

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

To the tennis courts!

To the Editor:

Thanks to the efforts of Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Westerburg and Willits High School Principal Mike Colvig, along with numerous volunteers, the Willits community has four newly resurfaced tennis courts at the high school. This valuable community resource is once again safe to play on with new nets and freshly painted lines.

Superintendent Westerburg led efforts to prepare the courts for resurfacing and made this long-overdue project happen, and he and Principal Colvig worked several long weekends power-washing the courts. Crews cut out and filled the numerous large cracks, and the courts now have a clean, fresh surface.

Not only will the high school tennis team be able to host matches with other schools, but active people in Willits have a place to play tennis and pickle ball. Speaking of pickle ball, the Willits Pickle Ball Club invites people of all ages to come out to the courts on Saturday mornings at 11 am and try the fun, fast and exciting game of pickle ball. See you on the NEW courts!

Rick Pierce,
Willits

Senior Center Raffle on Friday

To the Editor:

On Friday, November 3 from 5 to 7:30 pm, the Willits Senior Center invites you to attend our annual Baked Potato Bar fundraiser. Tickets for Senior Center members are \$8; \$9 for non-members; and \$5 for children. This includes your choice of toppings, dessert and beverage. Proceeds will support our Transportation, Outreach and Nutritional programs.

At the conclusion of the event we will be spinning the barrel, pulling tickets and announcing the winners of the many prizes in our FUN-ding Raffle! Raffle tickets are still on sale at the Senior Center, \$2 each or 12 for \$20. We have a two-night stay on the coast at Harmonie House with a beautiful view; value \$800; 1 night deluxe queen room at Benbow Historical Inn; at least 20 gift certificates ranging from \$100 to \$25 from local businesses; a Webber BBQ grill/utensils/apron with 25 pounds of John Ford Ranch ground beef (package); and a Keurig K15 coffee brewer. Please check the Willits Chamber of Commerce website for a complete list of raffle prizes.

I think it's important for me to clarify that the Willits "Senior" Center provides services to people of all ages, not just for seniors. We serve lunch Monday through Friday for all ages. We provide medical equipment free of charge to anyone in need. We provide local transportation to anyone 18 years

The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and 3rd District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the 3rd District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once a month.

Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.

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or older who has a disability. We provide transportation to out-of-town medical appointments to anyone with a disability, regardless of age by a volunteer driver (mileage reimbursement only). We have Life Changes and Parkinson's support groups with no age restrictions on participation, also free of charge. Our Outreach Department helps people apply for various programs where eligibility is determined by income not age.

Mark November 3 on your calendar as a night for us to do the cooking and clean-up. Who knows? You may be the lucky winner of one of more than 50 raffle prizes! I thank you on behalf of the entire Willits community for any support you may provide.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Seniors Inc.

Thanks to Caltrans

To the Editor:

I want to thank Caltrans for buying eight large cork trees and giving them to the City of Willits and the Willits High School. Four of the cork trees were planted by Caltrans' contractors in front of Willits High School this week. Three other cork oaks were planted by city staff several weeks ago in Bud Snider City Park. The city will be planting the last cork tree in the future.

Sadly, the three original cork trees, along with nearby smaller seedlings, that were growing in front of Willits High School and the Veterans Memorial Building, can never be brought back to life. But, thanks to Caltrans, at least some cousins of these original cork trees, will be enjoyed by future students and residents of Willits.

I know that Caltrans' staff has reached out to the City of Willits to open up lines of communication to help prevent the terrible misunderstanding that precipitated the removal of the cork trees in the first place. Thanks to Caltrans for that effort also.

Dave Watts, nurseryman, Willits

Small Business Saturday

To the Editor:

We all know about Black Friday. The crazy day after Thanksgiving where people wait in line for nine hours only to get hit with pepper spray or mowed down by a mom looking for the last miniature drone. Why face the crazy when our local businesses have what you're looking for!

Small Business Saturday is the day after Black Friday and is focused on highlighting our local shops that carry so many goodies at great prices. This year the Willits Chamber of Commerce is doing what we call a passport event. Go to any of the local stores on the list and get your passport stamped with a purchase. All along the way stores will be handing out free Shop Small Saturday merchandise, limit per customer. Once your passport is filled up, you can turn it in and be entered to win all sorts of goodies and gift certificates.

We are expanding our event this year to include home-based businesses! Upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts we will have booths highlighting many of the amazing home-based businesses we have in town. This is a great opportunity to get your hands on unique items for the approaching holidays. Purchases at these booths also count towards filling up your passport. Come and enjoy all that our local businesses have to offer in a trample-free day of deals, Saturday, November 25 from 10 am to 6 pm.

If you are a home-based business and are interested in having booth space at this event, please contact the Willits Chamber of Commerce at 459-7910, or email us at info@willits.org.

Allison Findley, coordinator,
Willits Chamber of Commerce

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7

Don't forget to vote on Election Day on Tuesday, November 7. There's only one question on the ballot this fall: Will two-thirds of the voters approve Measure B, the half-cent sales tax measure to improve mental health services in Mendocino County?

Mendocino County Sheriff – and Measure B champion – Tom Allman reports that as of Wednesday, November 1, the Mendocino County Elections Office has received 9,783 ballots back, out of 39,500 they have mailed out. Sheriff Allman also reports the voter office has installed a new ballot collection box in front of the County Administration Center at 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah. "You can drop off your ballot without even getting out of your car," he says.

Mail-in ballots can also be dropped off at any county polling place: locally, the Willits Community Center and the Brooktrails Community Center, both open from 7 am to 8 pm. If you forget to bring your ballot to work Tuesday, you can stop by the polls, and elections workers will give you a "provisional" ballot. Once the voter office has confirmed they don't have another ballot from you, your provisional vote will be counted. This year, for the first time in California, you can even register to vote right up through Election Day at the voter office at 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah, and once the office confirms your eligibility, your vote will be counted.

Questions? Call the voter office at 707-234-6819. Don't miss this chance to exercise your right to vote!

KLLG: State of the Station

With the inception of KLLG-LP FM (low power FM), Willits Hometown Radio in 2016, the vision of the management team has been to support our community through the radio station.

Our mission statement is as follows:

"KLLG-LP 97.9 FM, Willits Hometown Radio, a project of the Little Lake Grange, in service to the community, focuses on quality programming that is informative, entertaining, inspiring, and respectful of the diversity of its listeners. We celebrate local culture, and encourage wellness, prosperity, and community resiliency. KLLG is dedicated to providing an open forum for the exchange of ideas, and educational resources, training, and equipment for the production of local radio programming by and for the people of Willits and the surrounding area."

