selling apple pies to purchase a redwood bench, made by Parlin Fork, featuring a plaque designed by Bruce Cartwright and made by METALx saying "In Loving Memory of Greg Randrup. They also selected a cherry tree which was donated by Bob Doty at Mendo Mill. The bench and the tree, along with additional signage, is planned to be in place for the spring dedication, but, no signs on the goat barn, laughed Peggy, poking fun at Randrup's lack of caprine appreciation.

Randrup's appreciation for the ag program and its students lasted even after his retirement from Willits High School in 2008 after 31 years as a teacher. He joined the Willits FFA Alumni group to help renovate the ag farm and help move the ag program forward under current teachers Bowlds and Brackett.

Randrup worked countless hours to help get the farm back into working shape, helping to get secure fencing and extra barns and even just putting in general work days on the to-do list. Even though he

passed away in August of 2015, the goals he helped to shape are still inching closer to realization.

"We were out here on a work day, and Greg was running the tractor," said son-in-law Swinney. "There was all this old fencing tangled up in the grass, wires and stuff, that kept getting tangled in the tractor. I remember him muttering about how no one better associate his name with that farm until it was in better shape and something he'd be proud of, and I think we're really getting close to that!"

Even with generous donations from businesses and individuals, money is still needed to finish projects at the farm and to help fund the FFA club.

For several years, the Willits FFA have held a fundraising dinner to help raise those monies, and this year is no different.

The annual event will take place on Saturday, October 26 at the Willits Senior Center. Doors will open at 4 pm and dinner will be served at 5 pm.

In addition to the meal, a silent auction and live auction will also take place. The classic dessert auction is always a fun event, and will take place during the dinner again this year.

For many years while Greg Randrup was alive, this reporter – and fellow FFA alumni – would make, upon "required request," his favorite oatmeal raisin cookies. Each year, Randrup would firmly snap his wrist in the air, outbidding any who looked to take home the plate for themselves.

In the years since his passing, the tradition continues, again at the "required request," now, however, being issued by Randrup's wife, Peggy. At the 2018 dinner, the cookies raised \$1,050 for the club.

With so many options for how monies can be spent, hopes are that the proceeds gained from these cookies can be used specifically for something that would honor Greg in the best way possible. While having a shop-stool throwing contest seems unlikely, the best second option would be to have a chapter-wide benefit come to fruition: to take the oatmeal cookie money raised and purchase several official blue embroidered corduroy jackets that can be given to any student wishing to attend fair, or conferences or any official event.

This would allow students who may not have families with the finances necessary to purchase the official uniform a chance to feel included and to be able to participate in the club as a whole.

Want to help up the number of jackets able to be purchased? Take your chances against Peggy and the other bidders and come to the Alumni Dinner to support the kids of the Willits FFA.

Help create great stories and lasting memories for all the ag students by buying a ticket to the dinner – it's easy, just call Annette at 459-6588 or stop by Flowers by Annette to buy tickets.

## Sen. McGuire on PG&E's public safety power shutoffs

Submitted by the Sacramento office of state Sen. Mike McGuire

Senator Mike McGuire, whose district has been ravaged by massive fires and heavily impacted by power shutoffs, released the following statement regarding the Friday, October 18 emergency California Public Utilities Commission meeting to hear responses from Pacific Gas & Electric leadership about the issues and concerns raised during and after the recent public safety power shutoff.

"It's beyond time to hold PG&E accountable. There is no greater challenge in front of the CPUC than their role as regulator of this privately owned utility that has again proven it lacks the basic fundamentals to successfully execute such a large and complex planned outage.

"This is the third strike for PG&E – the first was the San Bruno explosion and cover-up, the second was the massive wildfires of 2017 and 2018, and strike three is the debacle of a response to these power shutoffs. PG&E has become too big and has failed us too many times. All options need to be on the table – including breaking up the utility.

"This is an all-hands-on-deck effort, and the Senate will advance solutions and protections in the coming weeks and months. The CPUC will need to take immediate action and advance desperately needed reforms on grid safety improvements, hardening and modernization, and to ensure PG&E keeps its word to its customers about keeping them safe if and when a power shutoff is needed in extreme weather conditions."

