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Don't miss the B section inside today's edition; be sure to enjoy all 20 pages!

Bypass opening ceremony November 3

The California Department of Transportation invites the public to the opening ceremony of the Willits bypass on Thursday, November 3. The ceremony begins at 11 am, and parking opens at 10 am. The ceremony will also include the dedication of the 1.1 mile long viaduct as the "Jesse D Pittman S01 Navy SEAL Memorial Bridge." The celebration will be held on the new highway, at the south end of the viaduct. Entry will be through the southern interchange, just south of Willits. Follow the signs for "Special Event" to be directed to parking.

Speakers will include: Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans director; Charlie

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Howard Hospital CEO stepping down

By Cecilia Winiger, HMH

After almost five years of service, Rick Bockmann, president and CEO of Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital announced his resignation Monday.

Bockmann, who joined HMH in 2011, is leaving to become CEO at another Adventist Health hospital, Walla General Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington. He will leave his position at HMH by November 18.

"I want to thank Rick for his service to Howard Memorial Hospital. I am especially grateful for his leadership during the construction and move to our new hospital," said Jeff

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Culvert repairs north of Willits almost done

An emergency culvert replacement on Highway 101, just north of the Willits bypass, was expected to be mostly completed Wednesday, and the highway will be open to two-way traffic beginning Thursday morning.

The project was initiated after a Caltrans maintenance crew discovered the culvert was starting to fail during "a yearly routine inspection after last weekend's rains," said Caltrans spokesman Phil Frisbie, Jr. "The culvert was shored up with timbers to ensure the integrity of

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Pretty in Paint

Ashley Rodriguez makes magic – and monsters! – with makeup

It all started with a request from a friend for a "cracked doll" make-up job and, over the last 2.5 years, Willits' Ashley Rodriguez of Pretty in Paint

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by Ashley has been honing her skills at beauty,

special effect and illusion make-up.

"Since I had some experience with beauty make-up, my friend asked me if I could do this special cracked-doll illusion make-up for her

a few years ago," said Rodriguez. "I hadn't done anything like that before, so I declined, but it inspired me to start learning this new style."

Rodriguez started checking out YouTube videos, and then she just decided to sit in front of the mirror and give it a go!

"After I was finished, I looked at myself and

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At top, from left: Ashley Rodriguez creates an illusion makeup with her skin "tacked down" to her skull. Rodriguez and her husband, Lorenzo, in costume. Rodriguez' Grinch face. Above: The mosaic sugar skull created by Rodriguez. Below, from left: A fresh-faced Rodriguez. The colorful palette. A horror and gore make-up.



Assemblyman Jim Wood in Willits

California Assemblyman Jim Wood stopped in Willits on Monday, October 17, as part of a tour of his district before the November 8 election.

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A crowd gathered at Brickhouse Coffee to hear Wood talk about some of the accomplishments he was proud of from his first term and some of his hopes for the future. Wood is up for reelection, but his only challenger is Libertarian candidate Ken Anton, a geologist who lives in Elk on the south coast of Mendocino County.

Before his public appearance at Brickhouse, Wood and his Mendocino County constituent representative Ruth

Valenzuela had breakfast with Willits City Councilman Larry Stranske, visited Shamrock Goat Cheese, the John Ford Ranch, and Metal F/X, and had lunch with Pete Swanton, owner of Main Street Music and Shanachie Pub.

The phrase Wood used most consistently was "It's a challenge" – often in the context of getting resources to rural, lower-population areas of California.

"We don't get our fair share," Wood said, in terms of access to health care, the "digital divide," and education dollars. "We have to fight for it," he said.

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Assemblyman Jim Wood, left, with Brickhouse Coffee owners Tom and Sara Mann, and Wood's aide Ruth Valenzuela.

Photo by Jennifer Poole

Candidates look at post-bypass Willits, housing and pot

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The Little Lake Grange and the American Association of University Women hosted a Willits City Council Candidates Forum Tuesday night, with five candidates vying for three available council seats in the upcoming November 8 election.

The candidates – incumbents Bruce Burton and Madge Strong, and challengers Bill Barksdale, Gerry Gonzalez and Saprina Rodriguez – took turns fielding written questions from members of the audience.

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Measure AF: No tax collection provision

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Measure AF does not contain language that would allow the County of Mendocino to collect the taxes the ballot measure proposes to impose, according to Mendocino County Treasurer/Tax Collector Shari Schapmire.

"I am deeply concerned with the business tax language in Measure AF," Schapmire wrote in a letter to the editor. "The one section dedicated to the Cannabis Business Tax (Section 6.22.140) is absent of any taxing structure or enforcement language that would allow the successful collection of taxes."

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Willits man dies in Redwood Valley crash

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A young Willits man, José Luis Lara-Villegas, 19, was killed just before midnight on October 23 when the northbound car in which he was a passenger struck a tree near the intersection of Highway 101 and Uva Drive in Redwood Valley.

The driver of the 2006 Ford, 18-year-old Juan Rodriguez Silva, suffered major injuries in the accident and is recovering in Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. Silva has been

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clean-up, and everything in between. To thank each person and business that had a part, however large or small, would take up more space than the newspaper has to offer us!

Phil and Kathy Shuster once again shared their beautiful yard with us, making the best setting imaginable for a great party and tribute to all of our hardworking teachers and staff in the Willits Unified School District.

Willits Rotary, Fryman's Septic, The Basics band, Cat's Meow, Mazahar, Willits Furniture, Flowers by Annette, Tia Lawrence, Handley Cellars, Printing Plus and Willits Frontier Days all deserve special thanks. And what about our MC Tom Allman and auctioneer Rachel Britten – they worked so hard for us!

Publicity from Willits Weekly, Willits News, and our publicist, Gail Richards, pushed our ticket sales way over the top. Thank you to Willits Weekly's Jennifer Poole and Maureen Moore for always being there for us with your creative genius, no matter what we ask.

Approximately 40 individuals worked tirelessly in and out of the kitchen, preparing and presenting the wonderful array of food. Students from Willits High School and Baechtcl Grove Middle School served the food to over 350 people in attendance.

To sum it all up, it was just incredible, and you will never find a more grateful bunch of people than Willits teachers, schools, Willits Rotary Club and the WEF!

**Kathleen Lewis, secretary,
Willits Educational Foundation**

**Food Policy Council:
No on AF**

To the Editor:
The Mendocino County Food Policy Council voted at its October meeting to oppose Measure AF. The Mendocino County Food Policy Council's mission is to promote a fair and sustainable local food system through research, collaboration and collective advocacy. One of our main purposes is to advocate for local policies that facilitate increased local healthy food production, processing, sales and consumption.

After reviewing the proposed language of Measure AF, the council felt that Measure AF would have significant impacts on the uses of land, water and local regulations; therefore creating impacts to current and future local food producers as well as food production land and resources.

COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns

November 2016

Osho Zen Tarot: Fighting, Existence

Medicine Cards: Blank Shield, Fox

Mayan Oracle: Organic Balance, Ben, New Myth

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Princess of Disks, Princess of Wands, The Empress

Aleister Crowley Deck: Ace of Cups, Sorrow, Success

Healing Earth Tarot: Seven of Rainbows, Woman of Feathers, Man of Crystals

Words of Truth: Manipulation, Individuation, Original Cause



Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

It is election season and regardless of who you are favoring for the election, just know that there are going to be those that are very disappointed, as there is always a winner and loser. Whatever happens I am hoping that finally we can all choose to work together for a better country whose government is not stagnated by those who refuse to cooperate and work together. Life is about compromises, and everyone has had to make them at different times in their life. Rarely do we get exactly what we want, but life is about learning to take what the universe is offering and then making something unique and special out of it.

I believe in human ingenuity and the creative free spirit that is the United States of America (special emphasis on the "United" part). Let us all come together and drop the shields where we have put out our positions, sides and beliefs, and

As a collaborative body of food systems stakeholders, the Food Policy Council feels that Measure AF circumvents the established mechanisms for public input on proposed regulations, zoning and taxes normally conducted through our county's ordinance processes. With so many possible unknown consequences of cannabis legalization, we feel that the most participatory vehicle for local policy development should remain with the county board of supervisors and its offices. This process allows for input from our food producers on striking the proper balance between cannabis producers and other agricultural uses in determining how Mendocino County utilizes our land and water resources. Measure AF allows for limited input, and only allows for amendments after June 1, 2018.

While the county's regulations may be imperfect and their consequences unknown, we support the continued public development, refinement and future amendments of this process and oppose Measure AF. For further information about the Mendocino County Food Policy Council, visit: www.mendocinofood.org

**Jessica May, Willits,
coordinator for the Mendocino
County Food Policy Council**

**Measure AF:
Economics 101**

To the Editor:

We are all familiar with the story of the goose that laid a golden egg each day and the greedy farmer who killed it and cut it open to get all the gold that surely must be inside. He found only ordinary goose workings, and his future gold was no more.

We are all familiar with the Yes on AF claims that the measure will heal the sick, protect the environment, and spread wealth throughout the county. Likewise, No on AF demonstrates that there are no environmental protections, the tax language is unworkable, and impacts to county land use function are a real train wreck.

But where is the economic discussion? This is my personal view, as a native of Mendocino county, as a former supervisor, as chair of the county tourism promotion for eight years, and as a businessman.

The Emerald Triangle (Humboldt, Mendocino and Sonoma counties) is a major marijuana supply area for the United States. It derives its economic force from the national black market status of the federal listing of marijuana as a Schedule I drug.

Humboldt and Sonoma counties have embraced expansion into large-scale production zones, resulting in gigantic

environmental degradation and fragmentation of resource lands. They already eclipse Mendocino County and will widen that gap, no matter what Mendocino County does. Measure AF will set our feet on that same path.

The Yes on AF folks clearly want to join the Green Rush, the Green Tsunami, in pursuit of the almighty dollar. Is that a good marketing strategy? What will set Mendocino County apart and brand our product as something superior with a secure market niche?

The answer lies with you, the voters with the interest to protect our economic future, our environment.

Our reputation as a "green" county is a prime reason why our organic wines enjoy success, why tourists visit, and people choose to live here. Parducci's carbon neutral winery and Measure H, the GMO ordinance, are indicative of where our preferences lie. Shouldn't marijuana production align itself with that philosophy?

The mom-and-pop small growers are the backbone of our reputation. They generally do a good job in producing a good product in an environmentally friendly fashion. Our market niche is clearly that of the small growers, who know their craft, talk to their plants, trim with care, and do no harm. And I think our customers agree.

Measure AF would destroy that dynamic, inviting money-motivated outsiders to fragment our lands and take advantage of the weakest regulations in the United States, putting the smaller farmers out of the running overnight. Organized outside interests are increasingly present and already operate in our backyards, ignoring regulation efforts as they always have. Why pour gasoline on that particular fire?

We should not hastily swallow the Yes on AF argument that we must hurry up and adopt their proposal simply because our neighbors are ahead of us and big growers will exit the county if we don't. I say, let 'em go, if that is their inclination.

Unlike the sweeping changes that Measure AF would enact, affecting every citizen in our county without public review, the supervisors plod on, following the open legal process that will control production, protect our environment, and generate tax revenue in a functional manner.