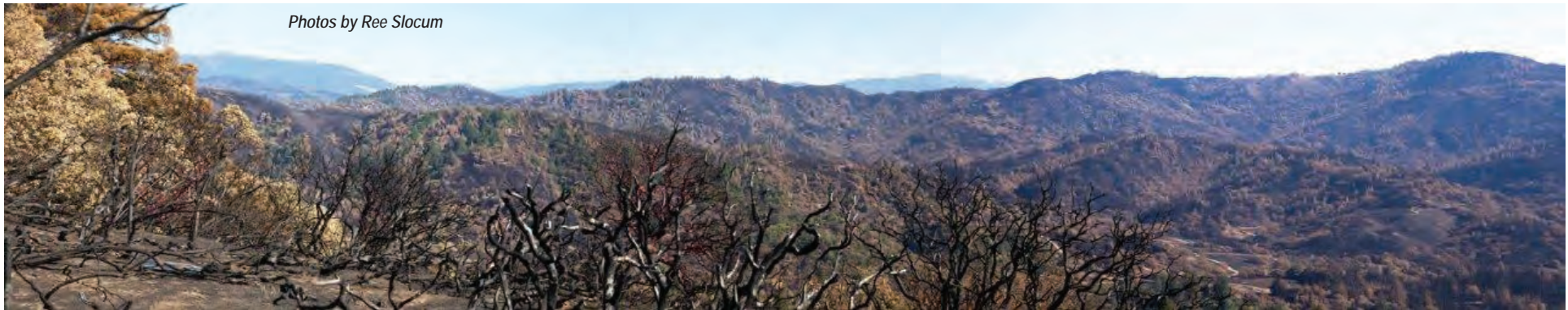
The station was designed by Roger Wilson and built by Wilson and a team of local volunteers. We began broadcasting "The Mixx," our automated playlist and station messaging, put together by Dan Ramsey, in the fall of 2016. During the fall and winter of 2016, our first three programmers went live "on air": Liam UICearbhall, "MacAmgerin's Tales," Greg Schindell, "Bi-Polar Express," and Steve Kovner, "Steve on Sports." In December of 2016, acting General Manager Lanny Cotler, who was responsible for securing the KLLG license and establishing the website (kllg.org) and phone number (707-459-KLLG) for KLLG-LP, took a leave of absence from which he has not returned.

In January of 2017, with the formation of a cohesive management team, comprised mostly of Grange volunteers including Roger Wilson, Mike Burgess, Liam UICearbhall, Michelle Cummins, Lila Ryan, Dan Ramsey and Bob Fry, the station was able to move forward and offer many new programs on air. Recently, Lauren Jaslow (programming) and Eileen Sanders (underwriting) have joined the management team as well.

In the following months, we held weekly Monday night meetings, open to the community of Willits. We created policy, procedure and protocols that were an important part of establishing an FCC-compliant and well-functioning station. With the guidance of KMUD, KYBU, and KPFFN, Program Director Michelle Cummins was able to design and offer a comprehensive training course and programmer/station manual. This brought us many new DJs (programmers) and a nice variety of programs to kick off our inaugural year on air.

As of November 1, 2017, the station has 22 programs with 59 hours of locally produced content per week. The expansion of this new programming required just as many hours of engineering and traffic support (scheduling content into the automation program) which was championed by our Chief Engineer Roger Wilson and Traffic Manager Mike Burgess. Lila Ryan created a professional database for membership, underwriting

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Above: The view from Michael and Mary Anne's ridge looking northeast to southeast over Tomki Road. To the left is the burn created on Wednesday, October 11 when the winds changed and pushed the fire back into Potter Valley. In the middle of the photo and to the right can be seen the pathway the fire took early Monday morning blazing through Redwood Valley. Below, left: The corner of Michael and Mary Anne's home juts over the creek bank with tall, trimmed redwoods towering over the house. The fire in the trees was suppressed with water from the newly installed fire hydrant. The creek has enough water to be used as back-up, if needed. So far they've never needed it. Below, right: The fire hydrant is conveniently placed and can reach the house and part of the garden from there. This photo shows what 110 pounds of pressure looks like without the hose. At right: The fire heading to the redwood trees and house.



Fire Self-Defense

A local's story about protecting his property during last month's Redwood fire

Michael and Mary Anne have been living on their remote, densely wooded, and steeply sided canyon property on the Redwood Valley side of Pine Mountain subdivision for over 40 years. When they started to homestead, they only had a few water tanks with water pipes running on the ground to a variety of destinations. The couple realized the family's vulnerability to wildfires, and their water needs also increased as gardens, fruit trees and animals were added. Through the years Michael has made tremendous improvements to the original simple water system.

"Right now we have 20,000 to 30,000 gallons of water stored in poly tanks and gravity fed in buried lines to our home, shop and gardens," he told me. "We have two pools in our year-round creek, one by the house and the other near the shop. There's a water pump by each," he said, and added: "Last year I put in three fire hydrants each with 200-foot hoses." There's also an impressive 110 pounds of pressure through those hoses. These recent additions were essential in saving his property during the raging fire a few weeks ago.

At about 1:30 in the morning of Monday, October 9, Michael and Mary Anne were awakened by Mary Anne's phone ringing as well as knocking at the door from their renter up the hill alerting them to the fires. Michael went to the top of his driveway, and it was "a crimson sky with a hurricane sound, you know. I went up there and looked over the side and could see the flames coming up through the trees and I said, 'Oh geez, we gotta get outta here!,' and I came down here and loaded up [Mary Anne] and the dogs and took my truck up to a neighbor's place. I came back to get the other truck.

"In the meantime [Mary Anne] had left. I came down and put my excavator in the creek so it wouldn't burn. I was moving my backhoe so it wouldn't burn, when I realized that the fire didn't come whooping over the hill and come roaring down here like a crown or canopy fire. You can't fight those. You have to leave." What he noticed next was little fires all around him on his hillsides that were creeping down toward the house, gardens, storage barn and chicken coop. He said to himself, "Well, I've got defensible space. I've got the water. I've got the hoses. And it isn't a crown fire!" So he decided to stay and battle the encroaching flames.

By 6 am when Michael called Mike Dawson, a ranch hand, to come and help him fight the fires, Michael had the hoses hooked up to the hydrants. He'd been wetting down the cleared hillsides around his house, wetting the house and the rest of the clearing and buildings. He used the garden hose in the garden to wet the hillside and fence posts. He'd also hopped on the quad, checking the roads and wetting the surrounding area around his workshop a quarter-mile away.

Dawson made it through before the checkpoints closed the roads. "No Mikey. No ranch!" Michael emailed. The next 48 hours were a constant vigil with no sleep for Michael. The wind whipped up, showering embers in different directions and starting fires. At one point during the worst of the fire, flames began climbing up the tall redwoods not 20 feet from his wood-sided home. Thankfully they had been limbed up 70 feet, and Michael was able to quell the fire using water from the fire hydrant and hose he'd so recently installed.

Putting out small and larger fires that crept to the edges of his clearings and garden fence and keeping the road open that runs from Pine Mountain to West Road in Redwood Valley were priorities. The back road was the emergency road that firefighters used as well as evacuees. Michael and Dawson used his backhoe and excavator to move the fallen trees off of the road. Michael's land partner, Scott, stayed a few crucial days monitoring the fire on the internet and riding his quad on the roads reporting back to Michael about trees that were down and updates about the fire.