The California Senate has created a policy working group that Senator McGuire will co-chair with Senator Susan Rubio to work on wildfire-related concerns including insurance, power shutoffs and wildfire resiliency.

## WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

October 14 to October 20

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **194 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

### Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

#### October 14

2:49 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

2:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

7:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

9:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### October 15

9:58 pm: MARSH-HAAS, Heather Allison (29) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Elm Lane and Manor Way. She was arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (Violation of Parole – To Remain In Custody), 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), on felony charges of violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

11:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

#### October 16

8:20 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

8:40 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

2:39 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

8:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 200 block of North Main Street.

#### October 17

9:04 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

10:57 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

#### October 18

8:00 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Brookside Drive.

8:11 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:33 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

11:51 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Highway 20.

3:52 pm: HEILIG, Jeremiah Daniel (38) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 602 PC (Trespassing) and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

4:13 pm: LAFLIN, Adam Powell (43) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Central Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

11:27 pm: BODWIN, Ivy Mae (47) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear on written promise.

#### October 19

6:47 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:15 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:59 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

12:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Highway 20 and South Main Street.

1:14 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

11:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

#### October 20

12:28 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

12:54 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

4:49 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

about soon taking a break for the season.

Also in the plaza, a new photography business, Images by Mathew, was offering free photos taken in front of a green-screen so that families could choose what they wanted as a background. Luscious Beauty Boutique had a nice array of appetizers and was offering massages for \$1 per minute in addition to promoting a raffle.

New this year was the additional entertainment in the parking lot of Peter's Sushi at East San Francisco Avenue and Main Street. The businesses there invited people to make their way a little farther along Main Street to enjoy some live music, food and drinks, and another bounce house.

The Hathaway parking lot was kid central, with another bounce house, pumpkin decorating, a pumpkin tic-tac-toe game hosted by Sparetime Garden Supply, music by singer/songwriter Marjo Wilson, and treats of all kinds. The location was also packed with people who were there to peruse the vendors and booths representing local organizations and businesses that were assembled in the parking lot, including a booth selling baked goodies in support of young athlete Kevin Rountree.

The 12-year-old "got invited to play in South

Carolina," explained his mom, Candis, who was there to raise money for his trip. "He got invited to play two games for a national all-stars football. It's pretty exciting. He's really stoked. He's just an amazing athlete."

The Harvest Moon free family event seems to grow every year. "The goal is to have it go all the way from Scoops to Highway 20. If people are willing to walk that far," chuckled Moorhead. Since the bypass was finished, Willits has been working hard to reclaim Main Street and make it unique and inviting. Events like this are a great start.

The Willits Chamber of Commerce is now organizing "Mushroom Mania," scheduled for November 8 and 10. There will be a mushroom-themed art exhibit and auction at the Willits Center for the Arts on Friday, November 8, from 7 to 9 pm.

On Sunday, November 10, climb aboard the Skunk Train for the annual Mushroom Train featuring a mushroom quiche by Kemy's Pies with a glass of local sparkling wine as well as an Easter-egg style mushroom hunt.

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Tickets: Call Kay Wright @ 456-1094  
f Willits Community Theatre Willitstheatre.org



Silveria. As a special addition, the show's nightclub setting will feature the house band with Craig Mountain as the musical director.

"We're going for the grand spectacle," Hetherington says. "It's what we're aiming for with the elaborate set changes, the music, and the big stage. It's the rip-roaring 1920s style, in a night club, with the faded glory, and touches of the language from that era."

The show will also include the traditional Shakespeare frolic of gender-bending women dressed as men, bawdy moments of confused romance, and a tableau of colorful characters carrying on in true hilarious fashion.

The WCT production of "Twelfth Night" runs at Willits High School auditorium from November 1 to 17, with performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. A special benefit performance sponsored by the P.E.O. Sisterhood will be held on the first Thursday, November 7. Benefit tickets are \$20 and available through Kay Wright at 456-1094.

Tickets for all regular shows are \$20 for Friday and Saturday performances, and \$15 for Thursday and Sunday. Advance tickets can be obtained in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006.

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2019-20 annual budget.

At that time, McCowen wanted the supervisors to fund the committee at \$110,000, and also to direct the county to contract with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, which would hire a program manager to actually staff the committee.

