School board candidates have congenial forum

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The audience sparse, the atmosphere congenial, at Willits High School on October 18, as seven candidates vying to fill four open seats on the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees to answer gathered questions at a forum sponsored by the Willits Teachers Association, California Schools Employees Association, Blosser and Brookside elementary schools PTO, and the Willits branch of the American Association of University Women.

There are four open seats on the five-member board. Three incumbents are seeking re-election: Colvig (short-term seat), Christopher Neary, and Robert Chavez. Four newcomers also are vying for seats: Dany Laurent (short-term seat), Jeanne King, Dianne McNeal, and Paula Nunez.

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Kemper briefs supes on county's mental health options

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Lee Kemper, president and CEO of Kemper Consulting Group, reviewed his firm's August 2018 needs assessment and answered questions about the report during Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting.

Kemper covered the report's most important recommendations: the level of psychiatric hospitalizations Mendocino County residents was too high considering the level of population; that the county needed to get those numbers down; that creating and funding supportive and supplementary mental health services would accomplish that, but inpatient hospitalization services would still be necessary.

Kemper said the county "twin and equal priorities": funding the joint crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment facility proposed by Redwood Community Services and building or assisting creation of an inpatient psychiatric facility.

He clarified the county's

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J.D. REDHOUSE & CO



Below: Tons of items are available in the plethora of departments found throughout J.D. Redhouse, including, from left: The Sweet Shop and gift departments; arts and crafts and toys in the kid's department; and farm, work and contemporary options for men, women and children in the clothing departments.







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Local family-owned mercantile, J.D. Redhouse, celebrates 11-year anniversary this November

> Like many things last fall which became derailed by the fires, the story Willits Weekly had planned for J.D. Redhouse's official 10th anniversary was also lost in the smoke. However, this year, Willits is welcome to celebrate the mercantile's 10 + 1 year anniversary and stop by to say "hi" to the hard-working crew, do a little shopping, and connect with a business that is deeply connected to this community.

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Darlene Bixler opened J.D. Redhouse on November 5, 2007 after a nine-month project to ret-

rofit and redesign the old County Mall which had fallen into a state of dilapidation. Both her daughter, Ashtan, then 20, and son Dylan,

family's animals and livestock and when the opportunity arose to find a way to reduce trips over the grade and create a needed business in Willits, they jumped at the "We really found that we were traveling to Ukiah all the

time to get feed and supplies which we really thought we could be getting here in Willits, yet there was nowhere we could," explained Bixler. "We really started it all for the kids, and it's turned into a really wonderful business."

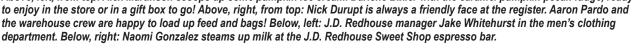
Along with the farm essentials, ranging from grain and hay to chicken brooders and bee suits and everything in between, J.D. Redhouse has continued to expand and

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Above, left, from top: Alex Martinson scoops up some pumpkin ice cream. Darlene Bixler with the caramel pumpkin pecan fudge, ready







Measure J: Fire chief explains need for new firehouse

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With so many coming out to publicly support Measure J on the November ballot, area residents have likely heard by now at least some of the reasons why a new Little Lake Fire Department firehouse would be beneficial for the safety of the community.

The simple fact is if Measure J fails to pass on November 6, plans are in place to close the current firehouse on Commercial Street with nothing to replace it. So, for the first time in decades there would be no fire station open on the north end of Willits near downtown.

Instead, all Little Lake fire personnel - four paid employees and around 40 volunteers - would be housed at the Baechtel Road substation on the south end of town.

Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes believes such a move would have a major impact on emergency response availability in the

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Planning Commission approves cannabis overlay zones

Mike A'Dair Reporter , mike@willitsweekly.com

Six proposed cannabis overlay zones won unanimous approval at the Mendocino County Planning Commission's October 18 meeting.

The commission said it liked consultant Michael Baker International's decision to create cannabis accommodation zones (formerly called "opt-in" zones) for four neighborhoods in Mendocino County: the core area of Covelo, the Fairbanks Road neighborhood of Covelo, a district in Laytonville and another neighborhood in South Leggett.

Commissioners also said they liked Baker's decision to recommend approval for two cannabis prohibition districts ("opt-out" zones): for the Deerwood neighborhood in the hills east of Ukiah, and for the Woody Glen community on Boonville Road southwest of Ukiah.

The commission agreed with Baker's decision not to recommend approval of a cannabis accommodation district for two neighborhoods in the coastal community of Mitchell Creek near Fort Bragg because of strong community opposition to the establishment of

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Adopt-A-Family holiday program

To the Editor:

Each year for more than a quarter of a century our community has come together to help Willits children by giving essential items (rain wear, winter coats, shoes, sleepwear, blankets, etc.) and other appropriate holiday gifts.

Persons who wish to assist a single child can select a card from display trees located at various locations around town that will be placed in participating merchants' stores on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

These cards present the age, gender, need and wishes of one child. (Don't hesitate to take a card if you are only able to meet a few of the child's needs. We will make sure that the other items are addressed.)

Selection of a single child works for most program supporters, but others have voiced an interest in adopting an entire family. If you or your group wish to adopt a family, you are asked to follow a different path.

My name is Laura Sleeper, and I am coordinating the Willits Kids Christmas Program for the Willits Rotary Club. I ask that you contact me so that I may assist you in choosing a suitable family. My email is LauraSleeper@willitsunified.com, and my phone contact is 707-354-1991. Leave a message if I am unable to speak to you, and I will return your call promptly.

In order to be efficient, we need to satisfy requests to Adopt-A-Family before our usual referral process begins in late November. Please call (the earlier the better) if you want to discuss adopting a

Thanks to each of you who have made the Willits Kids Christmas Program a success for over 29 years. Local residents have responded with great compassion. Again this year the program presents an opportunity to demonstrate that you and your neighbors are part of a bighearted, generous and caring community.

Laura Sleeper, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

As a member of the school board I have had the opportunity to observe and have interaction with John Haschak as president of the Willits Teachers Association. Although he steadfastly advanced the interests of the WTA which generally, but not always, overlap with those of the school board, he has represented the teachers well and with vigor

I have learned that John Haschak has been a high-ranking elected official with the California Teachers Association. as chairperson of its budget committee where he had to negotiate with CTA staff on the issue of employee benefits, gaining the

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perspective of the other side.

John is well-regarded throughout the school system and has exhibited the leadership skills, under fire, which will well serve him as our supervisor for the Third District. Please join me in voting for John I urge you to vote for John Haschak,

Christopher J. Neary, Willits

Pinches for supervisor

John Pinches is the best and most qualified candidate for Third District supervisor for the following reasons:

understands the problems that face a rural county such as Mendocino.

He was born and raised here and

- been on the board of supervisors before. · As a previous supervisor, he was fully committed to the job.
- He understands the relationship between the county and the State of California.
- He is fiscally responsible; he helped the county get out of debt twice.
- · He also is an independent businessman, and knows how to meet a payroll.

· Johnny has limited his contributions to \$49 per individual and/or business.

• He has the most logical position regarding For the above listed reasons, John Pinches

is the most qualified candidate and

deserves your vote on November 6. John and Charline Ford, John Ford

Ranch. Willits

Haschak for supervisor

We the undersigned support John Haschak for Third District supervisor because he will help create new solutions to the many problems of the county. John Pinches represents the past but we need someone To the Editor: who lead us into the future.

Many times Haschak called us to ask how we were and if we needed help. He listens to all people and crafts solutions to problems that simplify and clarify the issues. He carefully works for everyone not just some special interests.

Haschak will work for affordable housing, emergency preparedness, mental health, simplified cannabis rules, a second route for Brooktrails, transparency and citizen involvement in county government, increased educational opportunities, fixing our roads, providing broadband for everyone, better job opportunities, and protecting our natural resources. John Haschak knows that Mendocino County has a rich cultural diversity and will work to be inclusive and fair.

> Dina Hutton, Willits; Jack Baumann, Willits; Davami G Puccio. Willits; Mickey Fernandez, Brooktrails; Maricela Nieto, Willits; Laura Lopez, Brooktrails; Chelly Villegas, Willits; Serafin Brito and Reina Brito, Willits, and Gerardo Nieto, Bianca Nieto,

Karina Nieto, and Aldo

Nieto, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

vote for supervisor. I am very impressed by his presence at community events and activities and his unrelenting desire to know more about the concerns of the residents of his district. He has attended meetings of the Sherwood Firewise community and has supported the need for emergency exits, a second access, and vegetation management. He attends and participates in the county supervisors' board

John Haschak has my

I have found him to take to heart how he can improve the quality of life

of his constituents. His visits to Covelo and Laytonville show a strong desire to understand the differences and unique challenges in each community. I see him as a supervisor of action and perseverance.

a man who sincerely seems to care about the people in our district and the challenges we face in housing, emergency preparedness, water rights, health care, and local economics. He is a man that gives thoughtful consideration to solutions.

Doreen Blumenfeld, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

If you were lucky enough to attend "Not Just Cowboy Poetry" on the first day of • He knows how the county works, having autumn, featuring Kristyn Harris, you know what a delightful day it was basking in the beauty of Emandal. The delicious pies, the music and the ambiance were superb!

> The board of the Friends of the Willits Library (FOWL) so appreciates Tam Adams for her generous commitment these many years to FOWL and other groups by hosting this benefit. This year FOWL raised over \$3,000. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Tam and all her helpers. We would also like to thank the many FOWL volunteers and those who attended the event.

Clearly, our community supports the mission to support our local library. Public libraries are available to all and provide education, enrichment and more! Check out this wonderful resource in person or online at www.mendolibrary.org. FOWL is a local effort and welcomes your involvement

Hope to see you at future books sales, library programs and of course, "Not Just Cowboy Poetry" next time!

Members of the FOWL (Friends of the Willits Library) board of directors

Pinches for supervisor

We are in support of John Pinches for supervisor of the Third District.

We're from a family that dates back to the early 1900s in the Willits area. Our family has been involved in many types of businesses - this is the reason we wholeheartedly support John Pinches. Not only is he from a family that their history dates further back than ours, we know that Pinches' background is based on ranching, real estate, general business and common sense. These attributes are the balance needed to make critical decisions for our

Our district has a myriad of issues that requires applying not only good business sense but good common sense as well. Of these issues are the cannabis rules, agriculture rules, road improvements and major water matters. One being the impending Van Arsdale Dam sale, this is not only vital to Potter Valley, Talmage, Redwood Valley, Lake Mendocino and the Russian River. The dam provides the ability to produce electricity in an environmental sensitivity area.

John Pinches has had past years of experiences on the board of supervisors and has a great sense of balance with fiscal issues. He brings a solid background of good business and hard work. He has shown the ability to work with adversities to achieve a common-sense solution to difficult problems.

Our next four years need good judgement on many potentially critical decisions. These decisions have the potential to alter our future for years to come. That's why we put our faith, confidence and our vote for John Pinches. Please do your part in our county's future and vote.

Lee and Evelyn Persico and Chuck and Jill Persico, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

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In the race for Mendocino County Third District supervisor between rancher John Pinches, and teacher John Haschak, Pinches has accused Haschak of being bought-off by contributions from labor unions. While Haschak has responded to this charge directly by saying he is proud to represent working people in Mendocino County who have never had representation on the board before, I would like to expand on this matter of campaign contributions and representation.

First, all the money Haschak has received

from unions has come from individual members who made a personal choice to contribute, so in fact, these contributions are coming from regular working folks, not from some big commercial special interest that does business in the county.

Pinches criticizes Haschak for raising enough money to run a competitive campaign in this way, comparing it unfavorably to his own small donation. low-budget campaign. This comparison is disingenuous. As a first-time candidate with little name recognition beyond Willits, Haschak had to start from scratch, whereas Pinches, as a three-time former supervisor, was already well-known around the district, and he already had campaign signs left over from previous runs. Real campaigns are expensive, and on a teacher's salary, Haschak could not have afforded to run without significant support from working

Pinches claims that since he doesn't need much money to run, he is not beholden to anyone and therefore he can represent all the residents of the Third District; at the same time, he openly invites business people to step to the front of the line at his office. That includes himself, when as a supervisor, he voted for a contract to pay the U.S. Department of Agriculture \$140,000 per year to provide a trapper in the county to kill wild covotes, bobcats and mountain lions to protect the livestock of ranchers like him. Commercial interests don't have to contribute to Pinches' campaign to get special treatment, that's just what he does. If, like me, you're tired of good ol' boy politics

up here in the Third District, then you'll be

voting for John Haschak for supervisor.

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

Senior Center needs volunteers

To the Editor:

The Willits Senior Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We receive this classification from the IRS because we normally receive a substantial part of our income, directly or indirectly, from the general public or from the government. This income is used to provide nutritional. counseling, social health, transportation, and in-home care programs.

Volunteers are just as important to our organization as securing income for these vital programs and services. Without volunteers we could not keep our doors open. Last year volunteers donated 16,928 hours of their time – at \$10.50 an hour that amounts to \$177,744 of in-kind support.