Our best path forward, one that protects the small growers, protects our environment, and separates our philosophical and economic priorities from Humboldt and Sonoma counties, is to defeat Measure AF at the polls and allow the county to craft reasonable regulation in cooperation with you, the citizens, who will be expected to follow those rules.

Hal Wagenet, Willits

remember that first and foremost we are a hodgepodge of people from all races, cultures and creeds. What we have created here in the United States is unique in the world, and let us show the rest of the world how to put differences aside and find where we are the same and how we can work together to build a better world.

This month, the cards indicate that it is time to put aside the petty fighting and look to the larger world issues that affect not just us but all of life on this planet. Together we can create a world of potential and promise for our families, but we have to hold hands to do that.

Take a look at the manipulations that you have been using to justify your feelings and, instead of manipulating, why not just feel your feelings all the way through until they get to the bottom of what you are afraid of seeing inside of you? Projection is always about a disowned internal part that is trying to get our attention, and this last year many of us have had to take a hard look at who we thought we were and who we might actually be. For some of us that was a difficult wake-up call, but one that was essential for our growth and development.

This is a moment to learn when to speak and when to listen, when to observe and allow others to reveal his or her deeper intent rather than react and shut the process of truth down in your need to express your opinion. Listening is an art that takes trust and self-confidence. Listening takes patience. Listening requires you to be fully with the other person and not thinking about how to respond. Observation is essential to find truth. Step out of yourself and step into another person's perspective, ideas and expression. You will always learn much more that way.

Many of the cards this month refer to the need to retreat, withdraw, observe, or focus on compassion for yourself first as you are on a sacred journey into the deepest places of

Grange Forum

'Promoting Local Food and Farming: Achievements and Challenges'

Ten of the heavy hitters in the local sustainable agriculture movement gathered at the Little Lake Grange on Sunday, October 16 to hold a forum on local food and farming. The purpose of the "Promoting Local Food and Farming: Achievements and Challenges," forum

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was to inform students at the Little Lake Grange's School of Adaptive Agriculture about what has been happening in small-scale, local and sustainable agriculture here in Mendocino County over the past decade.

It turns out that a lot has been happening, and the Little Lake Grange is right in the middle of it. Although there has been quite a list of achievements, quite an array of challenges remain before locals can claim that the dominant culture's relationship to food and agriculture has changed.

Participants in the forum included Jen Dalton of the Mendocino County Food Policy Council, Miles Gordon of North Coast Opportunities' Gardens Project, April Cunningham of NCO's Food Systems Project, Caroline Radice from the Good Farms Fund, John Bailey, from NCO's Food Hub Project, Scott Cratty, general manager of the Mendocino County Farmers Market Association, Devon Jones, executive director of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, and Annie Waters of the Little Lake Grange. Ruthie King of the Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture and Michael Foley of the Little Lake Grange acted as co-hosts. Foley was moderator of the forum.

The forum was not a debate. The overriding question was how to expand and broaden the production of organic, healthy, and sustainably and locally grown food? Each of the panelists spoke to how they have been addressing that issue over the past few years.

Jen Dalton talked about the Food Action Plan that was developed by the Mendocino County Food Policy Council. She described the plan as a 30- to 50-year blueprint to get the local economy out of its current unsustainable model. Dalton distributed an eight-page summary that listed 90 steps that members of the Food Policy Council identified as steps in the plan.

Goal 1 is: "Support our farmers and local food producers." Step 4 of Goal 1 is: "Provide business development and marketing training for local food producers."

Goal 5 is: "Develop the regional food economy and infrastructure." Step 6 of Goal 5 is: "Increase the use of renewable-energy and fuel-efficient vehicles and equipment for production and distribution."

Dalton said of the work of the Food Policy Council: "We're keeping the dialog alive."

John Bailey talked about his work with the MendoLake Food Hub, an on-line co-op that links the products of small-scale local farmers with people, businesses and institutions that want to eat locally grown food. It is being funded by a three-year, U.S. Department of Agriculture specialty crop block grant that ends this year. Bailey said he has 33 different farms producing food for 50 different buyers. Thus far, the farmers are providing fruits and vegetables only, but next year, they will be adding protein-bearing animal products, such as cheese. The goal of the MendoLake Food Hub is to make small-scale

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'Gateway Improv'

**One-night-only theatrical experience to benefit
Willits Community Services**

Improv is coming to the Willits Community Theatre stage this Saturday evening, offering a fresh and lively experience for audience members, as well as an eagerly anticipated challenge to area veteran actors, playwrights and directors.

The brainchild of WCT volunteer and producer David Partch, the "Gateway Improv Night" event will be held as a fundraiser for Willits Community Services.

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"I once took some acting classes from Linda Posner, and we did a lot of improv," Partch said. "I enjoyed doing it and watching it so much, that I thought it would be great to do this sort of thing as a performance. Then I got on the board of the Willits food bank and put the two ideas together: [A night of improv] would be a good way to do a fundraiser."

While there are countless ways to conduct an improv show, usually sans director and playwright, Partch has developed a unique and interesting structure that, says Partch, "mimics the way plays are ordinarily developed."

Instead of writing a full script, the playwrights Don Samson and Mike A'Dair are each charged with creating three different scenarios or contexts in which the performers will be plugged into by one of the directors. The director will be standing on the sidelines, with the power to add actors, to call for flashbacks or flash-forwards, and can even rewind the action to have the actors redo a scene in a different manner.

During Sunday's rehearsal designed to get everyone attuned with the structure, A'Dair concocted a scenario in which a mother has just given birth to an alien creature that looks like a "reptilian." However,

the mother hasn't seen the baby and is waiting in the hospital with her husband and brother for the nurse to bring the "miracle infant."

Samson created a scenario where a group of two women and two men are sitting around the campfire after ingesting copious amounts of alcohol, when they start in on a full-fledged Trump vs. Clinton debate wherein the women are all backing Trump and the men are backing Clinton.

The director in that scenario, Virginia Hanley, chose the four actors from the pool of 10 and directed another actor to enter the scene at one point to portray Trump himself.

Both A'Dair and Samson will be creating slightly more detailed scenarios for Saturday's performances, and the directors will be given an hour before showtime to digest them and plan their strategies. The actors will know nothing until the lights go up.

Each improvised story will be timed to last up to six minutes, and Partch said there will be "two additional routines with audience participation."

David Christmas is the second director. The improv actors include: Mary Burns, Spencer Copperfield, Kelly Kasey, Matt Gaynor, Rod Grainger, Ron Greystar, Prana Roberts, Annie Samson, Mimi Cezanne Stoll and Pete Winslow.

Tickets are \$20 and available at Mazahar, Willits Community Services (229 East San Francisco Street, or call 459-3333), or from David Partch (call 459-7054). As this is a one-night-only show, be sure to get your tickets soon.



At top, left: Mary Burns, Pete Winslow, Rod Grainger and Annie Samson improvise a Clinton vs. Trump debate. At top, right: Virginia Hanley gives direction to actors Spencer Copperfield and Mary Burns. Above: Don Samson describes his improv scenario. Below, from left: Matt Gaynor, Copperfield and Grainger (as "Donald Trump"); Grainger (holding the "reptilian" baby), Burns and Gaynor; and playwright Mike A'Dair sits and thinks.

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What's Happening Around Town

Thursday, October 27
Willits Farmers Market Moves Indoors: due to rain, the farmers market moves to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. 3 to 5:30 pm. With free tea and coffee, and live music with Dorian May and Friends.

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

Poe's Haunted House: Willits Charter School presents Poe's Haunted House, "ranging from terrifying to mildly disturbing!" Thursday, October 27 from 5 to 8 pm, and Friday, October 28 from 5 to 7 pm. \$2. Parents, please accompany children ages 10 and under. 1431 South Main Street. All proceeds go to benefit future endeavors of the Theater Arts and Student Leadership classes at WCS. Info: 459-5506.

Community Hu Song: "In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, October 27, at 6 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. HU (pronounced "hue") is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome." Sponsored by Eckankar: Ancient Wisdom for Today. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit www.miraclesinyourlife.org.

Friday, October 28

Willits High School Football Games: at WHS home field against Kelseyville on Friday, October 28. JV game, with coach Billy Arms, 5:30 pm; varsity game, with coach Mike Colvig, 7:30 pm.

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

Saturday, October 29

Willits Boy Scout Troop 42 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Enjoy breakfast at the Rec Grove Park on Saturday, October 29 from 8 to 11 am. Sponsored by the Willits Lions Club. \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 5

and above, under 5 free with an adult. Info or tickets: call Tiger Den Leader Michael Tobin at 354-0565 or contact a Boy Scout from Troop 42.

WUSD Color Run: Blosser Lane and Brookside PTOs host the 2nd annual Willits Unified School District Color Run, Saturday, October 29, at the Willits High track. Registration from 8 to 10:45 am, and the run begins at 11 am. Fee is \$30 per person, to raise funds for Brookside, Blosser Lane, Baechtel Grove and Willits High!! "Please come and show your support for our schools!"

You can run, walk or dance your way around the track!!" More info: Windi Kvasnicka, 707-354-0755.

Pet Costume Contest: Mendo Mill Willits hosts a Halloween Pet Contest, Saturday, October 29, from 10 am to 3 pm. Judging at 3 pm. Awards for: Scariest, Most Unique and Best Overall. Great prizes! Plus 20 percent off all items in the new Pet Department.

Bake Sale: A bake sale to help with Jose Luis Lara's funeral expenses; hosted by Willits Power & Hardware, Saturday, October 29, from 11 am to 3 pm. 1600 South Main Street.

Hot Buttered Rum: Grange School hosts a Halloween dance party featuring the return of Hot Buttered Rum, with special guest bluegrass legend Peter Rowan opening the show, Saturday, October 29. "Join us for a raucous evening at Willits' Little Lake Grange ... Grange School is hosting the party, so you know it's gonna be good! Last year we saw GMO corn and El Nino dancing hard on the floor, scaring everyone with their agricultural nightmare costumes, and we can't wait to see what you cook up this year. Costume contest, photo booth, weird, twisted, absurd games.... Plus homemade hard cider, an assortment of other libations, and Zocalo's tasty food will help ensure you are satiated while listening to music so good you can't help but dance." Doors open at 5:30 pm; show at 6 pm. Advance tickets, \$35 (to benefit Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture) available at www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org/product/hbr-2016-willits, J.D. Redhouse and Earth's Treasures.

Gateway Improv Night: This first annual benefit for Willits Community Services is set for Saturday, October 29 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Featuring local actors, directors and playwrights, and designed to provide a fun evening of entertainment for audience and participants alike. The performance will take the form of a lighthearted competition, within the context of a friendly, cooperative atmosphere, with judges selected at random from the audience and prizes to the best performances. With some optional audience participation. With Don Samson and Mike A'Dair (as playwrights), Virginia Hanley and David Christmas (as directors), and Mary Burns, Spencer Copperfield, Kelly Kesey, Matt Gaynor, Rod Grainger, Ron Greystar, Prana Roberts, Annie Samson, Mimi Cézanne Stoll and Pete Winslow (as actors). Tickets are \$20 and available at Mazahar, WCS (229 East San Francisco Street, or call 459-3333), or from David Patch (459-7054).