Instead, the board voted to fund the committee at only \$7,500.

McCowen's motion on Tuesday asks the climate committee to tell the supervisors whether it wants the \$110,000 package or the \$7,500 staffing model. There was no timeline for the question to be answered in McCowen's motion.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who voted against the \$110,000 model in June, also voted against McCowen's motion on Tuesday. Haschak said he supported the work of the committee, but he thought the committee should have the opportunity to work together for a while and then to decide what kind of staffing model it wanted.

"I think for us to not let the group meet and figure out what they really need, as a group, and instead [to present them with] this decision, either/or, is not correct," Haschak said. "We need to let them figure out and give them a time period, maybe six months, and let's get that group meeting – because there is an urgency to this work – let them work on it, and figure out what they really need."

Haschak's statement did not sway his colleagues.

During the same meeting, the supervisors approved the seating of six more people on the climate committee. The approval now brings the committee up to its full compliment of 15 – three members from each supervisory district.

Members appointed by First District Supervisor Carre Brown are:

Cathy Monroe, an elementary school teacher who is active with the Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project and the Sanhedrin Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

John Nickerson, a registered professional forester in California who has worked on developing market incentives for improved forest management. He has provided several protocols to the California Air Resources Board, which has used those protocols for compliance purposes in California's cap and trade program.

Macadam Lojowsky, a facilities manager at Mendocino College. In the past, Lojowsky served as a planning commissioner for two years for the City of Ojai in southern California.

Members appointed by Second District Supervisor McCowen are:

Susan Sher, a retired attorney with 30 years' experience as a lawyer. She currently works as a mediator and has an interest in working politically to get people to change how they live to avert climate disaster.

Jade Swor, a college student working on her master's degree in Environmental Management. Swor is a Native American currently working in the environmental office of the Potter Valley tribe. She has experience working on a climate change mitigation plan for Gunnison County, Colorado.

Raul Gardea, a staff representative with SEIU Local 2015, which represents 1,500 In Home Supportive Services workers in Mendocino County. His application to serve on the climate committee says: "The

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worst consequences of climate change will hit the working class and the poor harder than anyone.... I hope to utilize this committee to provide an insight from the perspective of this county's working class."

Members appointed by Third District Supervisor Haschak are:

Ellen Drell, a founding member of the Willits Environmental Center, founded in 1990, and a member of the three-person Climate Action Advisory Committee Start-Up Group from 2018 to 2019. Drell was instrumental in organizing community-wide efforts to make Willits a more "walkable community" in 2000 and was part of the effort to oppose the Willits bypass, and then to reduce the bypass from a four-lane to a two-lane project, during the 2004 to 2015 period.

Walter Smith, a retired forester and a retired consultant on sustainable forestry issues. Smith was a member of the Mendocino County Forest Advisory Committee from 1989 to 1994. He was a consultant with the Institute for Sustainable Forestry from 1990 to 1999 and with the Rainforest Alliance from 2001 to 2017.

Javier Silva, a Round Valley resident and Native American who has worked with his tribe on environmental issues and on the effects of climate change on tribal property for the past 25 years.

Members appointed by Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde are:

Michael Potts, one of the founding members of the Caspar Community Board and also a longtime board member of Real Goods. While on the Real Goods board, Potts was also the chief technical officer for Real Goods.

Marie Jones, until recently Community Development Director for the City of Fort Bragg.

Tess Albin-Smith, a retired registered professional forester who currently is a member of the Fort Bragg City Council.

Members appointed by Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams are:

Shai Larsen, a former staffer with the Environmental Protection Agency. Larsen now works with a company in the apparel industry, focusing on "working to create no unnecessary harm to the environmental through standardized performance measurement, benchmarking and transparency."

Jennifer Mayne, a bilingual teacher and parent of two young children. In her application to be seated on the committee, Mayne writes: "I have lived in an intentional community, built sustainable housing, farmed, taught ecology to children, run projects at school on worm composting and local food lunches, helped organize walk-to-school days, been a Girl Scout leader, and more. I think I would be a great addition to the committee, with a focus on youth involvement and community education."

Patrick Hentschel, a yoga instructor and climate activist from Gualala. Hentschel also works in a sales leadership role for a software company based in Los Angeles.