We are currently looking for reliable volunteers to help out in our dining room. We also need a Meals on Wheels driver for Wednesdays (must have a current DMV printout, within last 30 days). We always need volunteers in our thrift store. These volunteer positions only require a few hours of your time. If you're interested in making a difference in the lives of others, please call Deb Holcomb at 459-6826.

> Richard Baker, director, Willits Seniors Inc.

Haschak for supervisor

supervisor. He understands the needs of this community and the best path forward. I have served over 30 years as an elected representative on the Brooktrails Township board of directors. During this time I was present for most key meetings on the proposed second access road project. The following describes a case in which Haschak's opponent John Pinches failed to serve the interests of the Sherwood Road

I endorse John Haschak for Third District

Over the last several decades, Brooktrails directors helped to create many required planning documents, including a Brooktrails Specific Plan at great cost, to facilitate a second access roadway. The Sherwood corridor today supports the fourth largest community in Mendocino County. The new Willits bypass averages 5,000 to 7,000 trips per day, while the Sherwood Road corridor generates about 10,000 trips a day.

There is no dirt road alternative that can provide a rapid evacuation for the size of this community - that is a fact, not an

Branscomb's recent letter supporting candidate Pinches shows she was sadly misinformed by him about how a Sherwood boulevard district could operate,

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'Satisfied Apple'

Sheriff Tom Allman gives Willits Rotarians a tour of his hard cider house

"Right now I can't barter, sell or trade it. But I can gift it, so I imagine I'll have lots of friends around Christmas," joked Mendocino Sheriff Tom Allman.

Allman has a plan for his retirement, whenever that might be. He has the trees, the fermentation tanks, the press, and almost all the knowledge he needs to create the product he would love to sell. He even has the name and the label Mathew Caine ready. "Satisfied Apple" hard apple cider will be on the shelves or in

the taps sometime in the not-too-distant future, when the forces of nature and licensing come together. Unfortunately, the Alcohol Beverage Control will not allow a "peace officer" to procure a

license to sell any or produce over 200 gallons a year of the heady, sweet product. The law is a throwback to the days of Prohibition when the police were expected to be in collusion with the forces of evil. Allman has 80 apple trees just coming into their maturity, so he only obtained about 1,000 pounds of apples this year, but he expects the yield to be much higher in the coming

seasons. His apple pulp was bought from Gowan's this year, a company that has been

mentoring him in the many aspects of the brewing art. Allman has been experimenting

with natural and added yeast in order to find the perfect balance. "The process is so simple," Sheriff Allman said. "The process the Romans used is probably the same process that I use, except that we have much better controllable yeast and an easier press and better selection of apples. Hard cider is part of our country's foundation. During the Revolutionary War the water was full of bacteria. George Washington and his troops travelled with more hard cider than water. Johnny Appleseed was not growing apples for pies. Apple cider was a very important commercial product.

Our valley had cider houses in the old days. Allman invited the Rotary Club of Willits out to his farm in the Little Lake Valley to demonstrate the process of making cider. He also offered them a taste of the fresh juice as it was being squeezed on his converted metal press, and tastes of some of the almost completely fermented hard cider prior to carbonation.

Allman also treated the Rotarians to a taste of apple and pear vinegars. Lunch of appetizers and savory soups (creamy potato broccoli, Tuscan tortellini, and chicken noodle) was provided by Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli.

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Above: Allman pours apples into the mulcher. Above, right: Tara Moratti fills a cup with fresh-pressed apple juice during a Willits Rotary Club lunch at Sheriff Allman's farm





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psychiatric health

facility, or it could build and have someone else operate a psychiatric health facility. Kemper considers those possibilities as two potential ways of addressing the first option.

The county could also contract with one or both of the county's Adventist Health hospitals (in Ukiah and Willits) and have Adventist add dedicated mental health beds to those facilities.

Kemper recommended supervisors direct county CEO Carmel Angelo to send out requests for proposals for both the PHF unit and the hospital-run psych beds.

He also strongly recommended supervisors consider allocating money to the joint crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment center proposed by Redwood Community Services.

In his report, Kemper placed funding the CSU/ CRT center as his first priority in terms of time, recommending the county allocate \$4.75 million to construct that facility in 2019.

"This is an alternative to in-patient psychiatric care." Kemper said. "It would centralize psychiatric assessments. Law enforcement could bring patients to one central location. You wouldn't have to rely on the hospitals to provide space, or security, or patient oversite. It would free up space in the emergency rooms of the various hospitals in your county.

"By having the crisis stabilization unit next to the crisis residential treatment facility," he noted, "you have the opportunity to move people right from the CSU to the CRT. You're making treatment much more immediate and making it possible for people to move into that care setting as quickly as possible.

"If you were to only have a crisis stabilization unit with the crisis residential treatment center, I think you would see an impact on the level of placement in out-of-county in-patient psychiatric facilities," Kemper added. "I think that number would come down. It would reduce the number of out-of-county placements. It would come in at roughly half the cost of putting somebody into placement out-of-county, so it would free up resources for other services.'

"If the county were to follow Kemper's advice and pursue both the supportive mental health services path, and the PHF unit path, would the wrap-around services eliminate the need for the psychiatric health facility?" asked Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey. "Are we going to get to a point where we build our psychiatric health facility and we build our wraparound services, and then we no longer need it?"

Kemper felt there was little chance of that happening. "Some of the data we gave you in our report gives you, I think, a pretty clear picture that there is a dearth of capacity for psychiatric care in California, and in Northern California in particular," he said. "So, there is a ready supply of people needing this kind of care."

Second District Supervisor John McCowen wondered why Kemper and his firm appeared to favor building the crisis residential treatment facility more than the psychiatric rehabilitation facility, which was – to put it in terms of 45 rpm records – sort of the B side of the psychiatric health facility proposed for the old Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits.

Kemper said he leaned toward the Redwood Community Services proposal because of the work that had already been done. The Redwood Community Services proposal was reviewed by the Mendocino County Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services in 2015. However, at that time former BHRS Director Tom Pinnizatto did not support the project and refused to apply for a grant to fund it.

However, after Pinnizatto was fired, newly hired Behavioral Health Director Jenine Miller recommended applying for a Senate Bill 82 grant on behalf of the proposal. The county asked for \$2.1 million; it was award \$500,000. It used the money to buy the property at 631 South Orchard Street in Ukiah

In 2017, RCS applied for a Community Development Block Grant to construct the project. That proposal included plans for a crisis access center, a crisis stabilization unit, and a crisis residential treatment center. That grant was not awarded.

In August 2018, Kemper Consulting Group estimated the cost of building the facility at \$4.66

"We concluded that you've got work underway, you've got community support for this, you've made an investment, you've got plans, you've got costs," Kemper said. "If the Community Development Block Grant had come through, I think you'd be pretty close to having a building.

"We're pretty pragmatic people and saw that as a pragmatic strategy," he said.

The Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee, which was set up to advise supervisors on spending Measure B funds, was set to meet on October 24, with an agenda item that included possible action on a presentation by RCS on "facts and figures for the Ukiah Orchard Avenue project," but that meeting was cancelled.

Candidates

Questions for the candidates were by and large hypothetical, reflecting situations that may or may not come up for individual board members or the entire board, and their answers reflected a considerable degree of agreement with respect to those situations.

This may reflect the absence of any current burning controversies at the district – a supposition supported by statements made by some candidates during the evening about the district's students. He wanted to "get choice to our current operations

Neary described the current district administration as "the best line-up ... for many years," noting the "upward swing [of its] present trajectory.'

Colvig said the district had "made good changes [and he wanted] to continue to assist that improvement.

"Currently, Willits Unified School District is doing very well," King said, adding she wanted to "be on this board of education because this board and superintendent have turned things around, and I want to be a part of that."

Candidates shared information about themselves, as well as their thoughts and positions on school board matters.

Laurent – a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who has been in the community for 33 years - consistently identified doing what was best for children as most important to her.

King – a retired Willits Unified special education teacher (1981-2005) who has been in Willits since 1980 - was the first in her family to go to college and has earned both bachelor's and master's degrees. She volunteers in her grandson's classes and is an active board member of the Willits Rotary Club.

King said her "only agenda" was that she "cares deeply about children."

Nunez, an employee in the district for over 40 years, has been attending district school board meetings for more than 30 of those years. She said she understands "every position in the district except superintendent and bus driver."

Colvig graduated from Willits High School in 1966. Now retired, he was employed by the district in many capacities – from teacher to principal to

Colvig said he has "a passion for education" and just wants to see kids "happy, healthy, and safe, who want to come to school.

Chavez grew up in an impoverished neighborhood in Fresno but said he didn't know he was "very poor." He credits the public education system with changing his life and allowing him to "rise out of

He said the "tough decisions" he had to make during his long career as a principal and superintendent in other districts weren't all that difficult. "Ask what's best for children, and that makes it easy."

Neary, a local attorney and rancher, graduated from Willits High School in 1966. He was on the school board from 1980 to 1992 and returned to his present seat in 2013. He sees public schools as a "great equalizer in society."

McNeal began teaching third and fourth grade in the district in 1978; she retired two years ago. She's been a Willits Otters swim team coach and has sat on their board.

Asked about the primary duties of board members, Colvig, Neary, King and Chavez agreed the primary duty was to set policy and hire a superintendent, with Chavez adding that the board also functions as "somewhat of a watchdog."

"We are not administrators and need to stay out of day-to-day affairs," said

Laurent and Nunez noted representing the community was important. McNeal said she didn't know but would "find out," and emphasized education and "making sure our kids are progressing." Laurent thought the "board [is] responsible to push our children to reach their highest potential possible."

Most candidates felt the key issue

currently facing the district was the need to fix school facilities. Neary and Colvig placed this as No. 1, joined by King, who added that the need to improve academic success and scores was also high on her

Having experienced working in larger districts, Chavez pointed to the small size of the district as an issue, because it limited the choices in courses and activities that could be offered to children to make them competitive."

Laurent urged more focus be given to helping students whose education was being impacted because their families

McNeal emphasized the board's responsibility to ensure all students receive solid basic reading and math foundations.

For Nunez, attracting and retaining teachers and making sure people hired to teach had proper credentials was paramount.

A budget question asking for

candidates' views on the sufficiency (or

not) of a state-mandated reserve of 3 percent of the general fund for economic uncertainties elicited general agreement that 3 percent was sufficient. Laurent said she would need to do

further research, while Colvig advocated

looking at the issue in the context of cash

Chavez, however, said he'd like to see 30 percent in a "perfect world," having seen cuts happen when he was in the Central Valley, including the state having to intervene in a couple of districts.

When asked how they would respond to an upset parent, the general consensus was to listen and make it right.

Nunez stressed the need for consistent responses for all students. McNeal pointed out there was a protocol for dealing with complaints, to which Neary agreed. "First thing," he said. "Don't start with a board member." The progression, he said, went from teacher to site administrator to superintendent, then to

Candidates were asked what they'd do with a million-dollar windfall. Neary admitted to dreaming of this and said he would spend it on facilities. The other candidates agreed that facilities would get some of the money but added compensation to teachers and other staff as well, after meeting with the

A questions about whether candidates would support a bond on the ballot to raise money to fix facilities prompted the most diversity of response.

Nunez said no, we "need to study other approaches first.

Chavez said a bond would be necessary "if we want to fix facilities," noting he had been at five different districts and observed many bond issues. He pointed out that, although "mismanagement and a changed economy" could cause negative results, he had "seen bond measures do amazing things," including attracting considerable matching funds.

McNeal said she needed more information but had heard people wouldn't vote for a bond measure, and suggested there were things that could help financially on the state level, which should be looked into.

Neary noted the 2010 bond offer was "doomed to failure because of a precipitous drop in assessed valuation" of property and expressed caution.

Colvig emphasized the need to fix facilities and that a bond measure had to be considered because there "was not enough in the general fund" to pay for necessary improvements.

King emphasized a bond offering was a matter "not [gone] into lightly" while acknowledging the budget was inadequate to fix the facilities needing

Candidates were also asked what they'd do if \$300,000 had to be cut from the next year's budget.

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online transaction!

Laurent's call to keep the impact of the cut "as far away from the classroom as possible" was the general consensus. Nunez added looking at cutting "the most expensive people in the district," and King thought, "maybe not buy new

Making a list and consulting with stakeholders in deciding what to cut was recommended by Colvig and Chavez, who added that they had been through it.

Neary pointed out the district "doesn't really have much discretion in spending. Eighty percent of it is salaries," he said.

When asked how they would make themselves available for interaction with the community and stakeholders, all the candidates agreed it was important and that they would be readily available, be it by email (incumbents' email addresses are at willitsunified.com), telephone, the checkout line in Safeway, etc.

Beyond generally agreeing they were available and open to contact, Nunez added she was "a firm believer that board members have to go to all school sites.' King agreed, saying board members "need to be seen in school."

Colvig said he "tries to go to as many [school] functions as possible," and Laurent thought it important that board members "walk a day in the shoes of employees. It's important to know the jobs they do," she said.