Celebrate Your Wild Life Dance Party: Saturday, October 29 at Harwood Hall, Laytonville. "Come and Celebrate your Wild Life with a Bash and Hoot!! We honor the bats, the bears, the bobcats and all the creatures of the night at this DJ Dance Party!!" Dinner by Fox and Hound and Chief starts at 5 pm. Full bar! Full fun, Kid Zone, costume prizes, a raffle, and an extreme boogie tune selection. A fundraiser for Mendocino Wildlife Association. Visit us online at mendowildlife.com

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

Monday, October 31

Happy Halloween!

Willits Fire Department Haunted House: "Enter if You Dare!" The Willits Fire Department presents its 2016 Haunted House, Monday, October 31, 5 to 8:30



pm, at the Firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street. Free admission, but donations are appreciated.

Little John's Halloween Costume Contest: "Come in your best costume!" Halloween Night, Monday, October 31, at midnight. Cash prizes. Little John's, 377 South Main Street.

Halloween Night Party & Costume Contest: Sherwood Valley Casino presents a Halloween Party Costume Contest, with cash prizes, on Monday, October 31 at the casino, 100 Kawi Place. Contestants can earn an entry to the contest by playing minimally \$40 (using their Players Club card) and will receive an entry starting 6 pm until 9 pm. Judging will start approximately 9 pm. Winners will be awarded after 9:10 pm. Cash prizes: 1st prize, \$500; 2nd prize, \$350 cash; 3rd prize, \$250; 4th prize \$150; 5th prize \$100; 6th prize \$75; 7th prize \$50. No masks or weapons allowed. Info: 459-7770 or www.svrcasino.com

Tuesday, November 1

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" and "Keeping Up with the Joneses." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, November 2

Willits High School Cross Country Match: in Willits, Wednesday, November 2, against Kelseyville, St. Helena and Cloverdale at 3:30 pm.

Thursday, November 3

Willits Bypass Opening Ceremony: Caltrans invites the public to the opening ceremony of the Willits bypass on Thursday, November 3 at 11 am; parking opens at 10 am. The ceremony will also include the dedication of the 1.1 mile long viaduct as the "Jesse D Pittman S01 Navy SEAL Memorial Bridge." The celebration will be held on the new highway, at the south end of the viaduct. Entry will be through the southern interchange, just south of Willits. Follow the signs for "Special Event" to be directed to parking. Speakers will include: Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans director; Charlie

Veterans Day Breakfast

Friday, November 11

Willits American Legion Post 174 offers its Veteran's Breakfast on Friday, November 11 from 8 to 11 am at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Breakfast is FREE to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy and Girl Scouts.



2016 Mushroom, Wine & Beer Camp

Saturday, November 5

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

Guests will still enjoy the popular mushroom cook-off contest prepared by chefs, locally crafted beer and wine, and mushroom walks and talks (led by Mendocino's own mushroom expert, Eric Schramm), but this year will also



Friday, November 4

Annual Soup and Dessert Lunch: Sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church Women's Guild from 11 am to 2 pm on Friday, November 4. In the Fellowship Hall at 24 Mill Creek Drive. \$7 for soup, bread, and dessert. Hand-crafted items for sale, drawings, and prizes. Call 459-2988 for more information.

Senior Center Raffle Drawing: Harrah Senior Center presents its first FUNDING Raffle to support ongoing programs for seniors. Prizes galore including a two-week stay in the Azores! Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Tickets available at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 459-6826. Prize drawing will be held November 4 at 7 pm at our annual Baked Potato Bar, 5 to 7 pm. (see listing below).

Senior Center Baked Potato Bar: annual event at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Friday, November 4, 5 to 7 pm. Baked potatoes with your choice of toppings, dessert and beverage included. \$9 adults; \$8 members; \$5 children.

Saturday, November 5

Brooktrails Flea Market: Saturday, November 5 from 9 am to 2 pm, inside the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch St. Booths are \$30; for more info or to reserve a space call John at 707-391-5052.

2016 Mushroom, Wine & Beer Camp: Mendocino County Museum's lively mushroom dish competition, wine and beer tasting, along with a great barbecue, at the Wente Scout Reservation, a beautiful camp

"That's the Way It Was"

Thursday, November 10

On Thursday, Nov. 10, Jenny Watts will host a book reading and slide show at the Willits Library at 7 pm for her book "That's the Way It Was," a biography of her father. It is the story of a man whose life spanned most of the 20th century, who grew up in San Jose, endured family tragedy and shipwrecks, lived through two world wars plus Prohibition and the Depression, and raised a family in booming post-war America. "That's the Way It Was" is a life story of a man who played his part in the events of the last century and who shares with us his keen observations of "the way it was."

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feature camp-themed games, nature crafts, a barbecue, and more.

Tickets now on sale: \$90 camper ticket (full camp program and wine and beer tasting); \$10 bus ticket (70 seats available. Park at the museum and let the bus do the driving); \$50 camper "dry" ticket

(for designated drivers). Info or to buy tickets, visit www.mendocinomuseum.org/mushroom-wine-beer-event-2016.html. Proceeds to benefit the museum's exhibits, education programs, and special events.

Group tickets now available! Purchase two or more for \$80 or bring a group of four or more and only pay \$75 per ticket! Individual tickets are \$90; sober driver tickets are \$50. Optional bus tickets available for \$10. For tickets and a continuously updated list of participants please visit www.MendocinoMuseum.org or call the Museum at 707-459-2736.

– Mendocino County Museum

Ongoing Events

Willits Winter Farmers Market: the farmers market has moved inside for the winter, starting October 27, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. 3 to 6 pm (October hours) every Thursday afternoon. Veggies, flowers, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Willits Photography Club Show: The 15th annual show featuring photographic artwork by members of the Willits Photography Club will be at the Willits Center for the Arts through October 30. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726. Visit <http://willitscenterforthearts.org/> for more info.

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

Free Bridge Lessons at the Library: Saturdays, 10 am to noon, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, continuing through November 5. Come alone or come with a friend. If you didn't make the first meeting or two, that's fine: The lessons are ongoing, and late-comers are accepted. For more information call Donna, 459-9035.

KLLG Radio Action Group: meets Mondays at 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Learn about and participate in building Willits Hometown Radio. Volunteers needed. More information is available at www.KLLG.org or by calling Lanny Cotler at 367-1812.

Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo: Potluck dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. "Be sure to bring a dish to share!" 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

Drop-in Knitting Club: Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects – we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in."

Library Coloring Club: Want a little color in your life? Then by all means, come to the library! The Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, is hosting a Library Coloring Club, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for ages 14 and up. "We've got the crayons and the paper – you bring the imagination."

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

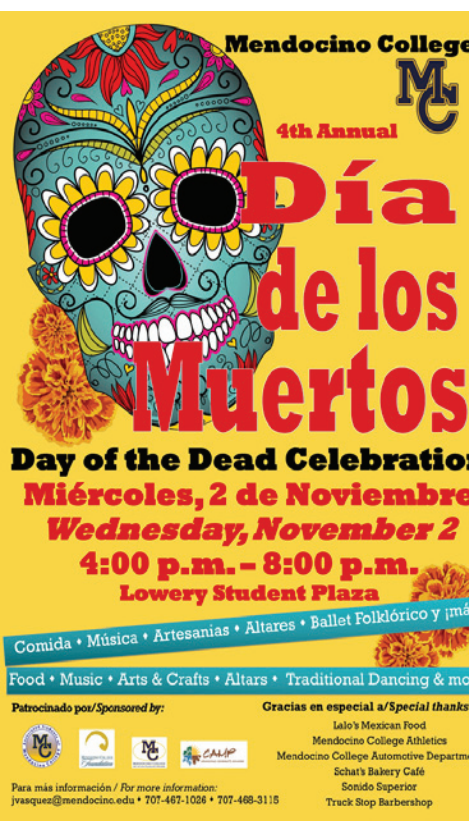
Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HHM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays, June through October, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, garden bouquets, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.



Appreciation Day

Willits Chamber of Commerce hosts open house

In honor of "Local Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Day," the Willits Chamber hosted an open house on Wednesday, October 19. On hand to greet attendees was the chamber's guest of honor Paul Krause, the oldest Willits Chamber member. Krause pointed out he is also the only member of the Willits Chamber who is a World War II veteran.

Krause shared that his wife, Elyse, and their family moved to Willits in 1969, where he started his business, Paul Krause Realty. He was not new to the realty business, and he was extremely involved in Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club, where they used to live.

In fact, Krause was so busy, his doctor told him if he didn't slow down, he would be "the richest man in the cemetery." That warning prompted the couple to take a drive to Oregon looking for places to relocate that

would allow a slower pace. On his way home, they found and fell in love with Willits.

It doesn't seem like Krause totally followed his doctor's advice, because since he moved here, he has been involved with the chamber, the Willits Lions Club, the Masonic Temple, the Pomo Shriners, as well as being a longtime business owner. At 95, he's slowed down a bit and no longer sells real estate. However, he does stay active helping his friends and family and still attends his club meetings and hometown functions.

Dennis Baxter and his wife, Olena, stopped by the chamber for information about the area they were exploring for their honeymoon.



Willits Chamber of Commerce director Lynn Kennelly accepts a proclamation from Ron Orenstein of the Willits City Council recognizing "Local Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Day" on October 19, 2016.

Photo by Holly Madrigal



From left: Glen Helton of the Willits Lions Club, the chamber's Lynn Kennelly, Paul Krause, the Howard Foundation's Margie Handley, and chamber board members Carlin Horger and Laura Allman.

Photos by Jenny Senter

Baxter had a great time talking to Krause and others at the open house. "What a wonderful community you live in," he said. "We have had so many business owners, and now the chamber, be so welcoming to us!"

The Willits Chamber of Commerce has been serving the community since 1926. Executive Director Lynn Kennelly said the chamber's mission is "to make Willits a better place to live, work and play." Kennelly

continued: "As we look toward the future, especially in light of the bypass, we know that we will only be as vibrant and strong as our community. [The chamber] has experienced tremendous growth in the past year through the work of an energetic board of directors and community involvement. Our goal is to continue our commitment to provide the leadership to help strengthen our local economy."

Below, from left: Dennis Baxter of San Bernardino, at left, who had stopped by for information about Willits and Mendocino County, joins in the fun at the open house with Saprina Rodriguez and Paul Krause.

Paul Krause and his wife, Elyse, a nurse, met while he was in the hospital with a severe war injury to his leg.

The rest of Bockmann

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Eller, president and CEO of the Northern California Region of Adventist Health and chairman of the board for the hospital.

Bockmann's tenure represented a pivotal period for the hospital and the Willits community, especially during final construction of the new hospital.

"Under Rick's leadership, despite all of the challenges that come with opening a new hospital, the physicians and staff remained positive and focused on doing what they do best – providing high-quality care and delivering an exceptional patient experience," said Eller.

During Bockmann's time as well, the hospital moved into a new medical office building right next to the hospital, which housed a primary care clinic, outpatient rehabilitation services and a retail pharmacy.

Bockmann said while it was a difficult decision to leave, he sees this as an opportunity to be much closer to his family and take on a new challenge in his career.