After voting to give the committee a choice on how it wishes to be staffed, the board directed that the supervisors' climate change ad hoc committee (Supervisors McCowen and Williams) will work with the county's executive office to arrange for the committee to have its first meeting.

The audit goes on to

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mention that, since the completion of the 2017 audit, MRC has abandoned its multi-year commitment to develop and to have approved a multi-species habitat conservation plan. "This means the company's Spotted Owl resource plan and timber harvest plan-specific protections remain the primary instruments through which MRC demonstrates conformity to all applicable federal and state laws/regulations pertaining to the Northern Spotted Owl."

The second observation is: "The forest owner or manager understands the likely social impacts of management decisions and incorporates this understanding into management planning and operations."

And the third observation has to do with the company's timber inventory and timber growth assumptions. "The landowners or manager calculates the sustained yield harvest level for each sustained yield planning unit," the audit states. "The sustained yield harvest level calculation is documented in the management plan."

"Conformity to this indicator hinges on sustained yield calculations that are reasonably current and that rely on up-to-date inventory and growth/yield data. Greater priority has to be given to completing the forest inventories and updating the sustained yield analyses would ensure ongoing conformity," the audit states.

In a recent conversation with Willits Weekly, MRC Director of Forest Policy John Andersen said that MRC was doing a focused and intense re-evaluation of its timber inventory and growth assumptions.

"We have 50 people out there in the woods, measuring and calculating. We are updating our data," Andersen said.

The annual audit did confirm that both MRC and HRC will continue to be Forest Stewardship Council-certified. "Mendocino Redwood Company has been in operation for 20 years; Humboldt Redwood Company has now been in operation for over a decade," the audit states in closing.

"Both operating units have established and adhere to policies and management practices that have been evaluated by Forest Stewardship Council audit teams on an annual basis for essentially the entire history of the companies. Operations can be accurately characterized as a dynamic yet evolving steady state with a substantial continuity, over time."

As such, and while considering the fact that there are areas where improvements are needed (as addressed in the Findings section of this audit report), the audit team readily concludes that continuance of HRC/MRC's Forest Stewardship Council forest management certification is clearly warranted."

The 2018 certification audit, with a final update date of January 13, 2019, has now been posted on the MRC website. It can be found at [https://www.hrcilc.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Public\\_report\\_SCS\\_MRC\\_HRC\\_2018\\_0.pdf](https://www.hrcilc.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Public_report_SCS_MRC_HRC_2018_0.pdf)

approved in August between the county and the Service Employees International Union, Local 1021, and with the Mendocino County Public Attorneys Association, the labor union representing the county attorneys.

The bargaining units that secured agreements on Tuesday included the Mendocino County Management Association, the Mendocino County Probation Employee Association, the Mendocino County Law Enforcement Management Association and Mendocino County Deputy Sheriffs Association.

When taken along with the agreements with SEIU and the Mendocino County Public Attorneys Association, more than 1,000 county employees are accommodated by the new contracts, representing 94.22 percent of the labor force for county government.

Like the agreement with SEIU, the new agreement commits the county to increasing employee compensation to within 90 percent of market values over the next three years. "Market value" is a labor negotiation term that means the average value of compensation for jobs of the same or similar classification, in county or municipal governments for jurisdictions of the same character and caliber.

In Mendocino County, that means roughly comparable job classifications for El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Napa, Nevada, Sutter, Sonoma and Yolo counties, and, among cities, for employees who are working for the cities of Santa Rosa and Ukiah.

As with the memorandum of understanding with SEIU, the four new memoranda call for increases of 40 percent of the difference between the existing compensation level and 90 percent of market in the first year and then increases of 30 percent of the remainder, each year, in both the second and third year.

Under the new agreements, a small portion of the members of the Mendocino County Management Association had a provision in the agreement that would bring them to within 95 percent of market over three years.

According to Interim Director of Human Resources Cherie Johnson: "If staff are 5 percent out of market, and in budget unit 0327, 5010 or 5020, and if their positions are not in other budget units, they will be brought to within 95 percent of market."