Responses were generally in accord when questioned about support for a mobile phone ban on campus based on research showing such bans improved academic performance. Neary supported a case-by-case approach. Methods that would make cell phones allowed on campus but not available while in the classroom were supported by King, Nunez, Chavez, McNeal, and Colvig. Laurent said she didn't know how a ban would work, and she didn't have a phone.

When asked about support for implementing robotics and coding to the curriculum, there were varied responses. Neary said he wasn't "sure what that means," but he supported integrating new curriculum, which, he added, didn't start with the board. Nunez wasn't sure it belonged here, but "we could think about it a little bit."

Chavez was the most gung ho. "If we had a staff member who could do that, I'd say 'heck, yeah.'" adding there had been a robotics competition in a district he had worked in, and it was "amazing."

McNeal acknowledged robotics was "amazing," adding that girls needed to get involved and said it "sounds like an after-school program." King said the idea could be looked at if there was "money

Laurent agreed with Chavez, adding if students want it she "would definitely have to look at it."

A question about high-stakes testing and its impact on students and teachers elicited a variety of responses.

McNeal noted there was a technical part to testing at the elementary level that needed to be addressed, since students used computers to take the tests

Neary found testing helpful to show general trends. King thought scoring high on tests shouldn't be a "be-all, end-all, It's important, she said, to see the child as "a whole human being - head, heart and hands.'

Nunez saw testing as most valuable to show year-to-year growth.

Chavez said he'd seen the "full pendulum" of standardized testing, which is here "whether we like it or not. I've seen some teachers rise, and I've seen it stifle some creative teachers," he said.

There may not have been many people at the forum, and there may not have been a lot of disagreement expressed among the candidates, but the position of school board trustee is of consequence to community members in many respects.

Those who missed the school board candidates' forum can watch the video, posted on YouTube at this link: www. youtube.com/watch?v=-LH_w9kdEOk

At the Farmers Market?

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Wild

Willits Fest

Visit Willits Tourism Board is off to a

great start with new, fun, healthy event

It was a perfect day for a run, cool but not too cold

for a fall day. The approximately 170 participants (130

registered and 40 free runners age 10 and under) came

from all over Mendocino County, Santa Rosa, Lake

County, Sacramento, and the Bay Area to enjoy the beauty

of the Little Lake Valley as they ran and walked and jogged

and a half-marathon (13.2 miles). For several of the

participants, this was their first or second run. Some were

apprehensive at the start, but all were glad to be in the

town for the inaugural Wild Willits Fest, the first project of

Friends and co-workers ran together. Others made new

friends prior to and during the races. All were happy to

cross the finish line and to congratulate themselves and

others on a race well done. Some wanted to win, planned

to win, practiced and worked out in preparation. Some were

athletes, on cross-country teams or members of soccer

teams such as the Under 14 League "Red Hots," who have

won one game this year, but were just as determined and

motivated as the veteran runners. Most of the runners

came to challenge themselves and enjoy the comradery of

But the races were just the beginning. They were only

the first event of the day of food, art and music that was

the Wild Willits Fest, as imagined and spearheaded by

Hayley Schmidtke, a director of the Visit Willits Board of

Directors, local business owner of U.S. Cellular, and long-

time runner. Along with her husband, Evan (who acted

Over on Page 9

those sharing a common activity on a beautiful day.

the newly formed Visit Willits Tourism Board.

courses.

Mathew Caine

over the roads on three separate

There was the most popular 5K

(3.1 miles) run, the 10K (6.2 miles)





Above, from left: Sarah Touchstone of Roots Restaurant offers a taste of the smoked salmon with apple and fennel. City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra hands out water to a runner. Byron and Meghan Leisek keep warm next to their Thirst and Rescue coffee truck. Below: The runners







At far left: Brieana Evans, women's half marathon winner, and Teophil Labus, men's half marathon winner congratulate each other. At left: Hayley and Evan Schmidtke prepare to sign in the racers. Below: Dennis Chrisp and the Eclectic

soundtrack to Wild Willits Fest.

Coyotes provide the

hotos by Mathew Caine



1:09:44 3. Phil Seehawer, Willits, 1:09:45 Half-Marathon - Female 1. Brieana Evans, Willits, 1:51:00

2. Becky Parsons, Ukiah,

Wild Willits

Race Results

Total registered

runners: 130

Estimated free 10 and

under runners: 40

1. Amanda Koch, 24:30

2. Georgeanne Croskey,

3. Elizabeth Roripaugh,

Laytonville, 26:23

1. Bryan Christensen,

3. Geronimo Guerva,

1. Amber Sublet, Ukiah,

2. Elizabeth Russell,

Lakeport, 55:10

3. Terry Bondreau, 56:06

1. Jordan Blough, Willits.

2. Jose Garcia, Ukiah,

Ukiah, 24:32

10K - Female

46:56

10K - Male

1:00:08

Redwood Valley, 23:10

Willits, 21:19

2. Philip Henebury,

5K - Female

26:00

5K - Male

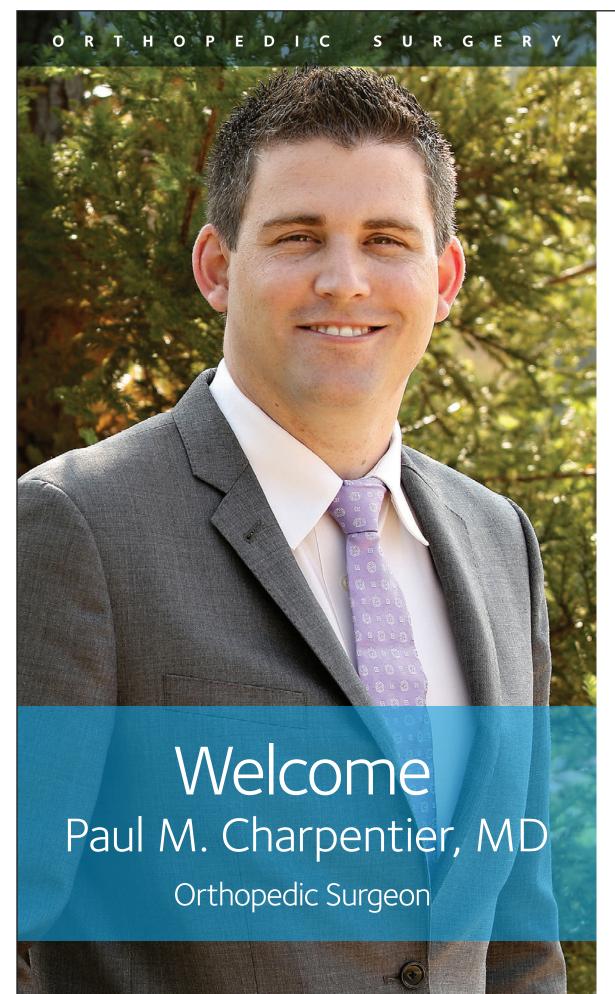
Half-Marathon - Male 1. Teophil Labus, Willits,

3. Blythe Nelson, 2:32:14

1:30:16 2. Michael Hollrigel, Willits, 1:33:17 3. Shane Topolinski,

Willits, 1:33:52

Results provided by Wild Willits Fest



We are pleased to welcome to Dr. Paul M. Charpentier to the Orthopedic Joint Center team. Dr. Charpentier will be working with Drs. William Bowen and Jeremiah Dawson doing what he loves most - helping patients get back to moving without pain.

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Dr. Charpentier earned his medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University, completed a residency at Michigan State University, followed by a Fellowship at Virginia Commonwealth University, specializing in joint replacements.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Charpentier and his wife and three children to our community.

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Thursday, October 25

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, October 25, 3 to 6 pm. Willits Farmers Market will move indoors to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, as of November 1. The last of the summer veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Friday, October 26

Sherwood School Fall Festival: Friday, October 26. Carnival games and dinner from 4 to 6 pm; the kids will perform at 6 pm. 32600 Sherwood Road. 707-984-6769.

Willits Charter School's

Infested

Laboratory

Willits Charter School

1431 S. Main St.

Oct. 26th, 27th, & 28th

6:00-8:00 pm

\$5 General \$3 for Children

If your child is easily scared, they can stay in the Kids

7 and under*

Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Open 6 to 8 pm on October 26, 27 and 28. This year the theme is "Infested Laboratory" where you will see how a harmless science experiment went horribly wrong! With a kids' room full of fun activities, in case your child is easily scared. Tickets: \$5, \$3 under 7 years, available at the door. Proceeds for future WCS events. 1431 South Main Street. Info: 459-5506.

Behind the Mic: Youth Poetry Night. This poetry and music event will be at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Friday, October 26, 7 pm. This is a free event for all ages.

Shanachie Pub: The Apollo Era: "Three-piece band from Arcata, who play dance music you can rock to." Friday, October 26, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 27

Willits Color Run: "Join us for this year's fun Color Run!" Registration starts at 9:30 am. Brookside and Blosser schools will be selling food and goodies. If you pre-register and pay \$30 for the event you get a free T-shirt, sunglasses and dye pack. The color

is thrown while walking and comes out easily. The money collected goes to the schools to help pay for assemblies, free book giveaways, and teacher supplies. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Saturday, October 27, 11 am.

Model Ships in Motion Regatta: Sat. Oct. 27, 2018 The American Legion Post 174 presents a regatta of radio-controlled model boats from the Redwood Time to Weigh Anchor! Empire Model Shipwrights Club of beautiful model beautiful mod Rohnert Park. Saturday, October 27, 10 am to 2 pm. "Come and see the extraordinary detail in style and function of these beautiful model ships plying the waters of the Willits

City Pool." Just north of Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Info:

What's Happening Around Town Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest: Calling all dogs, cats and their humans. Free family and petfriendly event. Costume contest, with a treat bag for your pet and some light refreshments. Saturday, October 27, 11 am to 2 pm. Awards for Best Look Alike Owner and Pet, Funniest, Scariest and Most Creative costumes. There will be pets available for

adoption at the event, and vaccinations will be on

St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta: St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 61 West San Francisco

site. Mendo Mill, 305 East Commercial Street.

Avenue, will hold its Fall Fiesta on Saturday, October 27, 11 am to 5 pm (food served 12 to 4 pm). Presale tickets; adults \$12, children \$6. available at El Mexicano. Loose Caboose and Adri's Salon.

A chicken or beef fajita barbecue, Mexican spices

and served with rice, beans, tortillas and a dessert. Hot dogs for the kids. Mariachi band, bounce house, raffles and games of Main Street). for the children

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Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Saturday, October 27, 6 to 8 pm. See October 26 listing for

Hot Buttered Rum Halloween Bash: The 4th Annual Hot Buttered Rum Halloween Bash, a benefit for the School of Adaptive Agriculture, Willits' own farm school, will kick off with The Real Sarahs. Silent auction. Food by Zocolo Collective (Roast Pork in

Tomatillo Sauce with Black Beans, Sweet Corn Cakes, & Local Mixed Green Salad with Avocado Vinaigrette and more). Costume contest. Cash bar. Dessert by She Wolf Coffee. Kids room. \$25 advance, \$30 door. Tickets available at J.D. Redhouse, the Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op and

online (Eventbright & http://www.schoolof-adaptive-agriculture.org/product/hbr18/. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Saturday, October 27, 6 to 11:30 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Halloween Party with The Irie Rockers: "From the coastal ridges of Northern California. As a band of experienced musicians rooted in Reggae the Irie Rockers together reflect their similar

October 27, 9 pm. 50B Al's Redwood Room:

3rd Annual Halloween Costume Party: Special Bro. DJ Cozmo rockin' you all night. 21 and over, I.D. Required. Full bar, outside patio. Stooie Juice giveaway. Saturday, October 27, 9 pm to 1 am. 207 South Main Street. 459-2444.

Sunday, October 28

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: Last breakfast of the year. "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, October 28. Free breakfast for firefighters! (one breakfast per official ID). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods": Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk

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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. Extra: sides

of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west

Bake Sale for the WHS Cross Country Team: Sunday, October 28, 12 to 4 pm. In front of ER Energy (next to Safeway). Money received will help pay for pop-up tents and tarps, and

help for athletes to participate in paid running events outside the WHS season. FFA Carnival: "On Sunday, October 28, join us for a good old-fashioned carnival with kids games, festive food and Cotton Dandee as the special musical

guest." Festivities will take

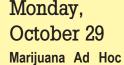
food/drink for home races, and

place from 1 to 5 pm. Costume contest 3 pm. Willits High School, 299 North Main

Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Sunday, October

28, 6 to 8 pm. See October 26 listing for

Games - Food - Music



Meeting: The Board of Supervisors Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee holds a community meeting on Monday, October 29, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. An opportunity to hear a brief update and share recommendations with the Ad Hoc Committee regarding potential revisions of the county's cannabis cultivation ordinance (Code Section 10A.17 and 20.242). "This community meeting will give residents a chance to hear directly from the Ad Hoc Committee on the ordinance revision process and allow us to better understand the 7:30 sign-ups. 50B South Main Street. thoughts and concerns of residents, stakeholders and interested parties throughout the county on potential amendments." Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: 707-463-4441 or

duketts@mendocinocounty.org.