Walla Walla General Hospital is a 72-bed acute care hospital, which opened in 1899 and serves the 70,000 residents of southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon.

"I have enjoyed my time here working with the HHM board, employees, physicians and volunteers," Bockmann said. "I'm extremely proud of what we've accomplished together as a community. The patient experience at HHM is truly second to none, and the community is truly blessed to have this great hospital.

"They have something special here. Each and every one at HHM is focused on our patients and dedicated to providing excellent care. I am confident they will continue this legacy."

Bockmann has been very active in the community, including working with several organizations such as the Willits Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Willits, and the Howard Foundation, to name a few.

"I cannot thank the physicians and staff enough for their devotion to the mission and their dedication to our patients," Bockmann said. "I have learned much from them and they have been a daily inspiration. I will take that knowledge and inspiration into my next career endeavor."

The search for a new Howard Hospital CEO will begin immediately.

The rest of Culvert

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the highway" while repairs began.

The five-foot-by-six-foot concrete box culvert was originally built in 1917, and extended in 1984 to allow the addition of shoulders to the two-lane highway Frisbie said.

Intermittent one-way traffic controls will be needed over the next two weeks to complete work at each end of the new culvert and re-stripe the roadway.

This report was based on a press release from Caltrans.

The rest of Make-up

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thought, 'Hey! That's not too bad!' Rodriguez laughed. "I did a leopard face, too, and posted them on Facebook. People started tagging me in videos of cool make-ups from that moment on, and I've really just worked hard at learning how to do the different designs."

Rodriguez mentioned that she'd looked into formal classes in the general area and shy of theater makeup classes in Santa Rosa through the colleges, there really wasn't too much available.

Over the past few years, Rodriguez has enjoyed painting herself, her husband, Lorenzo, and their family and friends in a host of different themes and characters. She has also painted at local charity events and community festivities, including the Hometown Harvest Moon hometown celebration, the Howard Memorial Hospital opening and other HHM events, at the

The rest of Candidates

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Issues discussed included affordable housing, life after the bypass, cannabis cultivation pros and cons, how to attract businesses, how to increase revenue, maintaining water supply, mental health and balancing the city budget.

Affordable housing

Barksdale, businessman and Willits area resident for nearly 30 years, argued that in order to attract more businesses and people to Willits, it is vital to acquire federal Housing and Urban Development, or HUD grants.

Such grants, according to Barksdale, would "help provide houses by supplementing that, which will serve to "entice them" to create affordable housing.

Barksdale also advocated manufacturing tiny homes for seniors and identifying unused buildings so they can be refurbished and used as so-called "infill housing."

Rodriguez, who owns and operates multiple businesses in Willits, agreed with Barksdale, adding: "We need to consider looking at ordinances and options so people can rent out studios in parts of their homes. It appears that the city council can encourage funding, but really, it comes down to enticing investors to invest in our community."

Gonzalez, lifelong Willits resident and the city's chief of police since 2003, said it's important to "start looking at a General Plan amendment, and getting that up to date to go after grants. As a council, we can't dip into redevelopment to draw money but we can encourage HUD and businesses that want to come here – to make it easier for them."

Strong, who is seeking her second term on the council and has been a 10-year active member of Willits Economic Localization (WELL), stressed the importance of private and public partnerships and grant writing, not just for affordable housing but to provide shelters for the city's homeless population.

"[The homeless] should have some place to go and be safe," Strong said.

Burton, a longtime councilmember and current mayor, who was first elected to office in 1992, correlated housing as a "jobs issue."

"As I've watched Willits respond to renovation, [I've noticed] it really goes in waves," Burton said. "We can't create [housing], but we can facilitate it without an overly burdensome process."

The rest of No Tax

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Speaking to Willits Weekly, Schapmire elaborated on her reading of Measure AF.

"I need structure," she said. "I need something in black and white that tells me things like, am I supposed to collect the taxes quarterly? Annually? Bi-annually?"

"What I need essentially is something like Measure A1, the county's tax measure on cannabis. Measure A1 gives me the total framework of what I am supposed to do.

"Measure AF, on the other hand, is blank," Schapmire said. "It doesn't even say I am the one who is going to collect the taxes. It doesn't say anything about penalties if people don't pay their tax on time. It does have a little section about penalties, but those penalties are for the whole thing, the whole ordinance, you understand, not penalties if people don't pay their taxes or don't pay them on time.

"So, in Measure A1, what I need in terms of structure and authority, is there completely. In Measure AF, it is not there at all."

When asked if there has ever been a situation like this before – in which a ballot measure proposes a tax but does not contain language stating how the tax is to be collected – Schapmire replied, "Not in this county, that I am aware of.

"If AF passes, county counsel will have to get involved. She will have to tell me exactly what I can do. I'd say that county counsel will have to instruct me on where I am to go from there,"

Willits Kids Club and more.

"I feel like this is a great fit for me and a fun way I can assist in fundraising. Our whole family is big on community service, and I love that this is a way I can help and participate with events in our community."

With the prevalence of Pinterest and other visual inspiration online sites, Rodriguez frequently receives requests for images seen online, which she enjoys creating.

In addition to traditional makeup applications, she also has worked on horror make-ups, which employ the use of liquid latex, adding other zombie and ghoulish-specific additions to her tool box. She worked on horror make-ups at the Willits Community Theatre, where she noted the different pace of the project: replicating the same look multiple times for different shows and

What about pot?

Four of the five candidates expressed an openness to the prospects of at least some kind of medical cannabis cultivation, while Burton reiterated his stance against all cannabis-related activity within the City of Willits.

"If you can explain how you can take your oath of office and still vote for marijuana, then we might have something to talk about," Burton said.

"It is federally illegal," Burton argued, and until it becomes otherwise, he opposes allowing it locally. "Willits should have higher aspiration than to be a marijuana community."

While Rodriguez looked favorably upon medical cannabis – saying "I want patients to have access," and "I don't have a personal issue [with] recreational use" – she said she is opposed "to commercial grows in commercial property" because "most of the commercial properties are inside residential areas."

Gonzalez and Barksdale both expressed moderate positions, with Gonzalez hesitant to discuss recreational cannabis cultivation, since it has yet to be passed into law. However, he said, "I think the state is giving us a vehicle to allow for some aspects of marijuana cultivation. Coexistence is important."

Barksdale stated his position against outdoor growing due to the odor nuisance it causes, but viewed indoor industrial cultivation more favorably. He argued emphatically against a total ban, reasoning that prohibition causes more crime and is a waste of tax dollars.

"I know many lives that have been ruined for small marijuana crimes," said Barksdale. "Trillions of dollars have been spent on prosecuting marijuana. We should control it like alcohol."

Strong agreed with Barksdale that cannabis "should be regulated like alcohol and tobacco. There's already a marijuana economy; it's underground. If it becomes legalized, some of the problems will go away. The bus has already left the station; it's time to get with the program."

The city budget and post-bypass Willits

There was little disagreement among the candidates on these topics, although Burton came across as the most fiscally conservative, arguing against overspending.

she said.

County Counsel Katharine Elliott confirmed that she, too, is concerned about the lack of language in Measure AF that would enable the collection of taxes on cannabis.

"I am concerned about the language in the Heritage Initiative in terms of how we, as a county, would be able to collect that tax," Elliott said. "The Revenue and Tax code provides that taxes are initiated either by a board of supervisors, or by a city government, and then the measure would go to the voters for approval. It is very unusual for a tax measure to come from the people."

Elliott said she has not studied the question thoroughly but that she will do so, if needed, pending the results of the November 8 election.

AF endorsements, pro and con

As of press time this week, 27 local organizations, businesses and governing bodies have endorsed a "no" vote on Measure AF. The list includes the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, Brooktrails Township Board of Directors, Ukiah City Council, Anderson Valley Advertiser, California Native Plant Society (Sanhedrin Chapter), Mendocino Coast Audubon Society, Mendocino County Blacktail Association, Mendocino County Board of Education, Mendocino County Deputy Sheriffs Association, Mendocino County Farm Bureau, Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association,

having to complete several make-ups in the window of time before the curtain rises.

This Halloween, Rodriguez plans on turning herself and her husband into a sugar skull bride and groom. She showcased this mosaic sugar skull creation inspired by YouTuber Maddskully, who works with paints and airbrushing to create her looks. Rodriguez also plans to put up tutorials on her Facebook page, Pretty in Paint with Ashley, with simple tips for parents.

Rodriguez encourages anyone to purchase paints locally at stores like Incognito in Ukiah or the Goods' Shoppe here in Willits. More and less expensive palettes, brushes and more are available to create all kinds of looks.

To learn more about Rodriguez' work or to see more of her painted faces, check her out on Facebook under "Pretty in Paint by Ashley."

"I've struggled the last several years as the city passed budgets that were deficit budgets," Burton said. "I haven't supported any of them."

Burton argued the council should only raise taxes once the city has proven it can be fiscally responsible.

"We have to generate public trust in order to increase taxes," Burton argued. "You don't build public trust with deficits."

Strong viewed the deficit differently, arguing "we are in a good position financially. Some of those expenditures pay for themselves. Improving water lines pays for itself, because we're saving water. And the money we spend on Main Street will attract visitors."

Burton said he is looking forward to a post-bypass Willits because it will provide an opportunity to make the city "more attractive."

Referencing the city of Cloverdale and the challenges the bypass presented to businesses and city officials there, Burton reported: "They all survived it. They said it was a good thing to happen and businesses improved."

Barksdale suggested the best way to attract new businesses to Willits – businesses that will create "real employment" – is to offer tax incentives.

Barksdale also implored the city to get "aggressive" with Caltrans to erect more highway signage advertising services in Willits.

"Getting people to pull off [the highway] is important," Barksdale said.

Rodriguez challenged local businesses to take on the challenge of surviving and thriving after the bypass.

"It's my responsibility as a business owner to survive the bypass," Rodriguez said. "It's my responsibility to spruce up my property. It's the city's responsibility to support us, but it is the business owners who need to step up to the plate."

Gonzalez believes highway signage is overrated. "When I've gone to other places, I take out my phone and use it. We should look at social media and look at [how to use] technology to attract people."

Strong talked addressed the importance of advertising the attractions unique to Willits, like the museum and the hospital. She also spoke of the importance of supporting and encouraging more homegrown businesses.

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission, Mendocino County Food Policy Council, Mendocino County Inland Land Trust, Mendocino County Observer, Peregrine Audubon Society, Rogina Heights Concerned Neighbors, The Sierra Club (Mendocino Chapter), Ukiah Daily Journal, Ukiah Police Officers Association, the Ukiah Unified School District Board of Trustees, Ukiah Valley Democratic Club, Ukiah Valley Trail Group, Willits Environmental Center, Willits Kids Club, and the Willits Unified School District.

Meanwhile, the Yes on AF committee has received endorsements from five organizations, including the California Growers Association, Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association, Mendocino Medical Marijuana Advisory Board, The Mendocino Cannabis Policy Council, and the Small Farmers Association.

Yes on AF Campaign Manager Sarah Bodnar said Measure AF had more support than just the five organizations mentioned above. "This citizens' initiative is supported by a large silent majority of Mendocino County residents who are voting yes on AF. We have learned throughout this campaign that people are afraid to publicly endorse this campaign from fear of bullying or harassment from the No on AFers and law enforcement. We will, however, turn out at the ballot box. Our grassroots organizing reflects the reality of exiting a prohibition era where people don't feel safe in voicing their support."