By Wednesday air support started coming in, dropping water and retardant. Tanker trucks and crews from different states came into Pine Mountain creating fire breaks. By evening most of the crisis was over for Michael and Dawson. Winds had died down. The 100-foot clearing uphill from the house held, as did most of the rest of the cleared space. Fire had just licked at the majority of the garden fence, but did destroy three fence posts. The house, shop, chicken coop and chickens, along with the storage barn, were saved.

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Holiday Craft Fair

December 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join in the fun and see all the lovely handmade items this year's vendors have created. Don't forget the Brown Bag Raffle and lots of baked goods as well.

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December 1-9, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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At top: Ranch hand Mike Dawson putting out fires at Michael and Mary Anne's property. Above, left: Michael on the backhoe removing downed trees from the road keeping it clear for evacuees and emergency vehicles. Above, right: One of the routes Michael took when monitoring the fires.

Below: An artifact bench speaks to the views Mary Anne and Michael had when pausing during their ritual evening walks. Now they can keep track of regrowth in their view of the far-off valleys.



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Fire relief fundraiser at Redwood Empire Fairgrounds on Saturday

Greg Schindel, the Train Singer, will greet attendees at the door at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds with his uplifting repertoire. Once inside, music by local performers fill the hall from 4 until 10 pm. Opening the onstage music is the Margie Rice String Quartet, followed by Alex DeGrassi, Spencer Brewer, Ed Reinhart, Paula Samonte, John Mattern, and friends. The place gets rocking around 8 pm when Waylon and the Wildcats take the stage followed by the Johnny Young Band.

Art donations include an exquisite vessel by the internationally known Potter Valley artist Red Wolf. Other artists, chefs and entrepreneurs affected by the fire are putting items together including Jan Hoyman, Ken Chapman of Habitat, and caterer Kristin Myers.

Dinner is served from 4 to 7 pm and is a choice of taco and sides by Chavez Market, or a tri-tip feast prepared by the Redwood Empire Lions, Anderson Valley Lions and Willits Lions Club, plus a vegetarian selection of risotto and amazing salad. Full bar service by Ukiah Host Lions.

Mendocino Strong Together, including music, auction, dinner and dancing, takes place Saturday, November 4, from 4 to 10 pm at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah.

The November 1 deadline for donating auction items for the Grand Local Auction of Great Items is passed, but call Katie Fairbairn at 468-3164 at the Mendocino College Foundation for more information.

Tickets are available at all Mendo Mill locations, Mendocino Bookstore, Chavez Market in Ukiah, J.D. Redhouse in Willits, and Geiger's Market in Laytonville. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; children under 5 are free. More information can be found on the website at MendocinoStrongTogether.com. Tickets are also available online via the website at [Brown Paper Tickets](http://BrownPaperTickets.com).

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Just some of the many items available at the Mendocino Strong Together fundraiser this Saturday, including goods from Jax Boutique, the Long Valley 4-H, and Haywire Inc.



Photos by Jennifer Seward

ARRL (American Radio Relay League), the national association for amateur radio, reported that Mendocino County Sheriff

first amateur radio station was operated by three men at the Harvard Radio Club in 1908, Albert S. Hyman, Bob Almy, and Poogie Murray. Their station call became "ham" because of the first letter of each of their last names. That is not the end of that story ... but it is the origin of the name.

At right: Jasmine, Crane and Ellie go after the children at the Willits Charter School Haunted Asylum. Sheridan, left, and Farrow come to life in *The Morgue* as Faith looks on. Tokyo channels Jigsaw.



Willits Charter School raises funds for Student Leadership and fire relief

If this horror were not enough, as the group backs away from the lab they are treated to the sight of Bloody Mary's Baby, screaming up out of her crib. At this point, the tour guide asks if

The Student Leadership would like to thank the community for their support and to reassure that no offense was intended towards the mentally ill in the choice of the asylum theme.



Photos by Mathew Caine



At top: Sky is incarcerated in The Dungeon. Above, left: Darius, a zombie, is ready to scare visitors. Above, right: Stephany, the demented veterinarian, hugs her next patient. Below: Jasmine Moore, Circe and Iona dare to enter, greeted by tour guides Heaven Siderakis, left, and Logan Porter.



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Thursday, November 2

Donations for Fire Victims Give-Away: Clothes, hygiene products, school supplies, suitcases, sleeping bags, blankets, camping gear. "Donations are primarily for victims of fire, but any families in need are welcome. No questions asked." Thursday, November 2, 3 to 7 pm. Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Info: Aurelie Clivaz 489-1258, or acivaz@mcp.org.

Farmers Market now at the Grange: Willits Farmers Market moves indoors for the winter, on Thursday, November 2, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, a block west of downtown Willits. With fresh produce, the finest local meats, honey, baked goodies, artisan and free trade chocolates, hot food and prepared foods to take home, and crafts, Willits Farmers Market has plenty for shoppers every Thursday from 3 to 5:30 pm. New edition of Willits Weekly hot off the press, plus hot coffee and tea, and live music every week.

Friday, November 3

Soup and Dessert Lunch: St. John Lutheran Church Women's Guild's annual Soup and Dessert Lunch and raffle. Lunch is \$7, and includes soup, bread and dessert. Handmade craft items are available for sale for early Christmas shoppers. Raffle for a night at the Little River Inn, a hand-painted saw blade by Peggy Hebrard, a bountiful Thanksgiving basket, and a beautiful handmade fall afghan. Friday, November 3. 11 am to 2 pm. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Info: 459-2988.

Open House & Free Health Screenings: Howard Memorial Hospital presents free diabetes screening, blood pressure, body composition analysis. Friday, November 3. 5:30 to 7 pm. Outpatient Rehab Services, 3 Marcela Drive, Suite D (in the building in front of the hospital). Info: 456-3132.

Harrah Senior Center Annual Baked Potato Bar and FUNDING Raffle: Everyone invited for baked potatoes with choice of toppings, beverage & dessert. 5 to 7:30 pm. Members \$8, adults \$9, children \$5. Last chance to get your tickets for the FUNding Raffle, proceeds to benefit the center's Transportation.

Avenues to Wellness: Disaster Preparedness

Tuesday, November 14

Avenues to Wellness presents an evening with Mike Carter, master trainer for Mendocino County CERT / Community Emergency Response Training. Carter wants to encourage members of our community to take CERT Training, to be first responders following major disasters such as fire and earthquake. Tuesday, November 14 from 5:30 to 7 pm at Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Carter is a retired Marine, is in the National Guard and was in the LAPD for 21 years. The lecture is free, but donations are greatly appreciated and will benefit the Community Foundation of Mendocino County's Disaster Fund. Information: Avenues to Wellness 456-9676; atworhealth@gmail.com.

This Week @ KLLG

KLLG Radio, 97.9 FM, has added two new shows: "Memory Lane with Sarge" - Oldies, from 7 to 9 pm on Fridays; and "The Singing Chaplin Show" - Music, storytelling, and live singing including but not limited to gospel, show tunes, Americana, and life on the road, 8 am on Wednesdays.