Senior Center

Lunch

Week of October 29

through November 2

Monday: Turkey Tetrazzini

Tuesday: Meat Ball Sub

Corned Beef Hash

Wednesday: Monster Mash

Tuesday, October 30

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Novo Theatre for all ages. all showings. This week's Tightwad movies, "Halloween 2018," "Venom," and "A Star is Born." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

FFA Haunted House: "If you are in the hunt for something scary come to the Willits FFA Haunted Barn. On Tuesday, October 30 and Wednesday, October 31 we will be putting on one scary show! From 5 to 7:30 pm we will leave the lights up so that the little kids can enjoy the haunt. From 7 to 9 pm be prepared to scream. \$7. We have partnered with the Willits Food Bank so if you bring two canned food items you will receive \$2 off admission." Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Shanachie Pub: New weekly show with Mitchell Holman, "Wabi Sabi": "Mitchell Holman, formerly of the San Francisco iconic band It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird" will be featuring different artists at this new weekly event." Tuesday October 30, 7 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Wednesday,

October 31 Happy Halloween!

Free Halloween Makeup Glitter Party: Wednesday. October 31 at the Glitter My World Studio, 132 East Valley Street (studio in the back). 'Come on in and let us glitter you up! Glitter hair, glitter tattoo, glitter beards, glittering skin, scary glitter makeup. All ages welcome!"

FFA Haunted House: See Tuesday, October 30 listing for details.

Costume Contest: Sherwood Valley Casino's Costume Contest: Earn 100 points to qualify for \$10 in free play and an entry for one of the three costume categories: scariest, most creative, funniest. Each category will have a 1st and 2nd place prize of \$1,000 and \$500. Wednesday, October 31, 6 to 10 pm at the Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi Place, 459-7330,

Shanachie Pub: Halloween Open Mic: "Our Open Mic

St. Anthony's FALL FIESTA

When: Saturday, October 27th, 2018

ome join St. Anthony's Parish

Community for a fun-filled afternoon

of food and fun for the whole Family

A full-blown fajita Barbecue will be

prepared and served, consisting

of Chicken and Beef, marinated

served with rice, beans, tortillas,

and a dessert, and hot dogs for

in delicious Mexican spices -

1 1:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. (Food served 12-4 p.m.)

Tickets Are Available at the Following Business

El Mexicano, Loose Caboose, Adri's Salon

Pre sale tickets only: Adults - \$12, Children _ \$

events this time of year are better than ever, and with Halloween falling on a Wednesday, it's sure to be an epic one." Wednesday, October 31, 8 pm,

John's Place Halloween Party: Annual Halloween Shanachie Pub: The Self Fulfilling Prophecies: Party at John's Place, Wednesday, October 31, with a costume contest at midnight, drink specials and free music. "Come join the fun and dress to impress," 377 South Main Street, Info: 459-5636.

November 1 **Happenings** "The Cannabis Hour": "Until last year, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office ran and enforced the county's permitted October 26: Haunted House, 6 to 8 pm. Willits cannabis program and sometimes shut down black Charter School, 1431 South Main Street, Info:

Halloween

Vineyards, 6400 North State Street, Calpella

October 27: Hot Buttered Rum Halloween

Bash, 6 to 11:30 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291

October 27: Haunted House, 6 to 8 pm. Willits

Charter School, 1431 South Main Street, Info:

October 27: Halloween Open Mic, 7:30 pm

signup, 8 pm start. Shanachie Pub, 50B South

October 27: KMUD & Mateel Halloween

Boogie featuring Jamaican artists Anthony

B and Warrior King: 8 pm doors, 9 pm show.

October 27: Halloween Party with The Irie

Rockers, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub. 50B South

October 27: 3rd Annual Costume Party, 9 pm

to 1 am. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main

October 28: Haunted House, 6 to 8 pm. Willits

Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info:

October 30: FFA Haunted House, 5 to 7:30 pm

for little kids, 7 to 9 pm for others. Willits High

October 31: Enchanted Pumpkin Path. 4:30

to 8:30 pm. Waldorf School, 6280 Third Street,

October 31: FFA Haunted House, 5 to 7:30 pm

for little kids, 7 to 9 pm for others. Willits High

November 1: Dumb Supper, 6:30 pm. The

WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

PRESENTS

Willits Photography Club

School, 299 North Main Street

School, 299 North Main Street.

Muse, 30 San Francisco Street.

Mateel Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway,

School Street

Street. 459-2444

market operations. Now that county and state laws have changed and the county Ag Department and October 27: Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Planning & Building oversee the program, what role Contest, 11 am to 2 pm. Mendo Mill, 305 East does the sheriff play? Mendocino County Sheriff Commercial Street. Tom Allman will tell us who he's busting and why." Thursday, November 1 at 11 am on the special October 27: Harvest Fest, 11 am to 5 pm. Testa

Thursday,

Willits Farmers Market: moves to the Little Lake Grange for the winter, 291 School Street. Thursday, November 1, 3 to 6 pm. See Thursday, October 18

The Dumb Supper: "In many cultures, ancestor

Dead, or All Souls Day. The

Friday, November 2

Soup & Dessert Luncheon: Friday, November 2, 11 am to 2 pm. \$7 per person. Enjoy soup and dessert, along with handcrafted items for sale. Drawing for a one-night stay at Benbow Inn with a gift card for meals, painting by Margaret "Peggy" Hebrard, award-winning afghan, and other items. At the Fellowship Hall of Saint John Lutheran Church at 24 Mill Creek Drive. Info: 459-2988.

Shanachie Pub: The Cult of Ours: "brings a

electric improvisation and the blending of energies between the audience and the band." Friday, November 2, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

November 3

pm. Info: 459-1726.

KZYX Pledge Drive show on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at http://iukebox.kzvx.

worship is an ancient practice. The Day of the

Dumb Supper is a silent (a.k.a. 'dumb') sharing of food with the dearly departed. Bring small remembrances and things to honor your dear ones. Build family altars with the objects. We will also share any favorite food of your departed. It can be as simple as a bar of chocolate,

cookies, a bottle of beer, or as delicious as homemade combread." Thursday. November 1 at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Street. Suggested donation \$5 to \$20.

Saturday,

Willits Photography Club Opening: the 17th annual Willits Photography Club show at the Willits Center for the Arts opens Saturday. November 3 with a members

at Testa

Vineyards

October 27

pm at their Ranch in

Calpella. Admission

is free. Wine and

November 3, 9 pm, 50B South Main Street.

Dirty Cello

November 11

"The San Francisco band, Dirty Cello, brings

its high energy blues, bluegrass and rock with a

unique spin to the Willits Community Theatre on

Sunday, November 11 at 2 pm. Led by vivacious

cross-over cellist, Rebecca Roudman, Dirty Cello

is cello like you've never heard before. From down-

home blues on a wailing cello to virtuosic stompin'

bluegrass, the band gets the heart thumping and

fiddle and vocals, the band includes Jason Eckl

on guitar, bassist Colin Williams and drummer

Cory Aboud." Music journalist Nick Diamantides

says, "When lead guitar is replaced by the sound

of hot licks on a cello, blues, rock and bluegrass

rise to a new dimension." Advance tickets are \$20

and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South

Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or

by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets available

at the door until sold out. The Willits Community

Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind

the toes tapping. Besides Roudman on cello,

tribal groovejam vibe through a mix of skillful

October 31: Spooktacular Costume Contest, 6 to 10 pm. Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi October 31: Annual Halloween Party at John's Place, with a costume contest at midnight. 377 South Main Street. Info: 459-5636.

only reception at 6 pm; the public is welcome at 7 pm. Show runs through November 24 at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: 11 am to 5

"This local group features Morgan Stocker (nacho the stockrocker), Buckminster West and Bodhi Idarius, who all grew up in Ukiah." Saturday,



27 from 11 am to 5

food can be purchased. Their harvest theme is highlighted with a grape stomp, pumpkin patch, photo opportunities, wine sales and more. This is a family-friendly event, with an area for games for the kids and a face painter. Food will be made available by Kiwanis Club of Ukiah. There will also be desserts from Schat's Bakery available and other delicious fall treats. Testa Vineyards, 6400 North State Street, Calpella, 707-485-7051. TestaRanch.com

Singers Wanted: Christmas Carol Sing-Along

AT THE MOVIES

Dan Essman

not disappoint

them, assuming

they have the

moxie to get in.

As an honor to

slasher fans, the

teenagers who

make out are

appropriately

butchered. It's

traditional. The

critics at large

like this movie.

though not as

John Carpenter

original, which

Hell. Michael Myers!

fergawdsakes.

much as

much

pretty

'Halloween'

The Story: Sequel to the original 1978 slasher

classic featuring legendary psychokiller Michael

Myers and his nemesis Laurie Strode (Jamie

Lee Curtis). It's 40 years after the events of the

original "Halloween." Michael has been chained-

up in a looney bin for homicidal maniacs. He

escapes. He slices, he chops, he impales, he

smashes (he squashes!!!), because he's got

Laurie has been waiting and training for the day

of Michael's return. It's a slam bam kill or be

My Thoughts: Slasher movies are favorites

of teenage girls. This "R" for violence film will

is a horror classic. Let me say from my heart

that this 2018 seguel has got its admirable

moments. I loved it. No really, I loved it. Burn in

Parents: Not for children. It's a slasher flick

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality

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6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

EARN 100 POINTS TO QUALIFY FOR

\$10 IN FREE PLAY AND AN ENTRY FOR

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PET COSTUME CONTEST

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CTOBER 27TH

Each costume category

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2ND: \$500.00

attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

killed showdown that's not vegan appropriate.

somewhere he really wants

to go and something he

really wants to do. Michael

wants to kill Laurie. But

HALLOWEEN

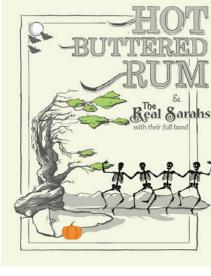
Directed by Denise Beckler and Carole Hester. The popular family event is Sunday, December 16 at 3:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church-Ukiah (corner of Dora and Perkins Streets). Call for rehearsal schedule, which starts in late October. Singers are invited to join this community choir under the direction of Les Pfutzenreuter, recently retired as Chair of the Music Department at Mendocino College. Among the featured artists are 4Euphs4Him euphonium guartet under the direction of Marshall Merklin. Capt. Jim Howlett of the United States Navy, with Barbershoppers. Lori Schafer will be at the organ. Info: Beckler at 707-468-9235 or denise@fpcukiah.org or Carole Hester at 707/972-2795 or carolehester@juno.com





·A one-night stay at Benbow Inn with gift card for meals Painting by "Peggy" Margaret Hebrard Award-Winning Painted Rose Afghan Thanksgiving and Tea Party Baskets - and other items Event to be held at the Fellowship Hall located at

24 Mill Creek Drive in Willits 707-459-2988



FREE

Makeup Glitter Party!

12-5 pm Oct 31st

Come on in and let us glitter you up!

*Glitter Hair

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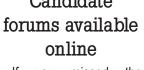
















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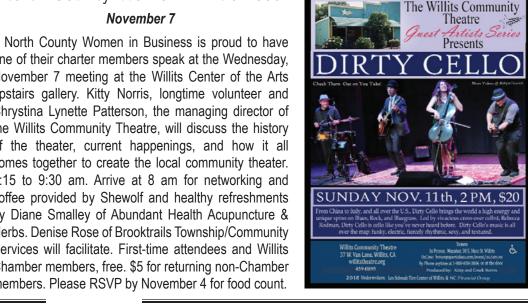
Sing Out! For Cancer November 10

A community sing-along is planned for November 10 at the Willits Center for the Arts from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event, called "Sing Out!" is a fundraiser for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County, includes food. Sweet and savory pie and non-alcoholic beverages are included. Beer and wine will be available at an extra cost. Richard Jeske, Don Willis, and Cherie Sherague will play live music, with the crowd invited to sing along to '60s and '70s rock-and-soul hits. The lyrics will be projected on a screen - like a group karaoke, but with pie. Tickets \$10 in advance, at Cat's Meow and online at crcmendocino.org, also may be purchased at the Cancer Resource Centers' Ukiah office at 590 South Dora Street, during business hours, or by calling the CRC administrative office at 707-937-3833. \$15 at the

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one of their charter members speak at the Wednesday, November 7 meeting at the Willits Center of the Arts upstairs gallery. Kitty Norris, longtime volunteer and Chrystina Lynette Patterson, the managing director of the Willits Community Theatre, will discuss the history of the theater, current happenings, and how it all comes together to create the local community theater. 8:15 to 9:30 am. Arrive at 8 am for networking and coffee provided by Shewolf and healthy refreshments by Diane Smalley of Abundant Health Acupuncture & Herbs. Denise Rose of Brooktrails Township/Community Services will facilitate. First-time attendees and Willits Chamber members, free. \$5 for returning non-Chamber members. Please RSVP by November 4 for food count.