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Volleyball | Angel de Los Santos, age 17, Senior

Position: Middle blocker

Breakfast of Champions: A nice bowl of Cheerios
Love for the Sport: "I love the intensity and the teamwork."

How Long Playing the Sport: Since sixth grade
WHS varsity volleyball player Angel de Los Santos has been a model of consistency for our team throughout the season. She has done everything her coaches have asked her to do and more. In our match against Cloverdale, she had 12 kills, 17 digs and a block. Angel is a strong leader, she never hesitates to help the younger players, and she has been an absolute pleasure to coach.

— Coaches Tim Miller and Jill Walton



Girls Soccer | Nicole Karkar, 16, Junior

Position: Sweeper

Breakfast of Champions: A bagel with cream cheese, tomato and avocado and a tall glass of water
Love for the Sport: "I like the pregame excitement and being aggressive on the field."

How Long Playing the Sport: Since fourth grade

The WHS Varsity Girls Soccer athlete of the week is Junior Nicole Karkar. Karkar plays sweeper and stopper, and she does an amazing job of helping to control the back field. There has not been a game this season where she has hasn't given 110 percent, and not a player on another team that she can't outrun and stop. Her fantastic defensive skills have helped us win many games!

— Coach Tatiana Cantrell



JV Football | DJ Buzzard, 15, Sophomore


Position: Quarterback

Breakfast of Champions: A nice bagel with pumpkin cream cheese
Love for the Sport: "I like hitting people and winning."

How Long Playing the Sport: Nine years

This week my nomination for player of the week is DJ Buzzard. DJ is the quarterback of the JV football team. Against the St. Helena Saints, DJ passed for 75 yards and caught a pass for a 40 yard touchdown. DJ helped orchestrate the win against the Saints. During the game he noticed weaknesses in the Saints defense and relayed that to me, so we could call the right plays to win the game. Willits won the game 26-12.

— Coach Billy Arms



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agricultural production cost-competitive with the products of large-scale agriculture.

Caroline Radice spoke briefly about the Good Farm Fund, an organization that provides small grants to local farmers. Radice said the funds available to the group for purposes of granting are growing. Last year, the fund gave away \$7,000 in grants; next year the group plans on giving away \$20,000. The average size of the grant will increase four-fold. Last year, the average grant was \$400 to \$500; next year it is anticipated available funds will allow the Good Farm Fund to give away average grants of \$2,000.

After each of the panelists had spoken about their work, Foley asked panel members to address a two-fold challenge offered by Foley. The first part was to identify the biggest challenge to small-scale local agriculture. The second part was that each panelist should offer a solution to that challenge.

Foley identified the high cost of farm land in Mendocino County as the biggest challenge facing would-be small farmers. He said a solution to that challenge would be to adjust the Williamson Act to allow Williamson coverage to smaller farms.

Dalton said, from her perspective, the biggest problem was diminishing biodiversity. Her solution was inspiring large-scale growers to diversify and to keep some acreage available for biodiversity.

Miles Gordon said, for him, the biggest problem is how to provide people with access to land so that they can garden. Connected to that was the question: How do we create a culture of local food production?

He said his work with the Gardens Project was addressing both challenges and added that an important component of the next phase of his work will be to bring more gardens to schools.

Scott Cratty said the problem was the mental or philosophical obtuseness of most consumers. He recommended that the small farm network start "a campaign of nagging."

Devon Jones said big government was part of the problem. "Big government and big regulations create big business," Jones said. "The biggest problem is the people who aren't in the room today." Jones urged those in attendance at the forum to vote carefully and to consider the long-term consequences of legislation before they vote.

Foley wrapped up the meeting by lamenting what he termed the "death of citizenship phenomenon."

"We're missing more citizens' organization, producers' organization, farmers' organizations that will organize and show up, show up in Ukiah, show up in Sacramento," Foley said. "It's part of the death of citizenship phenomenon that we have now in the United States. I think we need some vibrant, angry, farmers' organization who will show up at meetings, and give Devon Jones some of the numbers that she needs," Foley said.

Driver, pedestrian safety tips for a spook-tacular Halloween

Halloween is the celebration of all things scary. For children, this means dressing up as their favorite characters and enjoying tricks and treats. For adults, the celebration often involves alcohol.

Unfortunately, Halloween is also known for having the highest number of child-pedestrian deaths all year and ranks among the worst for holiday-related DUI crashes and deaths. The California Office of Traffic Safety and California Highway Patrol are providing tips to trick-or-treaters, parents, and partygoers to keep everyone safe this Halloween.

"Halloween should be a time of fun for kids and adults alike," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "Some planning ahead, plus extra caution that night, can keep everyone safe on our streets this year." According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on Halloween night between 2009 and 2013, 119 people were killed by drunk driving, and 43 percent of all motor vehicle deaths involved drunk driving. The number of deaths among pedestrians ages 5 to 14 is four times higher between

4 and 10 pm on Halloween than on any other evening of the year. In 2013, 26 percent of all pedestrian fatalities on Halloween night involved a drunk driver.

"With an increase in the number of children and adults out on Halloween, motorists play a critical role in helping to keep them safe," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "As a driver, it is important to abide by the rules of the road and remain alert, sober, and free from distraction."

Trick-or-treaters are often too excited and forget about safety, so motorists and parents must be even more aware. Keep these helpful tips in mind when out and about:

- Plan your route ahead of time on

well-lit streets. Avoid busy streets.

- Choose a costume that makes it easy to walk, see and be seen. Light color costumes are best.
- Select costumes, masks, wigs, or beards made of flame retardant materials (check the labels).
- Avoid flimsy, lightweight fabrics and costumes with billowing skirts or loose baggy sleeves.
- A mask may keep kids from seeing well, so make sure they take it off before crossing the street.
- Consider using makeup instead of a mask for added safety.
- It is best to trick-or-treat when it is still light outside, but carry a flashlight so trick-or-treaters can see and drivers can see them.
- Use retroreflective tape on costumes. Be creative in applying it to make it fun to be seen.

Adults often party on Halloween night, which can lead to drunk and drugged driving, and even dangers fueled by costumes and the excitement of the night. Motorists, partygoers and hosts should keep



these tips in mind:

- Avoid driving through residential areas where trick-or-treaters are likely to be present.
- This is a night to slow down, be extra cautious, and obey all traffic signs and signals. The risk of killing a pedestrian increases with just small increases in speed. A pedestrian is nearly twice as likely to be killed if hit by a car going 30 mph compared to 25 mph.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs, and in dark costumes – they will be harder to see at night. Also, be aware that trick-or-treaters may not be paying attention to traffic and may run out mid-block or between parked cars. Motorists should scan far ahead when driving in residential areas, watch for children, and cautiously monitor their actions. Turn on your headlights to make yourself more visible – even in daylight.
- Plan ahead if you will be drinking. Designate a sober driver. If you are already out and have had too much to drink, call a taxi, friend or family member to drive you home.
- Party hosts should have plenty of food on hand for everyone throughout the evening and several non-alcoholic drink choices for the designated drivers. Do not allow anyone to leave if you have any doubts about their ability to drive.

The California Office of Traffic Safety and the California Highway Patrol want you to have a fun and safe Halloween. To keep up with the latest traffic safety information, be sure to follow us on Twitter at @OTS_CA and @CHP_HQ or "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CaliforniaOTS or www.facebook.com/chp. For more information on all OTS efforts, visit www.OTS.ca.gov.

— California Office of Traffic Safety

North county burn ban lifted

Cooler temperatures and fall showers have resulted in Mendocino County's burn permit suspension being lifted.

North county residents possessing valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissive burn days, CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher P. Rowney announced.

While the threat of wildfire has "been diminished," Rowney says, he reminds county residents "we are still in our fifth year of drought," and urges them "to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times." Individuals can be held civilly and criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and burn onto neighboring property, he notes.

CalFire burn permits are required until the end of fire season, Rowney adds. Residents wishing to burn must

verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning.

Burn day status is always available at the Burn Information Line at 463-4391.

"The 2016 fire season has not yet been declared closed, so burn permits are still required," and Rowney advises residents who obtained CalFire burn permits last spring to check the date on their permits to ensure they are still valid.

Burn permits may be obtained at CalFire's Howard Forest Headquarters between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or at a local CalFire facility.

Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned. The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed.

Residents are not allowed to burn on windy days.

Burn piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height, Rowney says. You can add to pile as it burns down.

Those burning must clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around their piles and have a shovel and a water source nearby.

"An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times," Rowney says.

"Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards," he says, "and state, federal and local land management and fire agencies will be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health on private and public lands."

For more information on burning, visit the CalFire website at www.fire.ca.gov.



The crowd at Brickhouse Coffee on October 17.

Photo by Jennifer Poole

The rest of
Wood

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Wood answered questions about overcharges by telecommunication companies: "The telecoms have a tremendous amount of power in the Legislature," he said, and getting reforms passed has felt "like moving a boulder uphill." Although there is "a changing Legislature, more willing to make changes," Wood said, "there is no magic bullet in the Legislature."

Wood also answered questions about his bill, the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, which he championed along with state Sen. Mike McGuire, about the possibility of a public bank – or even a public "cannabis" bank – for Mendocino County, telemedicine, charter schools, and problems with dead and dying trees in forestlands. He was asked to keep in mind that small businesses, which struggle to meet the same regulations and pay the same fees as big business, are the backbone

of the economy.

"It's tough when you don't have a lot of legislators with experience in small business," Wood said, describing his own background as a small businessman as an advantage.

Wood was also asked to encourage Caltrans to provide sufficient signage on Highway 101 north and south of Willits once the bypass opens.

He also talked about how things work in the California Legislature: "Until I was a part of the system, I didn't really understand it," he said. "Everything we do [in the Legislature] is 'relationship-based'; over time, as we work together, we support each other on things that are important to us. Over time, we can turn the iceberg around, but really big ideas never survive. It just doesn't work that way."



Above, from left: Women's health specialist Dr. Kim Faucher and director of medical imaging, Katie Hageman, talk about women's health issues during Howard Memorial Hospital's "Ladies Night Out." A gift basket up for grabs contained lots of goodies from the Howard Memorial Hospital gift shop, including chocolates, decorative boot cuffs, a Hoyman-Browe mug, jewelry, lotion, and much more. Amber Compa from Roots restaurant carries in trays of fresh and chocolate-dipped fruit.

‘Ladies Night Out’ at HMH

On October 18, women in the Willits community gathered at Howard Memorial Hospital for the first-ever "Ladies Night Out," scheduled as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Attendees enjoyed free massages and appetizers from Roots Restaurant and had a chance to win raffle prizes. All enjoyed taking home a special goodie bag door prize.

Dr. Kim Faucher and the director of medical imaging, Katie Hageman, held a Q&A session with the attendees and also

spoke about how mammograms are performed, what to expect, and the benefits of early detection.

The pair also emphasized how important it is to let your physician know about any changes experienced within one's own body and how having annual checkups is vital for keeping your overall health well-monitored, especially when hereditary and genetic factors are also involved.