According to Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde, the county will spend about \$5 million in the first year, and \$6 million in each of the two subsequent years, to make good on the increases provided for by the new agreements. That totals up to \$17 million, and will be an ongoing commitment into the future.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams expressed concern about the magnitude of the commitment that the county will undertake over the next three years to pay for these salary increases.

"I support it, but we do have a looming concern about our finances," Williams said.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen expressed confidence that the county will be able to afford the wage hikes.

"Yes, there is a concern about the fiscal impact to the budget," McCowen said. "However, we have identified we do have the funding for this fiscal year. I am confident we will have the funding for the subsequent two fiscal years. If there's any question, it's our job to make that happen."

"I would also say," McCowen continued, "there's a budget impact to not bringing our employees closer to market rates. We've seen the constant turnover. It's been obvious for several years that we have struggled to attract and retain qualified employees. We have a lot of very qualified young employees, many from our local communities here, and we'd like to keep them here," McCowen said.

Several county employees came to the podium to thank the supervisors for signing the agreements. One was Zohar Zaid, a member of the Deputy Sheriffs Association and a member of the bargaining team for the DSA.

"We felt negotiations on the county side were very fair, and very transparent with us, in this process," Zaid said. "Last Wednesday, 139 DSA members voted on this contract, which could be a record for us. And maybe there were six that didn't vote. It was a unanimous vote. We really appreciate your efforts to bring stability to the work force. We think it's gonna pay dividends down the road," Zaid said.

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Above, left: Willits Otters swimmers Sophie Chavez, Farrow Lockwood, Mia Chavez, Nikolai Ritchley and Fisher Kuhn hang out together at the Sebastopol swim meet in early October. Above, right: Kali Kristensen, Judah Kristensen, Fisher Kuhn and Nikolai Ritchley give a group hug for the camera at the Pumpkin Plunge in Sebastopol. Below, left: Willits Otter Farrow Lockwood in blue and yellow and another swimmer dive into the water. Below, right: Fisher Kuhn backstrokes across the pool.

## Willits Otters take the Pumpkin Plunge in Sebastopol

Submitted by Arora Chavez for the Otters

The Willits Otters Swim Team opened their fall and winter season during the Sebastopol swim meet on October 5 and 6. The Otters improved their times in almost every event that they participated in.

Kali Kristiansen took an astounding 14.20 seconds off her 100 breast; Fisher Kuhn, not wanting to go unheard, took 14.07 seconds off his 100 free; and Nikolai Ritchley improved his 50 fly time by 11.86 seconds.

Otter top swimmers were Aedan Lockwood-Chenelle, who earned a "B" time in the 50 free; Farrow Lockwood-Chenelle, who received a "B" time in the 100 breast and a

"BB" time in the 50 free; Mia Chavez, who won a "B" in the 50 breast; and Sophie Chavez, who led the team with an "A" time in the 50 free.

The Otters Swim season began September 3 and will continue until January 23. There are 41 swimmers participating in the fall and winter season.

We will continue welcoming new members to our Otter family. The team meets Monday through Thursday at 5 to 6:30 pm at the Willits High School swimming pool. Check out our Facebook page or [www.willits-otters.org](http://www.willits-otters.org) for more information.

Go Otters!



Photo by Antelope Kristensen



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## Soccer | Nayeli Rodriguez, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: "Since I was six."

Breakfast of Champions: Bagel and coffee or yerba mate

Love of the Sport: "Being on the field with my team and having fun."

Other Sports Played: A year of tennis

As team captain and defensive stopper, Nayeli has helped lead the lady Wolverines through two wins and a tie against Lower Lake, Fort Bragg and Kelseyville respectively. Her positive, no-nonsense attitude creates a foundation for winning that is infectious.



– Submitted by Coach Scott Herman

Photos by Joanne Moore

## Soccer | Angel Gandarilla, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: "Since eighth grade."

Breakfast of Champions: Eggs and sausages

Love of the Sport: "Mostly the teammates and our bond."

Other Sports Played: None



Senior team captain Angel has the heart of a lion and the tenacity of a wolverine. As a starting center midfielder, he has the most distance to cover throughout the game. He is an incredibly talented ball handler who successfully navigates offense and defense. Angel leads by example, and his teammates rise to his expectations both on and off the field.

– Submitted by Coaches Martin Rodriguez and Daniel Haley

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