— Michelle Cummings, KLLG

What's Happening Around Town

Outreach and Nutritional programs. Tickets are \$2 each or 12 for \$20. Prizes include: 2 night stay on the coast at Harmonie House with a beautiful view; value \$800; 1 night deluxe queen room at Benbow Historical Inn; at least 20 gift certificates ranging from \$100 to \$25 from local businesses; a Webber BBQ grill/utensils/apron and 25 pounds of John Ford Ranch ground beef (package); and a Keurig K15 Coffee Brewer. Willits Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Willits Area Cyclists Taco Rampage: 2nd annual Taco Rampage. Free admission. "Come enjoy mountain biking insanity, food, drinks, and friends." Fish tacos, rice and beans. \$10, beer, ale, wine, and sodas. \$4 for a bottle of local brew; \$20 for a limited edition WAC stainless steel pint glass plus fill-up tickets. Also a raffle, fun for the kids, a showing of 2017's "Redbull Rampage" on the big screen. 100 percent of the proceeds will go directly to Willits Area Cyclists (WAC). Friday, November 3. 6 pm. Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street. Info: Adam Sherf wactrails@gmail.com, and wactrails.wix.com/ride.

"Moon Over Buffalo": Opening night tonight for playwright Ken Ludwig's play "Moon Over Buffalo," which runs November 3 through November 19 at Willits Community Theatre. This comedic play, directed by Bill Barksdale, centers on two aging actors with one last chance for success, as well as backstage romantic nuttiness. Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm on November 12 and 19 for \$15. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. A special First Thursday benefit performance sponsored by the Emandal Chorale will be held on November 9. For benefit tickets, contact Tamara Adams at 459-9252.

Shanachie Pub: Huddy Ball are back, with rock n roll out of Los Angeles/ San Francisco. Visit www.soundcloud.com/huddyball/dirty-and-the-thirty-1. Friday, November 3. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, November 4

WCA Gallery Host Training: Those interested in volunteering at the Willits Center for the Arts are invited to a Gallery Host training session on Saturday, November 4 at 2 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: manager@willitscenterforthearts.org. "All are welcome! Bring a friend!" Sit N Sew: Monthly drop-in sewing group meets at the Willits Library. Free to all and open to the public. Bring your sewing machine, tools, and any project you would like to work on. Saturday, November 4, from 1 to 5 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Information: Rachel at 354-0605.

Willits Photography Club: November exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts is the 16th annual show featuring the camera work of Willits Photography Club members. Opening night and artists reception, Saturday, November 4 from 7 to 9 pm; members' hour at 6 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

"Moon Over Buffalo": Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig's play of backstage antics. 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, November 3 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Adam Hill acoustic singer-songwriter performs at 6 pm. Visit www.adamhillmusic.com/songwriter. Following Adam Hill, the band Stones and Ghosts plays East Coast

all rock at 9 pm. Visit www.soundcloud.com/the-stones-the-ghosts. Saturday, November 4. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, November 5

"Hubbub" at Willits Environmental Hub: Celebrate the Hub's 1st Anniversary Gala with food and entertainment at this free event featuring local trios Just Enough and Trillium plus poetry by Kirk Lumpkin. Foods include BBQ albacore and assorted specialty dishes. Sunday, November 5. 4 to 7 pm. No charge. Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street.

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Dining with Twining Time: The first Tuesday of every month, John Wagenet and Anita Blu, joined by vocalist Helen Falandes, perform Folk/Country/Americana music, offering two-part harmony, acoustic guitar and keyboard. Tuesday, November 7. 12:30 to 3 pm. No cover. Brickhouse Coffeehouse, 3 South Main Street, featuring organic coffee, gluten-free baked goods, sandwiches, and more. Info: 459-1598.

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 movies: "Victoria and Abdul," "American Made," "Only the Brave." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Shanachie Pub: Deltaphonic is a New Orleans duo that blends blues, rock and Southern roots music. Visit www.facebook.com/deltaphonic. Tuesday, November 7. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Wednesday, November 8

Willits Library Closed Today: Mendocino County Library is holding an all-staff in-service training day today, so the Willits Library will be closed, but all libraries will resume normal operations on Thursday, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 459-5908. Regular hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; closed Sunday and Monday.

Folk Gospel and West Africa-California Boogie at WCA: A concert for dancing and to raise

spirits. MaMuse will play folk/gospel/harmony inspiration, then Fula Brothers will rock with a West African-California Groove experience. "Expect a full heart, a lively community of dancers, and collaborative magic when the bands play together." Wednesday, November 8. Doors open 7 pm

at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets available at mamuse-fulabrothers-willits.eventbrite.com.

Thursday, November 9

WHS Booster Club Meeting: The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, November 9 at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS.

"Moon Over Buffalo": Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig's play of backstage antics. First Thursday benefit performance sponsored by the Emandal Chorale tonight, November 9. 7 pm. To purchase benefit tickets: Tamara Adams at 459-9252. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. See Friday, November 3 listing for details.

Friday, November 10

Art Event at the Brickhouse: Marjo Wilson's art show opening "Lyrical Lines" - On The Walls & In The Halls: "A showcase of paintings and live music: Creeks and Rivers and Experimental Grooves." Friday, November 10. 6 to 8 pm. Brickhouse Coffeehouse, 3 South Main Street. Doors open at 5:30 pm, music begins at 7 pm.

"Art Talks": WCA curator and art historian Gary Martin will speak on "The Art of Mesopotamia: A look back at the beginnings of art." Friday, November 10, 6:30 pm. Free, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

"Moon Over Buffalo": Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig's play of backstage antics. Friday, November 10, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, November 3 listing for details.

Medication Take-Back Event

Tuesday, November 14

The "Willits Community Medication Take-Back Event" takes place on Tuesday, November 14 from 3 to 7 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. A free event to dispose of unused or expired medication, plus speakers, including Esther Siegel on "Emotional Freedom Technique" at 4:30 pm; Diane Smalley lectures on "A Key to Your Pain" at 5:30 pm; and speakers on Rx opioid addiction at 6 pm. Medication lock bags for unused and expired prescriptions will be given away. Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm. "Fun activities and prizes for teens." Information: 472-2610 or wrightbu@mendocinocounty.org.

Senior Center Lunch

November 6 through November 10

Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Ham & Pinto Beans with Cornbread
Wednesday: Burgers & Fries
Thursday: Chicken A La King
Friday: Steak Dinner
Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Booster Club Fashion Show

Saturday, November 18

The Willits Booster Club presents their 5th Annual Fashion Show on Saturday, November 18 starting at 6 pm at Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. The show features fashions from local boutiques modeled by Willits High School students and local youth. Shops represented are J.D. Redhouse, Tiger Lily's, Monkey Wrench, Off the Cuff, Buttercups, Earth's Treasures, Moon Lady, and Willits Power/Carhartt. Admission is \$20 and children under 5 are free.



Shanachie Pub: Dangerous Puppets, a "unique and entertaining" puppet cabaret show. Visit www.dangerouspuppets.com. Also appearing Pick & Pull, "High Octane Acoustic Hillbilly Dance music." Visit www.facebook.com/pickpullmusic. Friday, November 10. 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, November 11

Veterans Day

American Legion Post 174 Veterans Day Breakfast: This breakfast is free to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy & Girl Scouts. Saturday, November 11. 8 to 11 am. Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street.