– Maureen Moore



At left, from top: Amber Grable holds up one of the pink ribbon pins given to the attendees. Three lucky winners hold their raffle winnings, including, from left, Aida Leon, Elida Cardona and Cindi Holt. HMH medical records employee Holly Sears draws a ticket from the bucket held by HMH communications manager Cici Winiger. The room full of women interested in learning more from the speakers. Above, left: Speakers Katie Hageman and Dr. Kim Faucher smile together for the camera. Above, right: HMH pharmacy tech Robin Rose checks out the selection of appetizers and sweet items from Roots restaurant.

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Volunteers welcome

An enlivened Art Center offers a great opportunity to get involved with the art community

New shows, programs and classes are coming to the Willits Center for the Arts, and there is a “great opportunity for people to get engaged and meet the community [by volunteering],” said Holly Madrigal, WCA managing director. The center has extended its hours to Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm, giving more people a chance to see the art and participate in events.

Andria Stone
Features Writer

providing people with information about where to go and what to do in Willits.

“We are also trying to broaden the net for artists,” she said, who in the past were asked to remain present with their art during open hours but are no longer required to do so. All of this adds up to a need for more volunteer docents who can answer questions about what’s on display or prep the gallery between the shows, which change monthly.

“The center has been enlivened recently,” Madrigal said, citing classes in painting, West African dance, square dancing and photography currently being offered at WCA. There is hope there will soon be a ceramics course available, which will require volunteers to help create a studio. Landscaping at the front of the building is on the agenda as well, so those with skills or interests in that area are also needed.

Volunteer positions may be available for those who wish to participate in WCA’s upcoming events, such November’s show, “The Women’s Book Club,” featuring figure painter Diana Hinkle and origami book sculptor Laura Wiecek, with watercolors by Leslie Rich on display in the upstairs great room. The November 5 opening reception will be part of a “cultural art block party” in conjunction with Brickhouse Coffee where painter Marjo Wilson will be exhibiting her work

and performing her music that night.

Additionally, Willits Center for the Arts has “a whole host of things coming up for the holidays,” Madrigal said, including the annual Community Craft Fair which will still be held in the Willits Community Center but will be expanded to include the great room at the WCA, with “many wonderful, high-quality booths.”

“The Gift of Art,” the December show at the art center, is a members show offering affordable, gift-sized art for purchase. The show will feature hand-blown glass ornaments created by Kale Haschek, as well as small-scale paintings by Donna Stropes, and offerings by other WCA members.

The board is discussing the possibility of further partnering with Mendocino College in order to provide college credit for those students who wish to volunteer while learning more about art and how it’s showcased.

Volunteers can sign up to work as little as one day a month for 3.5 hours, either 11 am to 2:30 pm or 2:30 to 6 pm, though one can certainly commit more time if desired. “It’s a great way to see some wonderful art and participate in the community,” Madrigal added.

To offer your time or to get more information, send an email to Holly Madrigal at wcarental@gmail.com or call the Willits Center for the Arts gallery at 459-1726.

Clockwise from top left: WCA’s first volunteer thank you dinner featured Kemmy’s Pies and salad. Graffiti artist Banksy’s “Mona Lisa Bazooka” illustrates the word “Shape” in Curator Gary Martin’s presentation on “The Language of Art.” WCA board members Lynn Whiting Robertson, Barbara Willens and Sandy Strong. Martin with an “Einstein” slide from his presentation.



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- 5. Removes
- 11. Ancient Greek City
- 12. Plagued
- 16. An aspect of the Egyptian Sun god
- 17. Registered dietician
- 18. A citizen of Iran
- 19. Jordan's old team
- 24. Ballplayers go here when they're hurt
- 25. Common fractions
- 26. Terrorist organization
- 27. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 28. Heroic tale
- 29. Reared
- 30. One of the first cars
- 31. Praises highly
- 33. Make fun of
- 34. Defines a vector space
- 38. Blotted
- 39. Municipal
- 40. Maxim
- 43. Russian investment bank
- 44. Active Filipino volcano
- 45. Scottish tax
- 49. Peter ___
- 50. South Asian garment for women

CLUES DOWN

- 2. Responds
- 2. Trailblazing tennis player ___ Gibson
- 3. Driving
- 4. Holy places
- 5. Spanish river
- 6. Cardinal
- 7. Anno Domini
- 8. Southeast
- 9. Ills
- 10. Gentlemen
- 13. Lanthanum
- 14. Support
- 15. Widened
- 20. Exclamation of surprise
- 21. Type of Suzuki motorcycle
- 22. Advantages
- 23. Cover
- 27. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 29. Baylor University
- 30. Aristocratic young lady
- 31. Resinous insect secretion
- 32. Noble gas (abbr.)
- 33. Combo exercise ___-bo
- 34. Shoulder blade
- 35. Fortress
- 36. River in England
- 37. Popular point guard
- 38. Decigram
- 40. Swiss river
- 41. Where milk is processed
- 42. Weird guy Yankovic
- 44. Tattoo (slang)
- 45. Place to see movies
- 46. Conclusive comment
- 47. Has high legislative powers
- 48. Initialed
- 50. Cassia tree
- 51. Touchdown
- 52. Egyptian pharaoh
- 54. Thai district Ban ___
- 55. Kiln
- 57. Michigan
- 61. Morning
- 62. Rob Gronkowski is one

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WPD Activity Report

October 15 to October 21

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 202 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active
Investigations and Arrests

October 15

7 am: ALEJANDRESBRAVO, Jose (27) of Willits was contacted during a traffic stop in the 100 block of Baechtel Road and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

8:10 am: Officers initiated a mental health detention in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

October 16

12:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Sandy Lane.

4:40 pm: Officers initiated a mental health detention in the 800 block of South Main Street.

October 17

10 am: Officers initiated an investigation into criminal threats in the 700 block of South Main Street.

October 18

4 pm: Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Blosser Lane to contact two subjects whom were reportedly causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, they contacted SLAGLE, Van (38) of Willits and ALLRED, Angelo (38) of Willits. It was determined that both were too intoxicated to provide for their own care and both were placed under arrest pursuant to 647(f) PC (Public Intoxication).

5:50 pm: Officers were dispatched to a theft from a business in the 1700 block of South Main Street and, as a result, contacted WILLIAMS, William (24) of Willits. During their course of their investigation, officers determined

Williams was in violation of the terms of his probation and placed him under arrest pursuant to 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation)

9 pm: Officers were dispatched to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street and as a result contacted MAXFIELD, Bradley (22) of Willits and MAXFIELD, Justin (20) of Willits. During the course of a subsequent investigation, officers determined both had just stolen items from multiple vehicles that had been parked along South Main Street. Numerous items of property were recovered, and Bradley and Justin were arrested pursuant to 484 PC (Petty Theft from a Vehicle, 496(a) PC (Receiving Stolen Property), 182 PC (Criminal Conspiracy) and 1203.2(a) PC (Violation of Probation).

October 19

4:20 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of South Main Street where they contacted PERDUE, Jeri (35) of Willits. Officers determined Perdue was under the influence of a controlled substance and placed her under arrest pursuant to 11550(a) HS.

October 20

11 am: SMITH, Jennifer (32) of Willits was contacted during a traffic stop in the 10 block of Walnut Street and cited for an active Mendocino County warrant.

12 pm: BENNETT, Isaiah (20) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street and arrested pursuant to an active Mendocino County warrant.

October 21

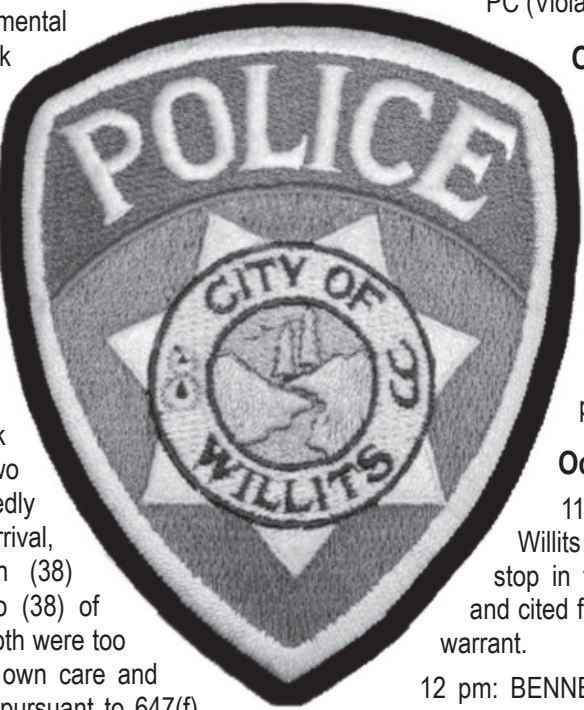
5:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of South Main Street.



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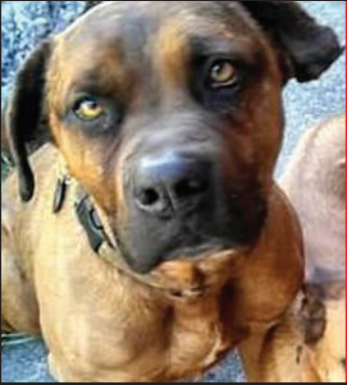
Cuddles is a female kitten who will win your heart with her playful nature and charming personality. She can be seen batting around her toy with great gusto. She lives in the shelter lobby with her sibling for company.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter.

Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise! More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

contact us at 707-485-0123 or hsimc@pacific.net or visit at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the Broiler).

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



HAVE YOU SEEN OJIE?

He was last seen in the Poppy/Bear intersection of Brooktrails on Thursday 10/20. Our family has been searching high and low, including our female shepherd mix who would like her best friend back! Also helping find Ojie are some wonderful community members, and we would like to say, "Thank you!" Ojie is a dark brown, 9-year-old neutered male pit mix, who is very gentle and loving, wearing a green camo-print collar. He may be injured and scared. Dead or alive, day or night, please call 707-367-4112 or 707-367-9471.



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Happy birthday to KLLG

Sold-out benefit celebrates this week's official launch of Willits' new radio station

Nearly 200 area residents came out to the Willits Center for the Arts Saturday evening to show their support for local radio and celebrate the official launch of KLLG 97.9, Willits' own low-power FM radio station, housed in room 10 at the Little Lake Grange on School Street.

Damian Sebouhian
Reporter
damian@willitsweekly.com

The benefit raised a total of \$5,026 for the new radio station.

The great room on the second floor of the WCA building was decked out for the event in Barbie-themed regalia, including a Barbie chandelier and a Barbie archway booth for couples to have their pictures taken for free by local photographer Steve Eberhard.

The Mendocesian Art Collective even showcased an art piece aptly titled "Bad Grow Barbie," featuring a table surrounded by Barbie dolls trimming buds.

Three local new grass bands kept the sold-out audience entertained and moving on the dance floor. Bug Guts opened the show with their eclectic renditions of country and folk

Read the rest of **KLLG** Over on Page B7



At top: The crowd at the KLLG benefit at the Willits Center for the Arts. Above: KLLG impresarios Roger Wilson, left, and Lanny Cotler.