Sherwood Valley Tribe names new general manager for casino

Submitted by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Council

After an extensive regional and national search, the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Council recently announced they selected Michael J. Broderick as general manager of Sherwood Valley Casino, a business wholly owned and operated by the Tribe. Broderick brings over 25 years of experience in gaming and resort

management to his position. He will be responsible for the overall management and success of the current gaming the Trump Organization in Southern California enterprise for the Northern California property

"I'm honored to have been selected by the Tribal Council, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work for the Tribe and its membership," said Broderick. "It is a great opportunity for me, both personally and professionally, to be part of this organization. I look forward to helping this company and the Tribe continue with its efforts of economic record, and we believe Mr. Broderick, along with the casino growth and self-sufficiency.'

Prior to the Sherwood Valley Casino, Broderick served as the general manager for the Cahuilla Casino and Mountain Sky Travel Center in Anza, California, and director of marketing for the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio, Colorado. He has also held numerous executive

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Above, from left: Sherwood Valley Casino, located at 100 Kawi Place in Willits. Michael J. Broderick, the new general manager of Sherwood Valley Casino.

his career, including tenures in Washington, Rhode Island, Colorado, Oregon, New Mexico, Florida, Wisconsin and for in Santiago, Chile. He is also a veteran of the United States

"We are excited and looking forward to working with Mr. Broderick," says Michael Knight, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indian's chairman. "We believe his experience." creativity, and successes in gaming and hospitality make him an exceptional fit for our casino. He is a well-versed. dynamic and successful leader with an impressive track team, can take this property to the next level."

Broderick is Harvard University Graduate Schoolcertified and a former degree candidate at Harvard University Extension School, and he received his bachelor's degree and MBA in business management from California Coast University in Santa Ana, California and leadership positions in gaming and hospitality throughout his associate in science degree in business administration

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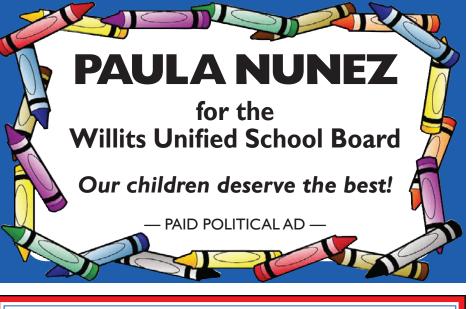
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MEASURE

The Board of Directors of the Little Lake Fire Protection District/ Willits Fire Department would like you to be as informed as possible on MEASURE J. We would like to address some of the questions that we have been asked.

. What exactly will the tax money raised from Measure J be used

- The taxes raised from Measure J will be used to replace your fire station on Commercial St. and can ONLY be used for debt reduction of the new firehouse.
- This Special Tax money CANNOT be used for F.D. operations, wages, or benefits.
- 2. How much is the new firehouse going to cost ME?
- A single parcel with no structures = 1 unit = \$39.00 per year on
- A single parcel with a residence = 2 units = \$78.00 per year on vour Prop. Tax.
- •Commercial properties vary depending on use. • If you have questions about your specific property tax bill, call the FD at 459-6271.
- 6. How long will it take to pay for the new station? • The loan for the firehouse is a maximum 40 year loan. We are
- anticipating an earlier pay-off, at which time it would be removed from your tax bill.
- Why do we need two Fire Stations?
- •The Station on Baechtel Rd. is a garage for emergency response only and is not adequate for full-time personnel. • Your Fire Department covers almost 360 square miles. Forty
- volunteer firefighters respond to these stations from their respective homes and workplaces 24/7, so location is essential •Logistically, we need a station at each end of Willits which
- allows for full coverage and adequate response times.
- We have to protect over \$8,000,000 worth of life saving equipment.

Signed/Board of Directors,

Tony Madrigal, Tom Herman, Arnie Mello, Nancy Stipe, Skip Lucier



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Apples

apples, Allman spoke about the process of producing the cider. "Three years ago, I convinced Laura to allow me to put in this cider house. I'm not licensed because in California there is a prohibition on peace officers having their names on an ABC license. I went to Sacramento, and I spoke with the director of the Alcohol Beverage Control, whose last name, coincidentally, is Applesmith.

"He heard my plight, listened to my story, thanked me very much for coming over, and said there's nothing they're going to do to change it. Thank you very much. So I can make 200 gallons a year, as can you. When you look at the tank, you can see the top part, the 'bubbler' is bubbling. A real simple chemistry lesson: Sugar inside the fruit juice gets eaten by yeast which turns it into

After making the alcohol, Allman force-carbonates it to create the final product. Then he will bottle it and distribute the bottles to friends, especially the ones who help him with apples and labor. Eventually, when he is able to sell Satisfied Apple cider, he wants to have a pizza oven so people can come in some kind of tourism.'

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the good weather, sit outside, and buy hard cider and pizza, and enjoy the beautiful outdoor surroundings under the Willits "W" on the mountain behind his

apple cider experiencing a renaissance of late. It can be found on the shelves of grocery and liquor stores and on tap in the pubs. "When the Mendocino agriculture report was presented to the supervisors this year," explained Allman, "apples were the only product that went up in value because of the hard apple cider trend across America right now. Hard apple cider has displaced approximately 5 percent of all beer sales in America."

For an area such as the Little Lake Valley that is looking for an economic boost, apples - and all the products associated with the fruit - might be one of the ways to help. Allman asked the people at Gowan's why they were being so helpful with their advice and expertise, as he might become a competitor eventually.

"Their answer was simple." he said. "They said that if Mendocino had only one winery, it would not bring anyone up here, but all the wineries together create an attraction. If we have half a dozen or more apple cider places in our county, we can actually start

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on the bypass. It would impede the department's ac-

"We'll try to do our best to operate out of that station,

but it creates serious logistical and response issues

for us," Wilkes says. "In very layman's terms it would

plaqued by a myriad of problems for decades, in-

cluding severe mold, structural damage, leaky roofs

and walls, ADA compliance issues and unreinforced

A new station would eliminate these problems, and

also allow the department's equipment to fit properly,

including a ladder truck Wilkes says really should be

housed at the Commercial Street station, but is too big

notes, "and that ladder truck was always meant to be

in city central. It's meant for commercial business; it's

meant to be downtown. We keep it at station 541 be-

cause that's the building that can house it. It would not

fit here in any bay. But ultimately to utilize [the truck]

for what it's built for, it needs to be downtown. It's the

In addition, the new firehouse design would allow

some Little Lake fire personnel to remain on duty at

the station overnight if necessary during an emergen-

cy in small dorm-style rooms – currently an impossibil-

stay on duty overnight at the firehouse as last year's

Wilkes says Little Lake Fire volunteers wanted to

Redwood Fire en-

had to "sleep" on chairs

because there were no

facilities for staffing the

firehouse overnight in

And there are other

memories and lessons

about the devastating

Redwood and Sulfur

fire chief - how vul-

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ity with the condition and structure of the old station.

within our city limits.

for the current firehouse.

falsely claiming that the full project cost would fall to locals. Actually, such a district would provide a local contribution for short- and long-term roadway needs, leveraging county, state and federal transportation funds that stood out to Wilkes for Sherwood corridor projects.

As Pinches stated at a recent debate in fires, which occurred Willits, "we must put up real money" to one year ago this Ocachieve any local priorities. But his only tober. solution for the second access project, to hope "we get lucky and get a federal on our community, grant," contradicts his own statement. how it impacted us

Candidate Pinches spoke about as a whole," he says. priorities during that debate, yet he displayed his true priorities in 2013 when he killed the Brooktrails second access project. He failed to support it at the point of a funding commitment decision for \$3.5 million of state and federal funding in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

As Third District supervisor, Pinches recommended to the board of supervisors to pull this project, ranked No. 2 in the Mendocino Council of Governments' list and sponsored by the county. On his recommendation, both the supervisors and MCOG board abandoned the project, allowing the \$3.5 million to be redistributed almost entirely to three of the cities for their local projects. Public health and safety batted last that day.

No further funding has been forthcoming for this needed project, thanks to former Supervisor Pinches, who cost us five years of delay. The final direction of the board of supervisors in 2013 was "to not continue project development until a reliable source of funding ... was identified," according to the transportation director. MCOG had to follow the supervisors' direction and is now waiting for a local share from the Sherwood community to demonstrate local support for this critical project.

Haschak has demonstrated a constructive approach to this and many other complex issues a county supervisor must face. He is everywhere and has shown a big ear and a studious ability to gather and process current information. Haschak is a lifelong learner and will not get stuck in the sands of the past, but instead will help to move us all to a better day. My wife, Janet, and I enthusiastically endorse John Haschak for supervisor.

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how easily we can be sealed off from the rest of the world.... That a fire can sweep through and literally take all your communications away. Your power, your community as well as for motorists traveling through

"As far as operations goes, the fact [is] you have cess to downtown, to the northern on-ramp of Highway only 40 volunteers and only so many people that can 101. and to the Brooktrails area where Little Lake Fire do the work. You can only offer so much service. We is mutual-aid partners with the Brooktrails Fire Departhave to be able to fend for ourselves and rely on our local partners to get the jobs done.

"And the biggest thing for me as fire chief - other incidents did not stop happening," Wilkes says. "We had engines out on the Redwood fire, we had engines donot meet the needs of fire protection in our district and ing work there. We still had to respond to medical aids We had structure fires in the middle of that time. We The old Commercial Street firehouse has been had vehicle fires in the middle of Highway 20. We had a multi-casualty incident on the ridge, and we had to do that with local response because there was nobody else available. And those responses were provided by

masonry walls that no longer meet earthquake safety Little Lake with help from Brooktrails – by volunteers Plans for the new firehouse, he adds, would include a new communications system that could function as a backup emergency operations center for the area

and could be crucial during another such emergency. A backup EOC would also be helpful, considering the number of calls the department now handles -"We're one of three ladder trucks in the county," he about 600-650 per year, according to Wilkes

> Like many local firefighters today, the Little Lake Fire Department is trained to help the community in a variety of ways other than fire protection, including emergency medical responses, hazardous materia cleanup, urban search-and-rescue, swift-water rescue, and vehicle accidents, which Wilkes notes make up the majority of the department's calls.

The Little Lake Fire Protection District covers 240 square miles surrounding Willits, and has a "sphere of influence" that extends to 360 square miles. In addition, Little Lake firefighters sometimes work with strike teams at larger out-of-area fires. This year teams helped on the Carr and Delta fires, among others.

Wilkes praised the personnel in his department, and volunteer firefighters in general.

"I can tell you what inspires them to do it," he says "We interview all of our volunteer firefighters, and they all say the same thing: 'I just want to help my commu-

"They're held to the same standards training-wise as any professional firefighter. When they come in here, they leave work, they don't get paid, and they do the same training and same job as everybody else, he says. "It's an incredible amount of dedication.... think that sometimes gets lost."

Measure J would tax property owners in the Little Lake Fire Protection District on a unit system at \$39 per unit annually. A typical lot and house count as two units, meaning taxpayers would pay \$78 per year.

Other commercial properties and larger buildings with more fire protection needs would pay more, with for example, convalescent hospitals and gas stations at 5 units, restaurants and bars at 6 units. light manufacturing and hospitals at 10 units. Voters who'd like to know what number of units their properties would be assessed are welcome to call the firehouse at 459-6271 and ask.

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as racemaster) and several other of art, jewelry, information and other directors of Visit Willits and Valuable volunteers, Schmidtke created a full day of eclectic treats. The aim was to bring people to the town, show them the beauty of the Little Lake Valley, entertain and feed them, and leave them feeling positive about the bringing others with them.

"This was absolutely a success!" beamed Schmidtke. "I've had people come up to me all day with ideas for next year, that they can't wait for next year, or that they wish they would have run, they want to run next year. It's the mark of a good event when people want to come back. It's a firstyear event. We were hoping that if we had 200 people here it would be a great event. So the fact that we had 135 runners, not including 10 and under.... Taste of the Harvest has been busy all day.

"The more that we can demonstrate to the community that we can build it ... people will come. I don't just mean the people who are attending. I also mean the artisans, the wellness folks, the chefs. People want things like this to happen in Willits. The more that we have events like this, the more that people start to show up to them.

"I have a group of about four or five people that are really instrumental: Bekah Allen who helped with the beer and wine, Jaynene Johnson with the food and Taste of the Harvest, Saprina

> of the detailing and permitting, Evan Schmidtke with his race knowledge, and lan Radiant Tribes."