"Moon Over Buffalo": Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig's play of backstage antics. Saturday, November 11, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, November 3 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Lantz Lazwell & The Vibe Tribe "services our deep melodic desires and drives us to dance." Visit www.lantzlazwellmusic.com. Saturday, November 11. 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



Sunday, November 12

"Moon Over Buffalo": Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig's play of backstage antics. Sunday matinee, November 12, 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, November 3 listing for details.

COLUMN | At the Movies

Daniel Essman
Columnist

'Victoria and Abdul'
The Story: Dame Judy Dench plays Queen Victoria, Empress of India, toward her life's end when she is weary of the whole business of ruling the British Empire. Then Abdul, a young Indian clerk, is brought to Buckingham Palace. His cheerful and caring demeanor revives Victoria's joy in life, but creates consternation and condemnation from the sneaky snotty backstabbers of the English court. This is (maybe) a true story.
My Thoughts: Miss Dench is magnificent in her role as the world-weary monarch. She conveys in her watchful silent disinterest and age that there's no ennui like a queen's ennui. Abdul's (Ali Fazel) concern and gentle compassion causes her to blossom, and I swear she sometimes looks like a young girl. To be honest, I think the brilliant acting is better than the movie with interest and sympathy all the way through to the end. So maybe fine acting is enough.
Parents: Children will be bored. The movie is of historical significance. Some young adults will be struck by, entertained by, and amused by the waste and splendor of the Victorian age.
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movie itself, but my pipsqueaking doubt should be downplayed, because I certainly watched the movie with interest and sympathy all the way through to the end. So maybe fine acting is enough.

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Fraktel Productions and Mateel Community Center present Mateel Forever, a benefit to raise funds and spirits on Thursday, November 9 at 6 pm at the Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane in Redway. Featured bands are Object Heavy, Cold Blue Water, Altar Tones, Opera Alley Cats, with visuals by Marmalade Sky. Tickets may be purchased at the gate for a (minimum) donation of \$20. Also, dinner will be available starting at 6:30 pm. A 501-c3 non-profit, the Mateel offers diverse arts, social services and youth programming that is vital to this rural Northern California community.

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"Willits Photography Club": November exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts features the camera work of Willits photographers and runs through November 26. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery winter hours start November 5: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

Karaoke at Little John's Place: Little John's offers free live entertainment including karaoke Wednesday nights from 10 pm to closing. No charge, just come have fun. Info: 459-5636

Willits International Folk Dancing: Every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. Learn recreational cultural dances from around the world. Beginners welcome, no dance experience necessary. No partner needed. \$5 per class. Willits Charter School, 1431 North Main Street. Info: Megan Wolf, 530-647-6512 or megster1989@yahoo.com

Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

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

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

Willits Library Activities: (Note: Willits Library will be closed for a training day on Wednesday, November 8. Wednesdays: 11-11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building). Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time," 4 pm "Farmers Market Story Time". Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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

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: Baechtel Grove Gym, 1150 Magnolia Street. Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 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 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Evening Meditation Class: Ideal for learning and practicing Tranquility and Om meditation. Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. Sunday Morning Fellowship: Dharma talk, guided silent and chanting meditations, and introduction to Shambhala healing tools. Sundays, 10:30 am. Still Mountain Meditation Center, 1500 Hearst Road. Info: 357-4676.

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

Shanachie Pub: Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 6 pm. No cover. 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. Sign up for the lottery from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

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Harrah Senior Center Thrift Shop manager Kelli Gordon, at right, and her "right-hand gal," Dorcas Potter, who's been volunteering at the thrift store for 13 years, pose in front of the pile of clothes needing sorting.



Photo by Jennifer Poole

Senior Center Thrift Store needs help sorting donated clothes

The Harrah Senior Center Thrift Shop could use some help! Volunteers are needed to help sort and hang the large amount of donated clothes that come in each week – even more right now, due to donations prompted by the Redwood fire.

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Thrift Shop manager Kelli Gordon shows

off one section of the pile: "This is one day's worth," she said.

As Senior Center Director Richard Baker puts it: "Our thrift store is a valuable resource to this community. We have a variety of items for sell and take pride in our efforts to make your thrift store shopping an enjoyable and cost-saving experience."

Recently, the Thrift Shop helped out residents of the Golden Rule Mobile Home Park and Pine Mountain area who were evacuated in the wee hours due to the Redwood fire. "We had people who showed up in their pajamas in need of clothing," Baker said, "which we gladly provided free of charge." Gordon said the thrift shop also gave fire evacuees items like electric hot plates and frying pans, so they could cook in the motels where they were staying. "It felt so good to give them whatever they needed," Gordon said. "This job is very rewarding."

Helping out the fire evacuees "was made possible not only because of the generosity and kindness of individuals in our community showing their support year after year by donating items to our thrift store," Baker said, "but also because of the dedicated volunteers who donated 395.5 hours of their time, in September alone, to sort, price, clean, stock and continually restock our shelves."

"I'm really really picky about what makes it," Gordon says about her inventory. But the sorting isn't difficult: it's just dividing clothes into categories based on type of

clothing: shirts, pants, sweaters.... And when you get a few dresses, you can take an armful to the big rack and hang them up with the other dresses.

"We have this great big rack," Gordon said, that the dry cleaners formerly in Willits donated to the Thrift Shop. After the clothes are sorted, Gordon prices the clothes that will go onto store racks. "It's a process," she said.

Gordon said what clothes the Willits thrift shop doesn't use or sell go to Crossing the Jordan in Santa Rosa, which has four stores. "A lot of these clothes will go to fire victims in Santa Rosa," Gordon said. "And what they don't use, they bin it up and it goes to Africa and India."

Volunteer opportunities of all kinds abound at the Senior Center. "We are constantly looking for people to help us fill positions that allow us to feed people in our dining room, to deliver meals to our Meals on Wheels clients, to field incoming calls as a receptionist, or to help us with our fundraising efforts," Baker said.

Others create their own opportunity. Volunteer Annie Morris donates house plants for the Thrift Shop to sell. "She has a greenhouse and a green thumb," said manager Gordon. "See how nice and healthy these plants are? She donates them. They are available for sale right now."

To find out more, contact Deb Holcomb, volunteer coordinator, who can be reached at 459-6826 or wiscordinator@willitsseniorcenter.com.

And don't forget prizes for the Senior Center's annual FUN-ding Raffle will be drawn on Friday evening, November 3 at the annual Baked Potato Bar fundraiser, from 5 to 7:30 pm. There's still time to get the raffle tickets you got in the mail back to the Senior Center, and tickets are still on sale at the center and at the Potato Bar event, too.

Andrea McCullough is HMH Physician of the Year

By Cici Winiger, for HMH

House calls are unheard of in these modern times in healthcare. And yet, Andrea McCullough, MD, at Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, does exactly that, visiting her patients in a nursing home and even calling to check on them on her days off.