Great Pumpkin Hunt

Brooktrails families turn out for Halloween fun in Ohl Grove

The Brooktrails Neighborhood Association hosted another free Great Pumpkin Hunt on Saturday afternoon at Ohl Grove Park in Brooktrails. Besides hunting pumpkins, festivities included crafts, Halloween treats and games, Yokum's Bounce House, and a free pumpkin to take home for each kid.

The Brooktrails Neighborhood Association has been sponsoring regular free family fun events at Ohl Grove Park, including "Movies in the Grove" and an Easter egg hunt last spring.

All donations and money made from the sale of concessions at the free events goes back into funding future BNA events, and also towards another BNA project – renovating and improving the Par Course playground.

Contact the association at ourbna@gmail.com or visit the "Brooktrails Neighborhood Association" page on Facebook.

– Jennifer Poole

Redwood Meadows is an active independent senior community featuring 101 apartment homes, primarily a mix of one and two bedroom apartments which are single story 4-plex cottage-type set amongst seven acres of park like landscaping.

We are a smoke-free and pet friendly community. We boast a community center where activities are held like card games, Bingo, birthdays and socials. We also have a barbecue area for residents to get together for social functions.

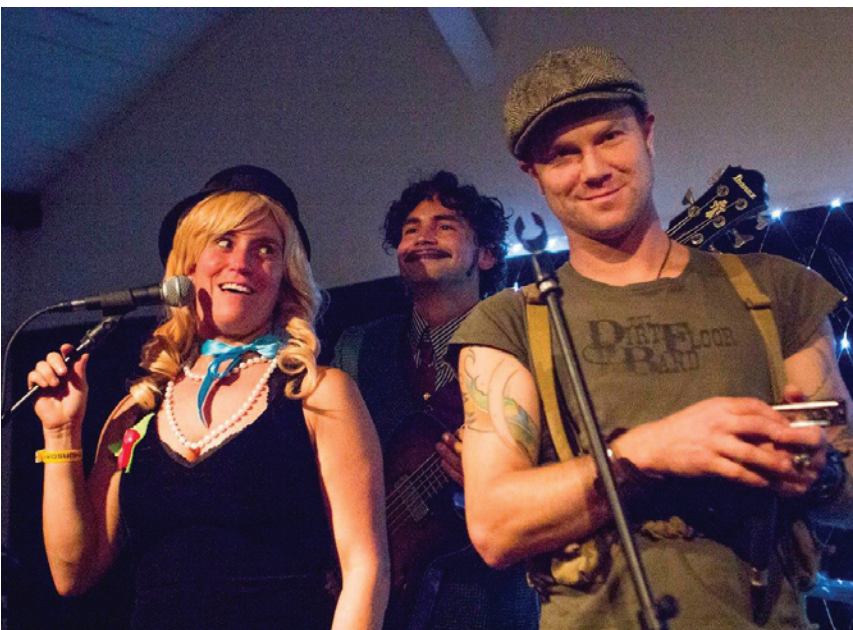
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At left, from top: Chris and Carissa, photobombed by Rossi Jensen; Ruthie King of the Grange farm school; and a robot hanging out at the water cooler.



At top, left: Brooktrails Neighborhood Association organizer Ashley Sherf. At top, right: Posing with pumpkins, in front: David, Ocean and Deann; back row: Rhonda and Chris.

Above, left: Ashkan Nahreini, aka "Mr. N," the first-grade teacher at Willits Elementary Charter. Above, right: Ember Hetherington and her pumpkin glow in the shady sunlight of the redwood grove.

Below: Pumpkin love, from left: Jackson Kostanecki, Cole Wiseman and Fisher Kuhn. Below: Jumping in Yokum's bounce house. At bottom: Jackson, Jaden and Liam love their pumpkins, too.

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At top, left: Barbie with one hand in the KLLG tip jar at the drinks table. At top, right: Michelle Cummins, left, with Kyle Madrigal and Malakai Schindel.

Above, left: Zach, Morgana, and Caroline dressed up for the KLLG benefit.

Above, right: Rossi Jensen, left, and Vanessa Hershman, with the raffie ticket bag.

At right: "Bad Grow" Barbies at play.

At far right: Rossi Jensen enjoying the music.

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Fall and winter tips to protect wild visitors and your home

By Ree Slocum

Mendocino is a rural county, and our interface with wild animals is part and parcel of our experience living in this beautiful place on the planet. Though we may live in towns or cities, we have wildlife living in and visiting our yards and homes, sometimes uninvited! There are many ideas about how to protect our homes, gardens and other property from the damage caused by animals simply trying to make a home or forage in or near our own dwellings.

Below are some helpful tips to follow during autumn and winter clean-up and preparation for the long rainy days ahead from Cathy Ortiz, a retired wildlife rehabilitator and Willits resident. Ortiz is helping the recently founded Mendocino Wildlife Association (hotline: 984-6363), as it heads into its second year.

- Trim trees and shrubs around your land, yard and gardens NOW. Don't wait to cut these until spring or summer when they're being used by birds and other wildlife for nesting. You may accidentally cause the young and/or parents to be orphaned, injured or killed.

- Leave wildlife cover for birds and other animals on your property. If you live in the country, leaving a dead tree or two (only if it's safe to do so) every quarter-acre will help provide nesting and food for wildlife neighbors.

- Autumn into winter is the breeding season for deer, and the bucks can become dangerous. It's important not to feed them or the does. Nature lets the does know when it will be a good or poor feed year. If we feed deer, it fools the does' bodies into thinking it's an abundant food year. The does give birth according to that cue, so it's important not to interfere with their natural browsing patterns. Artificial feeding can lead to more multiple births, causing crowding and possibly spreading disease and other problems. Deer will not starve. The appetite of deer decreases in relation to the food supply, so



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Above: Familiar faces, familiar care: Howard Pharmacy's staff is ready to serve the community, including from left: Emmy Heiken, Sandy Robinson, Kim Jewell, Pam McCartney, and Carrie Winter.

New Howard Pharmacy now open

By Cecilia Winiger, HMH

The new Howard Pharmacy is now open and ready to serve the community. Located in the Lamprich Center, right next to the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, the pharmacy offers prescription refills, over-the-counter medication and medical supplies.

The pharmacy accepts all major commercial insurance companies and plans, including Medicare Part D plans. "We're excited to bring this service to our community, and I'm eager to see all the familiar faces just like I used to when I worked for Rexall," shares Carrie Winter, retail pharmacist. Winter says she started working in her family's pharmacy business when she was 7 years old. "I loved seeing all the people and getting to know them. It's great to be back in my hometown and serve my community like we used to," she adds. Winter said their personalized service is what makes Howard Pharmacy stand out.

Customers "will get to see familiar faces and get that care and attention that Howard Hospital is known for," she said.

"Patients are not one-size-fits-all, and neither should their care be. We are their community pharmacy," Winter said. "We will get

to know them, and help them understand their medications and how to get the most savings under their insurance plan."

Winter adds that, although the pharmacy is part of the hospital, all customers are welcome, and they don't have to be patients of the hospital to use the Howard Pharmacy's services. The pharmacy also offers delivery within city limits, mail delivery, fast prescription service, and friendly reminder calls when prescriptions are ready for pickup.

Soon, patient information will also tie into the hospital's electronic medical records system, another benefit of having a hospital-based retail pharmacy. This will allow the pharmacist to see all medications that have been prescribed to a patient during their hospital stay and/or in any one of their affiliated clinics, and take into consideration all prescribed medications prior to providing guidance to the patient.

"It's really an exciting time for us," said Rick Bockmann, HMH president and CEO. "We've seen so much growth just in the last year. We are thrilled to be able to offer everything our community needs to be healthy and stay healthy all in one campus location."

Howard Pharmacy is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5:30 pm. To transfer your prescription to Howard Pharmacy, call 456-3005. Providers seeking to submit a prescription request for their patient, should fax it to: 459-1092.

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wrapping around the door and out into the sidewalk. Despite some questionable-looking vegetarian options, I went with french fries ... the only other possible thing I could order. But hey, whatever, it's PETER HURLEY!!

Then, it was back to the studio until around 10 pm. We dispersed, and fellow attendee Claudia Hoag, a Los Angeles native, drove me back to the hotel where I quickly crashed out for the night.

The following morning, after a hotel breakfast of toast and fruit that was more costly than I could have imagined, I was once again Ubering my way back to the workshop for round two. On the second day, everyone gets to get behind the camera and try their hand at what was learned. Hurley and local attendees invited models and aspiring actors for us to shoot, along with working indoors and outdoors with one another.

The biggest deal for the second day was taking a turn in front of Hurley's lens. Each attendee received heads shots, designed in part to quell one of Hurley's pet peeves:

"Each photographer will get in front of my camera at some point during the workshop, and I'll personally shoot a shabangin' headshot of you. I can't stand photographers who don't put a nice shot of themselves on their about or bio page, so I'm making sure each of you have one!"

Myself being much more comfortable behind the camera, it really was a wonderful experience being in front of his camera, even if he pointed out that my left eye really is bigger than my right and I suck at squinching!

"Squinching" is Hurley's description of intensity in the eyes which involves moving only the lower eyelid towards the pupil. I know right? What?!

Hurley's "hurleyisms" are also part of his patented system of teaching and overall talking; "shebang" is his version of "fabulous," which can be used as anything from a noun to a verb to an adjective. Other hurleyisms creep in mid-shoot, aimed to catch people off their guard and create genuine expressions including "impersonate a cabbage," "reticulate your left eyebrow," and "give me a look like you just got slapped by a monkey," and other hilarious nonsense.

Once we all wrapped up for the day, I had a final dinner with Claudia and our third friend, Kendra Lockman, a Bay Area native, near the Ace Hotel where Kendra was staying in downtown. Kendra had already eaten at the dark and moody restaurant, The Stocking Frame, twice during the weekend workshop and said it was worth going back a third time. After the dinner of wood-roasted cauliflower with dill crème fraiche and spices and the crispy avocado tacos made "Baja-style" with a lemon Parmesan slaw and hot sauce, I couldn't have agreed more.

Back to the hotel and up early again in the morning to catch the Super Shuttle that never arrived, I again returned to the trusty Uber system to get back to LAX, and arrived just in time for my 11:20 am Monday-morning flight.

Now back in Willits and with a surreal feeling about the whole weekend even happening, I'm excited to put my new skills to work. I am so grateful for the experience and for everyone who helped make it happen by handling my house and life while I was gone.

I hope I get to improve my squinching and do Hurley proud and maybe catch him at another workshop again; I keep hoping to lure him at least to San Francisco, but hey, another traveling destination may be what's needed, because, you do what you gotta do, I mean, it's PETER HURLEY!

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that the animals do not expend excess energy looking for unavailable food.

- During the cold, snappy autumn, buck deer are in rut. The deer, both bucks and does, will be moving around a lot more, crossing busy highways and roads. Drive carefully at all times, especially at dawn and sunset, and look for their glowing eyes in your headlights.

- The bucks rub their forehead and antlers at this time of year, and in summer when rubbing off their "velvet," and sometimes they thrash young trees and saplings. Put wire around smaller trees and shrubs you want to protect from damage.