Rodriguez for a lot

After the races, welcome to attend the free event which included over 35 vendors

also kept the beats going all day, started out with Billie Kerr soloing on area and wanting to return, hopefully guitar and voice, then Dennis Chrisp and the Eclectic Coyotes, and the Fat Chance Truckin' Band. One of the most popular sections of the festival was Taste of Harvest, an epicurean competition with a varied group of participants. People could purchase tickets to enter the pavilion, decorated deftly in agrarian motif by Lyndsey Burns. Inside they

could taste the creations of local food

growers or preparers, and then vote

on the entry which appealed most to

goods. There was the Ramirez food

truck and Ethiopian food by Tenadam

Catering, as well as the Lions Club

to serve lunch and snacks. The live

music, arranged by DJ Joey D, who

The winner, Alive Retreats, with their vegan raw sprouted hummus tartine, was in competition with Nurturing Seed Farm (potato latkes with apple topping), Roots Restaurant (smoked salmon with apple fennel) Mariposa Market (focaccia), Big Chief of Laytonville (pork-chicken sausage with sauerkraut aioli and pickled mustard seed), New Agrarian Collective of Ridgewood Ranch (apple pulled pork with a slice of Eliot's Wholegrain Bread and apple coleslaw), Green Uprising Farm (picadillo vegetarian / Mexican apple chutney). Those inside the Taste of Harvest section could also taste the bourbons, ryes and gins of the Low

All in all, for a first-year event, Wild Willits Fest was more successful than Schmidtke and the Visit Willits Board could have hoped. Board members are looking forward to building on this success and providing even more events and promotions in the quest to help revitalize the City of Willits and to provide fun, safe and healthy venues for visitors and residents.

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Above, from left: The new kiosk with the plaque near the southern end of the Haehl Creek Trail. Stepping stones at the southern end commemorate major donors like the Sherwood Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, and Northern Aggregates. One of the benches along the Haehl Creek Trail on a foggy

At right: This plaque lists the names of volunteers and supporters who helped build the Haehl Creek Trail.

At right, below: The trailhead at the southern end of the trail. Below, right: The volunteers got emotional as they sang

"Amazing Grace" – led by Ananda Johnson – to commemorate the successful completion of six years of work. Below, far right: The Haehl Creek Trail volunteers pose at the new kiosk, from left: Alan Falleri, Mike Aplet, Keith Johnson, Ananda Johnson, Dave Madrigal, Linda Buletti, Donna Stropes and Larry Stropes.

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Haehl Creek Trail

Kiosk honoring volunteers, donors and supporters is final project for walking trail

improvement planned for this shady little walking trail that welcomes the public. Runners, mountain

Jennifer Poole bikers or horseback Editor & Reporter riders are welcome,

The group recently came together for a photo opportunity and brief get-together the highlight of which was a couple verses of "Amazing Grace" - to celebrate the trail

"This is our 'swan song,' said organizer and volunteer Larry Stropes, about the beautiful kiosk near the southern end of the trail that features a bronze plaque engraved with the names of volunteers, donors and supporters who made the trail happen over the last six years. The kiosk also features timbers put up by Dave Bixler of Garfield Construction, and will soon feature redbud trees planted by trail volunteer Dave Madrigal.

The plague is installed on a beautiful rock from Margie Handley's ranch on the Eel River. Handley's Howard Foundation donated a strip of land for the trail, along

The dedicated volunteers who created with the land designated for a public trail as the delightful Haehl Creek Trail out by the part of developer Ed Mitchell's negotiations new hospital have now finished the last with the City of Willits to get his Haehl Creek Homes subdivision approved.

> When the volunteers, some of whom live in Haehl Creek, were asked if they see people using the trail, Madrigal and volunteer Ananda Johnson chimed in together: "All the time."

> "We see [hospital] employees in their scrubs walking, and a lot of community members," Johnson said.

> "I walked the trail a couple days ago at 1 pm on a weekday, and I passed five different groups of walkers," Stropes said. Dogs are also welcome on the trail, which features doggie bag dispensers at each end and in the middle of the trail. There are trash cans on each end, too.

> Two energetic dog walkers then arrived at the kiosk, including Richard Jeske, who says he uses the Haehl Creek Trail "almost every day" with his canine companion. "There's not a lot of places to walk in Willits that aren't on the street," he said. Jeske

> > Over on Page 11 Trail



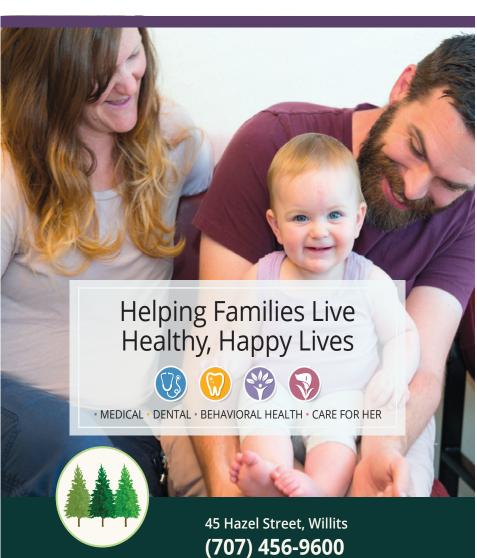












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Wilkes says he understands people's hesitancy to vote to pay higher taxes, but urges them to look at what the money will be spent

"Nobody wants to pay more taxes," he savs. "However. I'd like property owners to look at the fact that we are their local fire department; this is their firehouse. We're not an arm of a bigger budget. The money doesn't go to the state, then gets trickled down to us.

"The dollars our property owners spend for fire protection with the Little Lake Fire District, they stay here dollar for dollar. It's their money.... It's our communities and, literally, it's tangible. Every dollar they spend here stays here to protect our local community."

Wilkes also responded to claims from some community members that plans for the firehouse are overly luxurious. He says the "gymnasium" some have talked of is only an office-sized room – maybe big enough for a few exercise machines – and would likely be used for storage initially. And the four dorm rooms for sleeping are only 80 square feet each – big enough for a bunk but not much

"People say: 'Well you just want a new firehouse." Wilkes notes. "We're not actual-

The rest of Trail From Page 10

only lives a mile away, but drives to the trail and walks, to take advantage of the non-paved, but easy-towalk gravel surface. "I went to the City Council when the trail was proposed to endorse it," Jeske said, "and I told them you already have a great slogan: 'Take a hike, go to Haehl."

Originally, as volunteer and former City of Willits planner Falleri explained, the Haehl Creek Trail was part of a proposed "Willits Creekside Trail System," which was envisioned to stretch from Haehl Creek on the south to Willits High School on the north. The city submitted a California River Parkways grant back in 2005, and was awarded \$135,000.

before construction work began on the trail. Falleri said, the Willits City Council at the time decided not to pursue the project and to return the grant to the state. "The project advocates were deflated for some time," Falleri said, "but got reenergized about six years ago and started a volunteer effort to build the trail."

The goal of this volunteer effort was to construct the basic trail - about 6/10s of a mile long - without using any city resources. With the support of a number of local volunteers and businesses that donated time, money and materials to the project, the project has been successfully completed, complete with benches to rest on and picnic tables that also honor supporters of the trail.

For those interested in exploring this community trail," there are three entry points. Visitors can park on East Hill Drive before the Haehl Creek Drive turnoff to the hospital look for the Haehl Creek Bridge, and enter on the north trailhead. The north end of the trail also has par course equipment that was installed thanks to a grant from Adventist Health Howard Memorial.

Turning in to Haehl Creek Drive, look for the cupola on the top of the hill and the big Commonwealth Garden greenhouse on the right side of the road. You can park on the street, walk past the greenhouse, and find yourself in the middle of the trail. To enter on the south end, keep driving down Haehl Creek Drive, then take the right "Y" onto Haehl Creek Court, park before you get to the big gate, and look to the right to see the southern trailhead.

The rest of From Page 1 Redhouse

provides for future service to our community

and meets [National Fire Protection Associa-

tion] standards for what's expected of a fire-

we can do in this building," he adds. "Aside

from literally taking stuff out and making it to

where it's almost unusable, we've done ev-

erything we can do to back down the size of

the [new] building. We've done everything we

can do to minimize the building to our needs."

Estimated cost for the new firehouse.

The rest of

vember 16.

Cannabis

an opt-in zone there.

The package of ordinance

amendments is scheduled to go

before the board of supervisors at

a special meeting on Friday, No-

Consultant Paul Junker, an em-

ployee of Michael Baker Interna-

tional, told commissioners he used

a two-pronged approach to can-

vass the populations in the commu-

nities proposed for either the opt-in

or the opt-out zones. He and his

associate Mark Corcoran sent out

postcards to property owners and

followed up with an on-line survey.

In the case of Laytonville, South

Leggett and Covelo, they sent out

Junker said that in no case did

he believe he received responses

from 60 percent of property own-

ers. Instead, Junker and Corcoran

tabulated the responses from those

who responded to the surveys and

To the survey question: Shall a

cannabis accommodation district

be approved for your neighbor-

hood? The results were: for the

core area of Covelo: 81 percent

yes; for the Fairbanks Road area

of Covelo, 60 percent yes; for Lay-

tonville: 80 percent yes; for South

Leggett: 88 percent yes; for the

northern reaches of Mitchell Creek:

10 percent yes; and for the south-

ern reaches of Mitchell Creek: 33

To the survey question, shall

a cannabis prohibition district be

approved for your neighborhood?

the results were: for the Deerwood

area, 94 percent ves; and for the

Woody Glen community: 92 per-

Junker explained the proposed

regulations for both cannabis ac-

commodation and prohibition dis-

tricts. Accommodation districts are

being proposed for residential zon-

ing districts, that is, RR1 and RR2.

For any future neighborhoods to

be identified and approved by the

BOS as an accommodation dis-

trict, at least 10 parcels must join

together to apply for an accom-

modation district. To form an ac-

commodation district, at least one

property owner who lives inside

the proposed district must apply

to the Department of Planning and

Building Services and must accom-

pany the application with a petition

signed by at least 60 percent of the

own property within the district.

What is a cannabis

accommodation district?

percent yes.

the postcard mailings.

a second mailing of postcards.

based on a preliminary architectural report, is

"We've done all of the value engineering

house in 2018.

will be "sunsetted" out.

sibly lowering costs and

or with interest rates that

might be lower than the

budget anticipates. He

also emphasizes that

Measure J funds will be

used only for the cost

grow to meet requests of customers and the needs of the community.

"We always wanted to create a family place to come and shop, which includes our Sweet Shop," said Bixler. "Maybe the kids and dad could come have and ice cream while mom did some shopping, or it could serve as a one-stop-shop for lots of things for the whole family.

Snacks for people and pets are certainly two of those one-stop items. J.D. Redhouse puts together delicious and interesting salad and sandwich combinations, breakfast croissants, and even peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to go along with their smoothies, coffees, and delicious ice cream and old-fashioned candy selections.

J.D. Redhouse also took over the production of the beloved fudge that was once made at Rexall. When the business closed, the recipes and machinery headed down the street to J.D. Redhouse where they continue old favorites like "Killer" and "Chocolate Walnut" but have also started their own best-sellers including their No. 1 fudge: "Dark Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt."

Pets of all sizes relish the options of chewies and crunchies as well as a variety of top-notch kibble brands. There's also a freeze-dried raw bar with pet-flavored options galore. Pet food and treat purchases made at Redhouse are also eligible for their rewards program, including the popular "Buy 10 Bags, Get 1 Free" Taste of the Wild loyalty program.

They've also started a store-wide rewards program where purchases made will tally up points on a frequent customer card. Once the card reaches 100 points, shoppers can enjoy a free \$5 back.

What could you buy to add up those points? Well, any and everything, including some 60 feet of art supplies, a cut-your-own soap station, the best lavender-scented EO Essential Oils hand sanitizer money can buy, Stance brand socks and undies, Zippo lighters. Strider bikes, greeting cards, and

The store's clothing and footwear sections for men, women and children boast wide varieties of casual and contemporary brands like Volcom and Sanuk, as well as work and farm brand essentials like Wrangler and Carhartt.

Supporting the community which supports the store is huge for the J.D. Redhouse family; they are consistent donors and or sponsors to local youth sports teams, the Willits Rotary Club, Willits Frontier Days, 4-H and FFA, the Willits Educational Foundation, Sober Grad and a myriad of other groups, organizations and individuals.

The shop also hosts the Mendocino County Care-A-Van's low-cost and free vaccinations and surgeries van, and makes regular donations to the Mendo Shelter Pets Rescue and more. As Willits looks to settle into its new

future, J.D. Redhouse plans to continue to evolve and adapt to changes in the community while keeping up their friendly atmosphere, helpful staff, wide selection, and unique buying experience that can only be found at Willits' very own hometown mercantile

Stop by J.D. Redhouse, located at 212 South Main Street, reach them by calling 459-1214, or connect with them online on Facebook and Instagram under "J.R. Redhouse & Co."

of the facility, not redirected toward equip- izen and a longtime police officer - the work ly building what we want. If we were building what we want. it would be two stories, it'd be ment or salaries. brick on the outside.... We're literally building what we need. It's a metal building with office space that fits the appropriate apparatus and

He points out that a 2013 measure for replacing the Commercial Street firehouse failed to win a two-thirds majority by less than 100 votes. The cost for virtually the same design has more than doubled since then because of inflated building costs and new regulations. And those costs, he adds, could continue to grow in the future.