These and her efforts to continuously go above and beyond for her patients is what made Dr. McCullough Howard Hospital's 2017 Physician of the Year. McCullough was one of 19 physicians to be honored by Adventist Health during its Annual Clinical Summit and Physician of the Year Awards in Roseville last month.

Dr. McCullough says her desire to serve others started early. Having spent many summers in her mother's hometown of Santiago, Chile, she saw her aunt, who was a nurse, care for the most vulnerable and sick. And in her mind, she knew, she wanted to make a difference, just like her aunt. Many years later, she says she's proud to have a profession that allows her to feel fulfilled beyond measure.

And her patients can feel her passion and dedication to her craft. The board-certified family medicine physician joined HMH in July 2016, caring for patients at Redwood Medical Clinic and already has made such a difference for so many patients in the community.

Patients and staff alike love her. Shauna de Marquez, practice manager at Redwood Medical Clinic, says patients absolutely love Dr. McCullough. "She is not only invested in her patients but also in the clinic staff and its operations. She makes everyone who works with her better."



Dr. Andrea McCullough.

One patient remarked: "Dr. McCullough is exactly the doctor I've needed and been looking for since I moved to Willits. I find I can be completely honest and candid with her, and she never skips a beat or bats an eye! She sits and listens as well as talks with me about everything. I like how she is not rushed to get the visit over with because they are on a time limit. She is personable, friendly, caring and very real. I will be staying with her as a patient for as long as she will have me."

When she's not busy seeing patients in the clinic, McCullough also treats patients in the emergency room. It was after 10 years of seeing patients in the ER that she decided to focus on primary care. "I have come across a lot of patients who have not been to their

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Above: Dr. Andrea McCullough received her Physician of the Year award in Roseville last month. From left: Jason Wells, HMH CEO; Dr. McCullough; Jeff Eller, CEO, Adventist Health Northern California Region; and Scott Reiner, president, Adventist Health.

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He could finally sleep.

The redwood mother stump in the little redwood grove next to the couple's house was still burning deep in the ground at the time of our interview on Sunday, 20 days after the fire. Mary Anne recalled seeing embers float up in the air from the living room window one night after she returned home. Her husband didn't believe her at first, probably because he'd soaked the stump with water. He went out and soaked it again, and once again when we were there talking, and saw a wisp of smoke trailing up the side of the newly charred redwood. Evidently there are "smokers" like that created by fires. The fire goes deeply into the ground, following the stumps or trunks of trees down through their root systems. They can burn a long time. Firefighters are still dealing with some of these.

The losses on Michael and Mary Anne's property were minimal. "Two of my water tanks burned. They were each separate to the water system, and some above-ground poly pipe that I'd put off burying burned like a fuse. I also lost three fenceposts in the garden. Oh, and the burn pile is now gone!"

Michael doesn't begin to consider himself a hero. "I've got three essential things going on here," he explained, "30,000 gallons of stored water with buried pipes and 110 pounds of pressure, another maybe 20,000 gallons in the creek with the pumps close by, and situational awareness" – the ability to see what's going on and what it means in the big picture.

"Don't let a barn fire distract you from a canopy fire roaring in that closes off exit routes and makes you a dead fool," he emailed me later as an explanation. "I had time. The people in Redwood Valley didn't have time!" he said Sunday as he looked in the distance with moist eyes. "And we lucked out, because the fire was burning downhill which was slower and gave us time."

Michael sends a big thank you, again, to the Nevada County, Santa Clara County, Novato and Smith River Hotshots crews and all our local crews. They saved the top parcel cabin by an inch!

Since the worst fires in known Mendocino County history have hit us, it isn't a wonder that people have renewed and urgent concerns about what they can do to be fire-safe.

Not everyone lives like Michael and Mary Anne, nor has the sensibility, infrastructure, or skills to defend their home. CalFire on the top of the Ridgewood Grade has pamphlets and other publications like a "Homeowners Checklist: How to make your home fire safe," to name just one handy and thorough booklet. They may also have enough staff and available time for someone to come out and check your defensible space to see if you meet regulations. They can also give you needed information.

If your home or property isn't defensible, CalFire won't put their firefighters at risk for injury or death. You can visit their website at www.calfire.ca.gov or go to www.readyforwildfire.org for further information on home and property-safety measures.

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doctor in years because they can't get an appointment. So they show up in the ER instead. Having more primary care in the area will provide patients with better access to preventative care and treatment options that can address symptoms earlier before they get worse."

Asked what she loves most about her job, she says she values connecting with people. "Besides the human interaction, I also love the intellectual challenge. I like trying to find clues, and connecting the dots and finally figuring it out. There's never a dull moment, and I love the constant learning process," she shares.

There's one patient that stands out in her mind, a patient she was seeing in a clinic in the slums of Pittsburgh, an elderly man who kept coming back complaining of pain in his arm. She remembers trying her best to help him, referring him to physical therapy and yet, nothing seemed to work. "Finally, something clicked. I decided to ask, 'is there something you want to tell me? Something else that's bothering you?'"

It turned out the patient had been having rectal bleeding but was too embarrassed to talk about it. "Men are interesting. They can come in with a major injury, and they'd brush it off. But when it's something so personal such as this, they can get scared and refuse to open up. He was scared to find out what it was so he would rather not talk about it."

Once she figured it out, she sent the patient for testing and they found cancer tumors, which fortunately had not spread. The tumors were removed and the patient was eventually cancer-free, and six months later he invited Dr. McCullough to Thanksgiving dinner at his house.

"It's those times that you just feel so grateful you have a job that allows you to change people's lives. All he needed was the courage to tell me, and he trusted me enough to tell me so I can help him. I want them to know they can trust me, knowing that I will support them and help them through without judgement."

HMH CEO Jason Wells, says McCullough exemplifies everything that the hospital is about: patient-centered care and the feeling of family. "Patients come to us during their most vulnerable times. And Dr. McCullough has a way of making any patient comfortable and easing their worries and making them feel important and heard. Howard Hospital is proud and truly blessed to have her on our medical staff."

Dr. McCullough is seeing patients at Redwood Medical Clinic, located in front of the hospital at 3 Marcela Drive, Suite C in Willits. To learn more or to make an appointment, call 459-6115.

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received 118 "right-of-entry" forms.

For those properties where landowners have signed a right-of-entry form, after DTSC removes hazardous waste, the Army Corps of Engineers will remove debris that resulted from the fire at no cost to the property owner. In cases where the property owner carries homeowner's insurance, and the insurance company has agreed to cover cleanup costs due to fire, Chandler clarified, the Army Corps will bill the insurance company, and that part of the insurance payout that would have defrayed the cost of the cleanup will be paid to the Army Corps of Engineers. But beyond that, the cleanup is free of charge to the property owner.

If the property owner decides not to sign the right-of-entry form, the landowner still must clean up his or her property. According to Interim Director of Planning and Building Nash Gonzalez, it will cost between \$60,000 and \$120,000 to remove hazardous materials and fire debris from a single individual property.

Chandler said the Army Corps will remove ancillary items, such as fences and tires, that have been damaged or destroyed by the fire. All fire debris will be taken to an as-yet-undetermined landfill or landfills in California. Chandler said she did not know what Army Corps policy on trees damaged by fire was, but would make inquiries regarding that question.