- Animals are quite clever when trying to find winter homes. It's important to secure your home from unwanted wild visitors trying to find a warm place to live. Skunks sometimes like to move in under a house, or raccoons might take up residence in your attic. Make sure the vents leading into the attic and under your house are secure, and repair them with heavy wire mesh, shingles, sheet metal or other strong material. Check the attic during daylight hours, and look for light coming through cracks in walls or around the roof. Seal these off with appropriate material to avoid small mammals such as rodents and/or bats from entering those small spaces.

- It's best to trim tree branches hanging over your roof. Doing that will limit access to wildlife entering your home and attic. Animals and birds are also curious. To limit their curiosity, make sure your chimney has a commercial cap or make an alternative one using 1/2" x 1/2" mesh hardware cloth. If you also find it to make a peak over the flue, it will prevent leaves and sticks from getting into the chimney. Fit it securely, and don't use a window screen, which will clog easily and may cause a fire.

- Using gutter wire over vent pipes for bathrooms and kitchens will prevent the acorn woodpeckers from dropping acorns they're gathering for the winter into the pipe.

- To prevent opossums, skunks, porcupines and raccoons from entering pet doors, lock the door at night. It is safer for your pet to stay inside at night and may save you from having a late-night emergency like raccoons sampling food in your cupboards or porcupines chewing on salt-sweaty boots.

- It's important not to attract bears and other wildlife with food and garbage around your home and outbuildings. Bears need to put on weight in the fall and will gorge on acorns and other seasonal foods. This enables them to gain fat and survive winter (they can consume up to 20,000 calories a day). During years of poor manzanita berry and acorn yields in the fall, bears can become problems when attracted to human garbage, pet food and other food items. Make sure to keep these in impenetrable places.

Enjoy watching the seasons along with the habits of your wildlife neighbors that change at this time of year. There's never a dull moment out in the wilds.

Call Mendocino Wildlife Association's hotline at 984-6363 if you have an injured animal or questions about living with wildlife. Local volunteers who will contact you with advice and provide transportation to Sonoma County for rehabilitating injured animals.

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classics. The band also raffled a beautifully painted guitar.

Pick & Pull took the stage next, showcasing their upbeat, often wily and witty original bluegrass songs.

The Dirt Floor Band headlined the event, with band leader Adam Sullivan explaining the importance of supporting KLLG.

"We only do a once-a-year-show now, and we wanted to do a benefit," Sullivan said. "We thought [the launch of] KLLG would be a good benefit."

By this time today, there is a good chance, if you tune your station to 97.9 FM, you may just hear a live DJ on air.

"Our studio comes alive this week," said Lanny Cotler, station manager. "We'll flip the switch this week, and that will allow us to talk live into the microphone through the broadcast console, directly onto the air."

Cotler expressed his desire to let Roger Wilson do the honors of being the first programmer to hit the airwaves for KLLG.

"If anyone deserves to open up the live show, it's Roger Wilson," said Cotler. "He almost single-handedly built that studio."

Currently, according to Cotler, there are 60 potential programmers, "some of whom have done their air checks by now. Anyone who wants to have a show will have to have an air check. That means 15-20 minutes of the show they want with the station ID, underwriting spot, a PSA and a bit about the show that they're going to broadcast. If it's music, it's easy. Play one song, intro it, outro it, and you've done your air check. Call-in shows, discussions, will be a little bit more complex."

Cotler announced that KLLG is seeking founding members and underwriters.

"Anyone who becomes a member before January 1 is a founding charter member, and we will find some way to constantly, throughout the years, honor that," Cotler explained; "same with underwriters." Other needs of KLLG include \$1,500 for an emergency alert system and a brand-new broadcast console. The one currently being used is on loan from Puffin Radio in Laytonville.

"[Puffin Radio] has really extended themselves," said Cotler. "They gave us our tower, but we need a new broadcast console, and I want it to be state-of-the-art."

Rossi Jensen, KLLG raffle coordinator, promotor, fundraiser and programmer of her own radio show called "Mendo Mountain Grass," explained what KLLG is all about.

"Not only will everybody have the chance to be heard, anybody can have a program," Jensen said. "It's not a politically driven station. We have DJs that want to do sports, Spanish programming, all sorts of stuff. Other than that, we can be utilized as an emergency broadcast station. We can be run on generators in case of power outages and in case of cell phone outages."

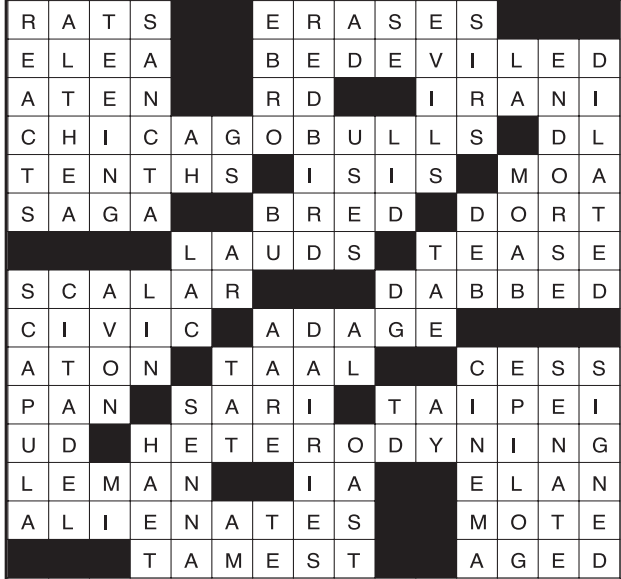
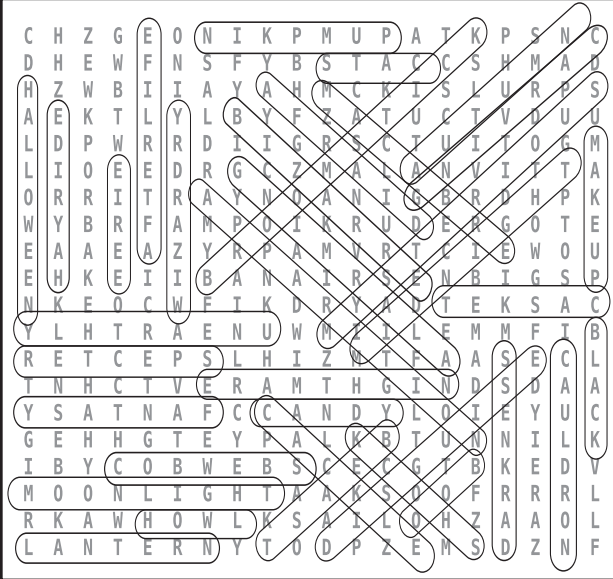
The following is a list of programmers who are all set to hit the air with their shows.

Michelle J. Cummins, "Cowpunk Rose"; Sterling Wright, "Native American News Willits"; Steve Kovner, "Steve on Sports"; Liam Ui Cearbhaill, "Macamerigin Tales and Verse"; Ron Woolsey, "Mendocino Stewards"; Patricia Baumann, "Short Stories in Spanish"; Adam Sullivan, "The not-so-eclectic mega mix"; Dan Ramsey, "The Old Time Radio Hour"; Joanna Monique, "Hip Hop Willits"; Michael Foley, "Dark Mountain"; Kathryn Redwood, "Mental Health Discussion"; Kyle Madrigal, "Kyle's Kaleidoscopic Dream Hour"; Greg Schindler, "The Bi-Polar Express"; Maria Brook, "half hour interviews"; and Jim Snidow, "Ridgetop Skanking."

Local business owner and pilot Pete Swanton helped with publicity for the KLLG fundraising event by flying a banner over the Willits skies on Saturday morning.

Other businesses who raffled their products for the event included Lagunitas, Cultivate Wellness Studio, The Headroom, George's Geodes and Gems, The Book Juggler, Grocery Outlet, and Crafts Distillery.

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FUNding Raffle

Prizes galore in first tickets-in-the-mail fundraiser for Harrah Senior Center

There's still time to get in on the Harrah Senior Center's first FUNding Raffle, which supports the center's many ongoing programs for seniors and those nearing that senior milestone of age 55.

The senior center tried something a little different for this raffle, sending out actual raffle tickets in the mail to a list of likely participants, offering a lengthy list of prizes.

"The response has been tremendous," said center director Allyn Nonneman. "We've raised over \$8,000 so far. Wow! [Board treasurer] Kathy Neff has been talking to me about trying this for about three years." It did take a lot of effort to pull off, with mailing and printing costs, too. The center is still working on refining the list, to avoid duplicates and to include the words "or resident," so if recipients are no longer living at that address, the current residents can receive the mailer. But given the success so far, center staff hopes to use the mailing list for a couple of mail raffles a year.

"People will be really delighted with the

gifts that Kathy Neff, Cathy Ortiz and Lucy Stanley have received from local residents and businesses – and from some out-of-town donors, too," Nonneman said. "We had a great response from people donating prizes, too."

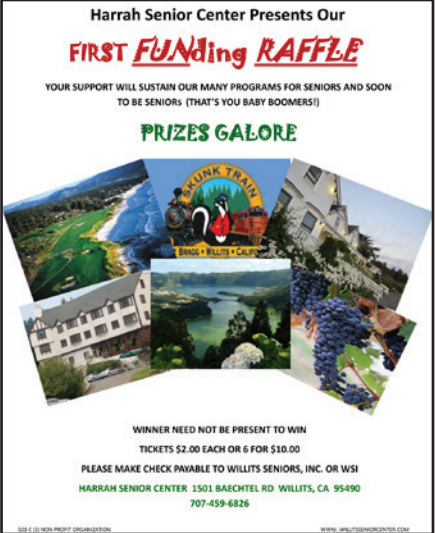
"We've also had people who took tickets up to the Brooktrails Flea Market to sell, and Lucy and board member Virginia Jorge went to WalMart in Ukiah and to Laytonville and over to Fort Bragg, and sold tickets and got donations."

The "big" prize is a two-week stay at Faial Island in the Azores off Portugal, with a roof-top room overlooking the ocean, two blocks from the beach, with other perks, good from May through August.

In addition to a lengthy list of gift certificates and retail goods, other prizes include a \$200 gift certificate for one night

of lodging at the Little River Inn, a one-night stay in a deluxe queen room at the Benbow Historic Inn, and a round trip for two to Northspur on the Skunk Train.

So if those raffle tickets are still sitting on your "to do" list or your desk, make sure to bring them by the senior center on or before Friday, November 4, when the prizes will be drawn at the annual Baked Potato Bar, from 5 to 7 pm. If you didn't get the mailer, tickets are available for purchase at the center and



Above: Harrah Senior Center staffers Jewel Cook, left, and Lucy Stanley with the already quite full drum of raffle tickets for the November 4 drawing.

during the Potato Bar event, too. Ticket are \$2 each or six tickets for \$10, and you do not need to be present to win.

The Harrah Senior Center is located at 1501 Baechtel Road, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Info: 459-6826.

– Jennifer Poole



Willits Rotary Club

presents \$32,226 to riding program

During their Thursday, October 20 meeting, the Willits Rotary Club presented a check for \$32,226 to the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Monies were raised at the Claws for a Cause benefit last month and will go to help the center continue to offer assistance to individuals who need help with physical, developmental, and emotional healing, confidence, social skills and ways to make positive changes in their lives.

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