Wilkes also points out that all the funding dedicated by previous Little Lake Fire boards and local fundraisers for a new station will still be put towards that cause. That money, he says, is the reason the district won't need to seek interim financing if the measure passes. and can begin the work on constructing the new facility more quickly.

\$7.25 million which, accounting for interest, Willits City Councilman Gerry Gonzalez, is expected to be paid off in about 40 years former Willits police chief, has been very using Measure J monies. At that point the tax public in his support of Measure J (the entire council planned to discuss officially endors-Wilkes says there was hope the district ing the measure at their October 24 meeting) could reduce that 40-year time span by posand says he's seen firsthand – both as a cit-

gal parcel, or to an occupied legal

structure on an adjoining parcel,

can be reduced to less than 20 feet

with an approved administrative

The Planning Commission also

agreed with Michael Baker Interna-

tional's proposal that it will take a

high bar to annul an accommoda-

After an accommodation district

has been approved by the board

of supervisors, an application

to dissolve or amend the district

shall not be accepted by Planning

and Building for 10 years after the

date of the formation of the district.

Again, when a petition to dissolve

the district is submitted, it must be

accompanied by a petition signed

by at least 60 percent of the prop-

approved by the Planning Com-

mission, after an accommodation

district has been dissolved, people

who are growing cannabis within

the boundaries of the district may

continue to do so for three years.

After that time, they must cease

Within a cannabis prohibition

district, permits for commercial-lev-

el cannabis operations may not be

issued. After a cannabis prohibi-

tion district has been declared by

the board of supervisors, people

growing commercial-scale canna-

bis within a prohibition district have

three years in which to cease op-

The guidelines for forming any

future cannabis prohibition district

are the same as for a cannabis

accommodation district: there must

be 10 parcels joining together, and

the application must include a peti-

tion signed by at least 60 percent

of the property owners within the

cannabis prohibition district are

also the same as for an accom-

modation district except, unlike the

cannabis accommodation district,

there is no deadline by which an

application to form a prohibition

The commission also approved

the consultant's recommendation

district must be submitted

Exceptions

What is a cannabis

prohibition district?

As proposed by Baker, and as

erty owners in the district.

feet from adjoining legal parcels. If regulations, but many said they a property owner wishes, the minidisapproved of certain aspects. mum setback from an adjoining le-

for our own means of fire protection.'

Little Lake Fire does and how important quick

"As a police officer in a small town I was

very dependent on the fire department at acci-

dents," he says. "It would be really hard waiting

for somebody else to respond because the fire

department couldn't respond and you're tied

Chief Wilkes says he appreciates every-

"As we found in the Redwood [fire], we

need to take care of ourselves," he says.

"We need to make sure we have the ability

to respond to incidents in our local area our-

"And the way we do that is through com-

munity support and making sure all of us

have a stake in what's here - and to make

sure we're self-sufficient. That we can pro-

vide for our own fire service, we can provide

one who has expressed support for Measure

J, and notes the importance of community as

up on a law enforcement thing."

a reason to vote for it.

Mitchell Creek grower Chris Harris said he and his brother, who together grow 1,400 square feet of plant canopy, paid 5 percent of the cannabis taxes collected by Mendocino County in 2017.

"The sunset that is being subjected to us, will force us to leave our community in Fort Bragg," Harris said. "There is not another parcel available for sale today that I can move my operations to.

"We are environmental stewards. We have been operating one of our farms for 13 years with zero complaints. I would invite each of you to come to our farms and see how we are stewards and protect the environment," Harris said Gabriel Martin also grows can-

nabis in the Mitchell Creek neighborhood. "I've been operating in the location that I hold for 10 years. I've received little to no complaints and have great working relations with my neighbors.

"I understand completely the concerns of the overall RR2 zone in the area," Martin said, "and I am completely sensitive to those concerns.... We are talking about an area that is roughly 300 parcels and we are talking about eight small farms in that area.

"I am recommending anoth er path for generating longevity for these farms that have jumped through all the hoops and have complied with all the regulations and are good players in the game, Martin said. "I strongly recommend the commission recommend to the board that the board create a use permit path or an administrative permit path, that would handle each permit on a case by case basis, which would be directly impact-

ed by their immediate neighbors." Third District Planning Commissioner Alison Pernell made the following comments toward the end of the meeting.

"The hard part of today, and the The guidelines for dissolving a hard part of this conversation," Pernell said, "is that the overlay zone is the right thing for Laytonville and Covelo, and that it is not as clearcut for Mitchell Creek. I am sensitive to this conversation about an exodus happening, because I am personally experiencing that in my community, in my schools, in our friendship network. I have had like 25 percent of my friends leave in the last six months. So, it's very

> "On the other hand, I also think this overlay zone issue is a community sovereignty issue. And the beautiful thing about land use issues in general, is that land use decisions are local," Pernell said. "It's not the state telling us what to do. We are here today to make decisions and recommendations to the board of supervisors about our community and about the best land

would be supportive about further conversation about use permits for Mitchell Creek. I don't know if it's the right thing, but it would be very interesting to explore," Pernell said. "However, the survey results also speak very clearly about what the vast majority of residents would like to see there, so I don't want to

"So, it's a toss-up for me on Mitchell Creek, but it's very clear to me that the overlay is the correct

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ordinance.

Minimum setbacks shall be 20

Applications to form an accommodation district must be submitted to Planning and Building by November 1, 2019. Within the boundaries of a canto a proposal that fudge factors

sunset provisions in the county's cannabis cultivation ordinance which provide that commercial cannabis cultivation in residential parcels under 5 acres in size must cease by May 4, 2020 - are extin-

that certain exceptions should be property owners who also reside or incorporated into the cultivation ordinance. Chief among those would be a provision that setbacks separating cultivation sites from adjoining parcels could be 20 feet, if an administrative permit were approved by the Department of Planning and Building Services. The commission also assented

nabis accommodation district, the could be incorporated into the cultivation ordinance. Baker recommended that parcels between 3.5 Instead, small-scale cannabis

cultivation, defined as outdoor cottage, indoor cottage and mixed light cottage - cultivation sites with a plant canopy of up to 2,500 square feet - may take place on existing cultivation sites located on any parcel subject to the planning and approval requirements of Section 20.242.040 (C) of the cannabis

comment portion of the meeting. Several approved of the proposed

least 10 acres in size.

acres and 4.99 acres in area may

Twenty-eight people addressed

be granted permits that are currently limited to parcels that are 5 acres in extent. Likewise, Baker is proposing parcels between 7 acres and 9.99 acres can be given permits previously limited to parcels at

The public speaks

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Alumni Banquet

Former FFAers and friends enjoy an evening to benefit the ag program at Willits High School

The Willits chapter of the Future Farmers of America held an Alumni Banquet fundraiser at the Willits Grange Hall on Saturday, October 20. Over \$13,000 in donations was raised in support of the students. The funds go towards sending students to the State FFA Conference, supplies for the Ag Farm on the Willits High School campus, and other agricultural project needs of the chapter. Funds raised at a previous banquet allowed

the Willits FFA to purchase a new truck for the faculty to use in assisting the students with their various agricultural projects.

The event began with the FFA officers introducing themselves and their stations. Andrew Hosford then explained a bit about the FFA Alumni Advisory Committee and how they contribute to the students. A silent auction was open throughout the evening with numerous items donated by community members and local businesses.

A delicious dinner was served and enjoyed by all attendees. Following the meal, a live auction ensued with auctioneer Sheriff Tom Allman, with amazing desserts prepared by FFA Alumni and community members that were enjoyed by the highest bidders, along with several large ticket items such as a load of base rock and a smoker donated by local businesses.

Ag teacher and FFA advisor Kelley Case-Brackett mentioned the accomplishments of the students at the Redwood Empire Fair and the current projects that they are working on. The evening closed with the FFA officers performing their closing ceremonies.

Read the rest of Banouet Over on Page B6

Clockwise from left, bottom: FFA's Claire Case Brackett addresses the crowd. FFA supporter Jane Camp was the highest bidder on a griddle that was donated by Marcy Barry and family. Willits FFA officers serve dinner at Friday's Alumni Banquet. Future Farmers of America officers line up during the closing ceremonies for the event. A fall-themed table at the FFA Alumni Dinner, with information about current FFA projects. FFA vice-president Callie Brown displays a cake prepared by Natalie Campbell. Peggy Randrup sits with granddaughters Ella, left, and Alissa, right, enjoying the "Randrup's Oatmeal Raisin Cookies" made by Maureen Moore. Sheriff Tom Allman auctions off tasty treats prepared by Annette Pinon and displayed by Alexis England.









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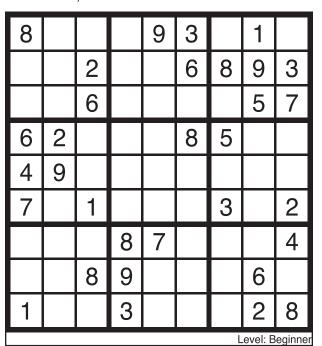


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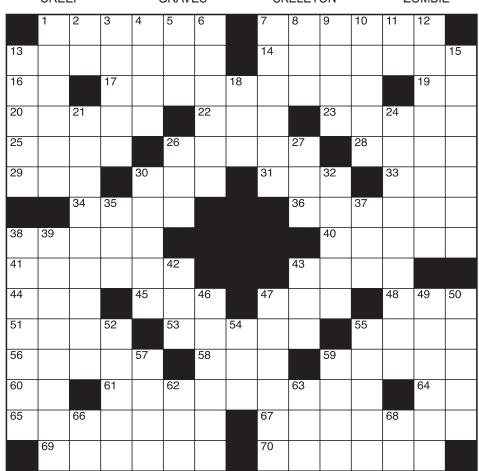
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Rhythmic patterns

7. Ethical theory

13. Nightclub 14. Upsets

16. Type of railroad 17. Home of The Beatles

19. Political organization

20. Disgraced cyclist Armstrong

22. Seven 23. Enlarges hole

25. Some are big 26. August ___, German

socialist 28. Unappetizing food 29. Cast out

30. Adult male

31. After uno

33. Midway between northeast and east 34. Kenyan settlement

36. Oxygen deprived 38. British writer 40. Synchronizes solar and

lunar time 41. Vehemently expressed

43. Hurt

44. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.) 45. Gradually weaken

47. Cool! 48. Touch softly 51. Israeli city

53. Indicating silence 55. Protein-rich liquids 56. Tropical Asian plants

58. A very small circular shape 59. Type of wrap 60. Potato state

61. Spinning toy 64. Type of degree 65. Ornamental molding 67. Closes again

69. Verses 70. Rise up

CLUES DOWN

1. Spanish seaport 2. Equal to one quintillion

3. Powders 4. One of the 'Great' ones 5. Increase motor speed 6. 'E.T.' director

Caught sight of 8. Congressional investigative body

9. Aroma 10. Runs without moving 11. Southeast

and Arrests

seven-day reporting period.

October 15 1:07 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela

The officers of the Willits Police

Department handled 178 incidents in this

Summary of Active Investigations

4:11 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of South

4:34 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:07 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of Coast

3:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street. 5:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft

8:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of aggressive panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street

investigation in the 200 block of North

October 16

Main Street

8:50 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street.

11:09 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of North Main

2:42 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley

3:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East

Commercial Street. 4:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South

6:08 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 21000 block of Baechtel

disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley

11:55 pm: Officers responded to a

October 17

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

October 15 to October 21

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

1:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Lenore Avenue

8:53 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

6:37 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of North Main

October 18

7:22 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust

1:52 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Wood Street and South Main Street.

4:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of Boscabelle

7:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial

8:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Hazel

October 19

12:47 am: TARBAH, Robert Karim (51) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

9:29 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:16 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South

4:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

October 10 to October 16 by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

10-17-18 (East Hill Road)

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported choking patient. Upon arrival the patient had coughed up the food item. Medical personnel at scene cleared the patient. 8 firefighters responded for service.

10-17-18 (Spruce Street)

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to a medical call. During response Little Lake Fire was canceled. 7 firefighters responded

10-18-18 (Pepperwood Way)

Vegetation fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vegetation fire on Highway 20 and Pepperwood. Upon arrival Little Lake Fire initiated structure defense and conducted a progressive hose lay on the east side of the structure. With the assistance of Cal Fire, the fire was controlled and the threat was mitigated. 7 firefighters responded for service.

10-18-18 (Hearst Willits Road)

Medical assist: Little Lake Fire responded to Hearst Willits Road to assist the current medic unit at scene. Fire personnel assisted with removing the patient out of the residence and assisted with loading the patient into the ambulance for transport. 10 firefighters responded for service.

10-19-18 (Eastside Road at East Hill Road)

Motorcycle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported motorcycle accident. Upon arrival, the patient had already been transported in a personally owned vehicle to the hospital. 11 firefighters responded for service.

10-20-18 (North Highway 101)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident.

Upon arrival a pickup truck was viewed on its side off the roadway, the single occupant self-extricated. Fire checked for fluid leakage, and the patient was cleared by medical staff at scene. 8 firefighters

10-20-18 (Highway 20)

responded for service.