The Local Assistance Center has moved to a storefront next to Rayley's Supermarket in the Rayley's Shopping Center at the north end of Ukiah. The LAC will be open six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 10 am to 7 pm. Since October 10, more than 500 households have visited the LAC.

Supervisors asked about state policy on removing house foundations was, and was told by Janet Traverser of the California Office of Emergency Services that the policy was to regard foundations as fire debris and dispose of them, even if they looked good to the naked eye.

"We have found – after looking into this for years – that it is best to take those foundations, and that's our policy here," Traverser said.

"If you want to keep your foundation, then you have to opt out," said Chandler.

Redwood Valley resident Terry Melvin, whose house was destroyed by the fire, told supervisors the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah is charging families \$32 a day to stay at their facility. Melvin said that equates to a little over \$900 a month, which he thought was a very high price to pay for persons who had lost everything.

Second District Supervisor John McCowan said he wanted Recovery Director Chandler to ask the Federal Emergency Management Authority if it would pay for housing at the fairgrounds as part of its disaster relief program.

"We're going to ask FEMA. If they will pay for people to stay in hotels, why won't they pay for campgrounds?" McCowan said.

FEMA Region 9 Director Alan Ball told supervisors that,

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to 22,000 square feet), down to \$2,429 for infusion, where edibles and topical products can be made.

City Planner Dusty Duley told the council at the October 25 meeting that he and staff estimated 29 permits would be processed during the first year the ordinance will be in effect: seven for cultivation, five each for manufacturing, infusion and distribution, and three for dispensaries, the maximum allowed by the city.

He said while staff had been contacted by around 100 prospective applicants, he guessed only about 29 would have the resources and capacity to follow through and receive their permit.

The council approved the resolution by a 3-1 vote, with Councilmember Ron Orenstein opposing. (Mayor Gerry Gonzales was absent from the meeting.) Orenstein felt the fees were not high enough to make sure the city would cover its costs, adding he would have liked to see them potentially doubled.

Duley, who led staff in coming up with the fees, said the numbers were a "best guess" based on a large amount of research, but acknowledged it was hard to predict costs, since allowing legal cannabis businesses will be a new experience for the city.

In an agenda report for the council, Duley said the estimates were based on the time city staff was projected to spend on activities related to the cannabis ordinance. For example, while the new assistant planner would be spending 100 percent of his or her work/time supporting the ordinance, Duley would be spending around 15 percent, and police officers and sergeants 10 percent.

The time estimates were meant to take into account enforcement of both legally permitted businesses and illegal cannabis operations in city limits, such as outdoor cultivation which is still banned.

Overall, the report projected the program to cost the city around \$300,000 in staff time for the year, including \$118,189 in salary and benefits for the new assistant planner. It would also cost an additional \$47,000 in "start-up costs" the first year for

things like training and equipment.

If all 29 permits were to be approved, it would bring in around \$347,000 in fee revenue for the city to make up the costs.

By law, such fees are only allowed to recoup costs, with any other special taxes requiring approval by voters. The council and city staff are planning on pursuing something of that nature, but the soonest such a tax could be put before Willits voters for the cannabis ordinance would be November 2018.

Orenstein felt the work/time projections for staff were far too low, noting that 10 percent for police officers meant they would be only be spending an estimated four hours per week enforcing the ordinance.

"I think these hours could be doubled and still we might be falling short for a reasonable forecast for how much staff time is going to be spent on this whole thing," he said.

"I made a solemn oath to the citizens of this community that we're going to do everything we can to make sure that this new marijuana industry had no negative impact on our community," he continued. "If we're not able to be diligent and make sure that it's done properly, then there's really no point of us having passed the ordinance in the first place. If we can't enforce it, why bother."

After Orenstein made his case, Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez voiced frustration over what she saw as too much "second-guessing" of Duley and other city staff on the fees and other matters.

"We have a staff here that does an amazing job," she said. "We ask them to do things that require them to work many, many hours."

"Sometimes we're here until 11 pm because we just chase our tails in a circle," she said of council meetings. "And it feels extremely dysfunctional, and it's wearing on me. I know it's wearing on the staff. I know everybody's thinking it, nobody wants to say it, so I'm putting it out there."

Vice Mayor Larry Stranske agreed the initial estimates of city staff were a good place to start, and Councilwoman Madge Strong also voted in favor of the resolution. The council plans to

based on Melvin's comments, he had already emailed agency technical experts to learn what FEMA policy is on that point. Ball said he would pass the information along to the county as soon as he could. Ball also said FEMA has paid out more than \$1 million to 159 people affected by the Redwood fire so far.

Redwood Valley resident Ann Oliver complained of people driving around the fire scene, walking on burned-out properties and attempting to scam property owners by using various shady stories.

"I've run off a lot of people," she said. "I've asked some people who said they were claims adjusters to show some I.D., and they can't show I.D. My claims adjuster drives around in a van that looks like it could be in a spy movie. I have no idea who these people are."

"Is there any way you could establish checkpoints at Laughlin and Road?" Oliver asked, "or at least require some kind of decal? It's of grave concern to those of us who have something left."

But McCowan replied that supervisors do not have the authority to establish checkpoints on a public right-of-way. First District Supervisor Carre Brown said she would like to hear from Sheriff Tom Allman before she would consider acting on Oliver's request.

County CEO Carmel Angelo closed out the presentation on county fire recovery efforts by stating she is shifting some resources from cannabis to fire recovery.

"There is nothing more important that I see as your CEO than recovery from the fire, and resources have been diverted from cannabis to recovery," Angelo said. "And they will stay in recovery until we get through this health-and-safety issue, unless this board directs me otherwise. I can't imagine that you will, because I believe there is not a person here that doesn't think recovery from this fire is not the most important topic."

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reevaluate the fee structure after three months, and then potentially make any necessary changes.

"This is brand-new territory," said Stranske. "Dusty and the staff have put in a whole lot of time, and I think we ought to go with what they have to say and look at it in three months."

Other Notes

The council approved amending a section of the city code that would allow legal non-conforming houses in city limits to be rebuilt or restored in the event they were damaged due to a disaster, such as a fire or earthquake.

Duley reported the city's commercial zones contain several homes that initially conformed to city code, but no longer do. He said many real estate agents and property owners had expressed concern they would not be allowed to rebuild such structures in event of a disaster.

He said amending the section was a short-term solution for the problem, and at some point the city should look into altering its zoning or general plan.

Stranske and Rodriguez both gave heartfelt thanks to those on staff and in the community who came together to help those in need following the recent devastating fires.

"I really want to thank [Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes] and the crew that came and did all of the things that they did," said Stranske. "This is our first chance as a council to thank everybody that really went out of their way and did everything they needed to do.... Everybody really pulled together."

"I'd like to personally thank every member of our community who participated in supporting the fire evacuees at all levels," added Rodriguez. "The fire department was amazing. I saw firsthand how hard every department at the city worked to reach out to keep people informed, and just a sense of 'Let's all pull together.'"