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident; upon arrival two vehicles were blocking the east- and west-bound lanes. Fire extricated a single occupant from the vehicle. The occupant was then loaded into REACH and flown from the scene. The occupants from the second vehicle both self-extricated and were transported by ground ambulance. 12 firefighters responded for service.

10-20-18 (100 Kawi Place)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle into a ditch. Upon arrival the vehicle was approximately 10 feet over the edge. Fire checked for leaking fluids, and medical staff cleared the patient at scene. 11 Firefighters responded

10-22-18 (Della Avenue)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported patient with breathing issues. Upon arrival, Little Lake Fire provided basic life support until the ambulance arrived. Once the ambulance arrived the patient was loaded into the ambulance and transported to Howard Memorial Hospital. 9 firefighters responded for service.

10-22-18 (Northbrook Way) Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded

to Northbrook for a reported sick person. Upon arrival Little Lake Fire was on standby. The patient was awaiting transport to Howard Memorial Hospital for evaluation. 8 firefighters responded for service.

COLUMN | Health

Matters

Healthy aging

Sarah Alvord, MD

As we age, it can become more difficult to foster new relationships, engage in fun activities, and stay physically strong, but it is worth the effort!

I often tell patients that. had I been on the "Human Body Design Committee, I'd have done things differently. It seems to me we should be rewarded for living longer, not punished with slower metabolisms and prolonged healing times. But, since no one asked me, here we are.

Patients often ask for suggestions on how they can age well. That is to say, how can they maintain independence and continue to enjoy life?

It is a simple question with a complex answer. Health is influenced by physical and emotional elements. as well as the blend of people's personality traits and life experiences. However, I believe these recommendations can help most aging adults increase health and joy.

 Focus on your health. but don't become obsessed with it. Concentrate on what you can achieve, not what you cannot.

 Remember that you deserve to be happy. Make each day a new opportunity to pursue happiness, whether that means finding time to garden, focusing on all the things you are grateful for, volunteering to help others, or whatever else you like to do.

 Allow for grief, but do not let it consume you. As we age, friends and members pass away,) leaving us lonely and sad. If you need extra support, consider talking to

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Cross Country Amazing Athletes of Willits High

Brieana Evans,

16, Junior How Long Playing the **Sport**: Three years Breakfast of

Love of the Sport: "It's an individual sport so there's not as much pressure. You're running for yourself."

Brieana is a strong

women's team this year, motivating athletes to do their best and leading the members. Teo has worked hard to improve his time in the 5K this year core workout after every practice. She started the year already conditioned from summer workouts, and she has built upon that foundation all season. As a consequence, her times in the 5K have improved significantly this Willits half marathon, where he finished first by a broad margin with a time vear over last. She also trained extra all season in order to compete in last weekend's Wild Willits half marathon, where she finished first with a time on Halloween and CMC championships on the afternoon of November 5,

- Submitted by Coach Liz Roripaugh



Cross Country Teo Labus. 15, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: Three years

Breakfast of Champions Honey Nut Cheerios

Love of the Sport: "It's fun and

Other Sports Played: Swimming

Teo Labus is varsity boys' team captain. Teo's positive attitude fosters a climate of competitiveness and respect among the young men, and consequently he has led them to a 2 and 3 season, despite their relatively small team of eight

running a personal best of 17:40 on our home course last Wednesday. He also trained extra on Saturdays in order to compete in last weekend's Wild of 1:30:54. Still to come for Teo this year are two more home races, one both at the Brooktrails par course.

- Submitted by Coach Liz Roripaugh

Mama Dot

Dot is a sassy little lady. She loves attention, when she wants it. And once you start petting her, she won't let you stop until she's done. She is the ultimate attention hog with all the energy of a kitten. After being cooped up after having her five kittens this year (her babies are all adopted) she is now spayed and ready for a home of her own!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is of sassy and sensitive! Uber-friendly during her



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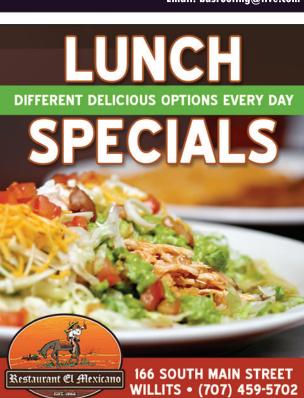


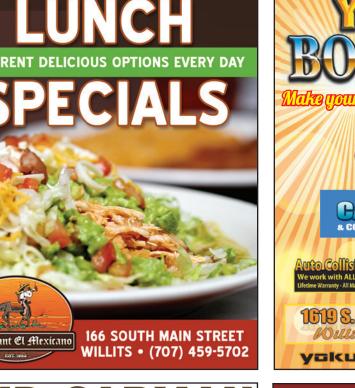


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26. Actress Ling

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Above, from left: Friends of the Library volunteers Earlene Gleisner, left, and Olga O'Neill were staffing the cash box table and signing up new and renewed FOWL members on Saturday. Rollo the Reading Rooster, the FOWL mascot, encourages passersby to get their own stack of good books at the Fall Book Sale.

FOWL book sale at the Willits Library last weekend

Friends of the Willits Library held their Fall Book Sale fundraiser at the Willits Library's Community Room on Friday, Saturday and Sunday last weekend. Tables were piled with fiction and non-fiction books sorted into

Patrons enjoyed browsing older books they'd read and loved, or getting a recommendation for a new book they hadn't read from a fellow book shopper. A hardcover version of Mollie Katzen's vegetarian classic, "Moosewood Cookbook," first published in 1977 was one star of the cookery section. The mystery section had a half-dozen very gently used volumes of Henning Mankell's Inspector Kurt Wallender crime novels. A treasure trove of children's books, mysteries, science fiction, self-help, gardening.... All funds raised by FOWL's fall and spring Book Sales go to support the Willits Branch Library.

To learn more about Friends of the Willits Library, call Beth at 459-6453 or e-mail Janey at djmit@hughes.net

- Jennifer Poole



Above: WCA curator Gary Martin holds "The Gary Martin

Gallery" plaque with WCA board members, clockwise from Martin: Carole Aleshire, Emmy Good, Barbara Willens,

Jennie Jergenson, Lynne Whiting Robertson, Ursula Partch,

Gary Martin

honor him, to rename the front gallery."



perform their routine

at the Harvest Moon

Photos by Jennifer Poole



Little Lake Fire Protection District

Little Lake Fire Department Training Chief Eric Alvarez, Deputy Fire Chief John Thomen, volunteer

Eli Owen set up a table at Mendo Mill Saturday to talk to voters about Measure J.

Abe Lozoff, Little Lake Fire Protection board members Tony Madrigal and Skip Lucier, and volunteer

Harvest Moon

Friday night's downtown fall festival was kid-friendly and fun

The Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration on Friday had a little something for everyone. The streets were packed with people that were there to peruse the booths and catch up with friends. West Mendocino Avenue and the Hathaway Parking Lot were decorated with hay bales and pumpkins and lined with craft vendors, information booths, and tables of baked goodies and popcorn from a number of youth organizations.

In the parking lot next to Main Street Music, a group performed graceful wound and unwound themselves from the suspended fabric.

Kids had a blast, running around with their friends, getting their faces painted, or singing along with Marjo Wilson and the Cotton Dandee Family Band on West Mendocino Avenue. Also adding to their fun was the crew from the Little Lake Fire

Department, who tirelessly gave rides along Main Read the rest of Over on Page B6 Street on the antique fire engine, blowing the horn. Harvest



of the group of pie eaters Grady Cooley, smiles after his victory. Below: Aybrie, goodies to help fund their soccer the J.D. Redhouse Photos by

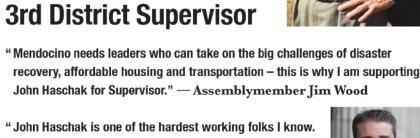
At left: The



Firefighters say 'Yes on Measure J'

Firefighters and board members of the Little Lake Protection District were tabling at Mendo Mill Saturday morning, giving away Yes on Measure J neon green plastic fire hats and trick or treat bags, too. The green hat has the Little Lake Fire logo. Stop by the firehouse to learn more about Measure J, which if approved by two-thirds of the voters, would raise funds for a new firehouse, or to pick up Halloween gear for the kids.

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5:25 pm: Officers to responded disturbance in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

6:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

10:30 pm: Officers initiated а investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

October 20

12:41 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

11:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious vehicles in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

October 21 1:35 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the

200 block of North Street. 1:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

11:00 pm: Officers responded disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:18 pm: Officers responded disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.



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additional information call 707-292-5156. A

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with 2 canned food items to be donated

to the Willits Food Bank), located at the

formed that will have monthly tournaments

beginning November 7; for more information

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feature music and a costume competition.

From Page B1 Banquet

The Willits FFA is the second largest chapter in the state. Members earned many prestigious awards at the 2018 Redwood Empire Fair, the California State Fair, and the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show. The students, their parents, and the faculty are all very proud of these accomplishments. The students raised various animals including sheep, goats, pigs, steers, and horses.

Willits FFA Parliamentarian Demetri Novoa, a Willits High School junior, is currently in his third year as an FFA member. With no previous background in agriculture. he is enjoying learning leadership skills and participating in the activities of the chapter, including attending the state conference. Demetri raised a Yorkshire pig, Peter, for the Redwood Empire Fair. The pig weighed in at 245 pounds and was purchased by Peterson Tractor of Willits

Recently, the Ag Farm at Willits High School has received some upgrades with the help of WHS Principal Michael Colvig, including a new pig barn for the students to house their animals for fair. The FFA Alumni Advisory Committee also supported the students by purchasing a "check in" system for the Ag Farm, which aids in tracking student involvement

Several activities hosted by the Willits FFA are currently open to the

At top: The crowd at the FFA dinner at the Willits Grange Friday night. At right: Some of the silent auction items up for bid.





At top: Nan Trichler displays some of her beaded necklaces and intricately painted frames for sale during the Harvest Moon Celebration on Friday. Above: Marjo Wilson and the Cotton Dandee Family Band entertain the kids on West Mendocino Avenue. Below: Samantha Bacon gets her face painted outside the old Tiger Lily's store.

WHS Ag Farm. A cornhole league is being The rest of Harvest

From Page B5

The Hometown events, put on by the Willits Chamber of Commerce's Local First committee in the fall and by Willits Frontier Days in the summer, are designed to draw Willits residents and visitors from elsewhere to downtown Willits. Brick and mortar merchants offer special sales, too, to reward and entice people to "shop local."

With sidewalk construction and road repaying and painting making navigating - and parking - downtown more difficult than usual in recent months, the Harvest Moon Festival was a timely reminder to soon-to-be holiday shoppers of what hometown Willits has to offer.





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Fictitious Business Name Statement

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May

general partnership

Statement filed with the Mendocine County Clerk on September 27.

/s/ Danny Thomson Pub dates: 10/25, 11/01, 11/08 11/15/2018 **Fictitious Business Name**

Statement The following person is doing

business as Coast Hardware & Radio Shack, 300 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Botalotawork, Inc., 101 East Barbara Lane, Willits, CA 95490 This business is conducted by a corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the ictitious business name listed above on 10-9-2018. Statement filed with the

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/s/ Wendy Morgan, CFO Pub dates: 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01/2018



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For Member of the City Council: (vote for no more than two) Larry Stranske (Incumbent) Greta Kanne

/s/ Cathy Moorhead Deputy City Manager/ City Clerk Publication Date: October 25, 2018

> The rest of Aging

Challenge yourself to

life, it is often overcoming the

hardest things that have resulted in the biggest rewards. Consider taking a class or visiting your local senior center.

One of the common adjustments we must make as we age is to learn to manage chronic disease; this often includes taking regular medication. Patients tell me they feel they're throwing in the towel once they begin this process. I think they're doing exactly the opposite. When diet and exercise are not enough to conquer high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, or diabetes, for example, regular medication can give your body the help it

As people age, they sometimes drop bad habits, and as they do so, their need for medication can drop, too. When this happens, I'm very happy to take people off medications in fact, it is one of my favorite things to do. The wisest course of action is to work with your healthcare provider to create a lifestyle plan that feels achievable.

children or whoever will attend to those details. Ask your physician to complete an advance directive with you and put it in your medical chart. Taking care of these things early will take a huge burden off your loved ones as the end approaches.

Aging can be difficult for the person aging, of course, but also for friends and family members. It can be incredibly painful to watch your mom or dad lose function and/or decline cognitively. One of the ways you can help them is to spend time with them and

Allow them to make their own decisions, as long as they remain safe, and try to find ways to allow them to continue to serve in the role of the parent. Ask them for their opinions and advice, and remind them how they've helped you become the person you are. This will be good for both of you

Sarah Alvord, MD, is an internist at MCHC Health Centers, a local, non-profit, federally qualified health center offering medical, dental and behavioral health care to people of all

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From Page B3

someone.

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overcome problems. It is hard to develop new friendships. It is hard to adjust to living without driving a car. It is hard to change any habit you've developed over decades. But if you think back over your

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