"I think the tragedy of the fire brought us together a bit as a community, and brought back some greater faith for me and those that live in my neighborhood."



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Photos by Jamie Chevalier

From left: Hawthorn makes a fast-growing tree or hedge with spring flowers, fall color, and bright red berries. It grows well from seed if you start now.

Milkweeds are the host plants for monarch butterflies. The seeds need to go through the winter outdoors before sprouting in spring.

Quinces are related to pears and handle both dry and wet conditions well. The fruit is fragrant and delicious cooked in pies or preserves. They can be grown from seed to make a cheap hedge or small tree.

COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

November: Plant perennials in the fall

Perennial garden plants can save a lot of labor for the gardener. Perennials, trees and bushes make the difference between a garden that is flat mud

Jamie Chevalier
Columnist

in winter and one that has a real sense of place. Pest problems are fewer and pollination is better, because there is food and shelter for predators that eat aphids, for example. You can save money by planting perennials and even trees from seed, and you can have more choices than the standard nursery varieties. Growing these plants from seed is different from growing vegetables – easier in some ways, but it takes patience.

Most domesticated vegetables and grains sprout when and where they are planted. They have adapted to a life where the gardener will plant them at the right time. Perennials, berries,

trees, and many herbs are closer to the wild. They go dormant to wait until conditions are right for survival. To break their dormancy (wake them up), the gardener needs to create the conditions the seeds are waiting for.

There are three tricks gardeners use to break dormancy and get seeds to sprout: stratification, scarification, and soaking. They are all simple to do.

The seeds of milkweed (monarch butterflies' favorite), are a good example of a plant that needs stratification. They don't want to sprout on a warm day in December – they want to make sure winter is really over. So each seed is programmed to need a specific period in cold, wet, soil (up to four months, depending on variety), before it sprouts when the soil warms. This is super-easy if you plant them now. Just put them in pots and leave them outside all winter. Herbs like valerian and echinacea, as well as almost all trees and berries, need this.

Cold is not the only danger to young seedlings – in many places, water is the limiting factor. A plant that sprouts before there is a good supply of water is condemned to shrivel and die. So, many plants from places with a pronounced dry season have very hard seed coats that need to be scratched

so that water can enter before they can sprout. In nature, flash floods or raging rivers tumble the seeds along with rocks and sand, which scratch the coating and start germination. Licorice and astragalus are both riverbank-adapted herbs that need to be scratched.

Plants that don't encounter turbulent storm waters have another way of preventing premature germination. Instead of a tough seed coat they have a coating of natural chemicals that prevent germination. Many local wildflowers, such as lupines, have this strategy. Garden plants that have germination inhibitors are carrots, parsley, fennel, beets, and especially parsnips. These seeds all need a good soaking to remove the germination-inhibiting compounds. (That is one reason why we have more wildflowers in wet years.)

If you want to try planting perennial herbs, flowers, trees and bushes from seed, check out the Bountiful Gardens website, www.bountifulgardens.org. For perennial flowers, Stokes Seeds has a huge selection www.stokesseeds.com. And for very rare herbs, try Strictly Medicinal at <https://strictlymedicinalsseeds.com>.

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\$39,858 raised for arts and more at 2017 Garden Party

Willits Educational Foundation members welcomed Willits Rotary Club members who came to present Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Westerburg with a check for \$39,858. The money was raised at the Garden Party, held in August, and will be divided between the six district schools where it will be used for arts, music and the libraries.

At left: Check presenters included, from left: Warren Lewis, Annette Pinon, Kathleen Lewis, Lisa Yokum, Jenn Drew, Anne Hammond, new Willits Rotary President John Keleher, Mark Westerburg, Tom Woodhouse, Kathy Shuster, John Cross, Angi Edgar, Gary Martin, and Windi Kvasnicka.

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the board. Because it is an urgency ordinance, it took effect immediately upon passage.

Under ordinance provisions, residents who lost their homes to the Redwood fire may resume living on their property in what the measure terms "trailer-coaches," and may continue to do so for up to three years, or until their homes are rebuilt and residency is achieved.

The term "trailer-coaches" includes habitable trailers, recreational vehicles and mobile homes.

People who are eligible to take advantage of the urgency ordinance must demonstrate that they own property within the boundaries of the Redwood fire and that their homes were either destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the fire.

According to the ordinance, the trailer-coach must be placed in such a manner that it does not interfere with the cleanup of fire debris. In any case, the trailer-coach cannot be placed closer than 30 feet to remaining fire debris.

The ordinance also provides that licensed contractors may dwell within the boundaries of the Redwood fire within a trailer-coach, either on the property upon which they are rebuilding a home, or on some other property, with that owner's permission.

The ordinance adds that people seeking to re-occupy their property after their homes were destroyed by the fire must demonstrate they have access to drinkable water and the ability to dispose of their wastes. Access to water can mean access to a community water service connection or a well, or – on an interim basis, an agreement with a water delivery service or "pursuant to the applicant's statement that the applicant will travel off-site to obtain potable water."

The ability to dispose of wastes was defined as having access to a municipal sewage system, or a certified, properly functioning septic system, or a sewage pumping service that would empty the trailer coach's septic system or a portable toilet on a regular basis, or "pursuant to the applicant's statement that the applicant will travel off-site to pump out the sewage system."

In addition to approving the trailer-coach ordinance, the board also unanimously approved and adopted an urgency ordinance increasing the penalty for those who are found guilty of price-gouging.

That measure defines price-gouging as increasing the price of essential consumer goods and services by more than 10 percent over what the price was before the disaster occurred. The list of essential consumer goods and services "includes, but is not limited to, food, emergency supplies, emergency cleanup services, building materials, construction services, and housing." Housing is defined as any rental housing with an initial lease term of no longer than one year.

The ordinance increases the penalty for price-gouging from \$10,000, or imprisonment for up to one year, or both, to \$20,000 or imprisonment for up to one year, or both.

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been killed by the board of supervisors around 2009.

Dow gave Willits Weekly a quick refresh of the 23-year-long history of the project, going back to 1994, when MCOG funded a study on how to fund a Brooktrails second access.

In the late 1990s, MCOG funded a second study which selected a route running roughly parallel to Sherwood Road as the preferred route for a second access road. However, at that time, then-Third District Supervisor John Pinches said he preferred Option A, a route that ran from the southernmost section of Primrose Drive to Highway 20 at a point near the KOA Campground. Further evaluation of the project temporarily came to a halt.

A decade later, MCOG joined with the county Department of Transportation to fund a third study to tentatively select one or more preferred routes. This study evaluated several alternatives, including routes that followed Sherwood Road, routes that wound along the old Union Lumber haul road on the north edge of Brooktrails, and routes that cut through property owned by Willits businessman Rich Padula on Brooktrails' eastern border.

That study came down to two alternatives for further study, and did not reach a final decision on either of them. Pinches again said he wanted Option A, the southern route to Highway 20, to be included in any future study, and the board agreed.

Further work on the project again stopped. Dow told Willits Weekly he thought one of the reasons the board stopped pursuing a second access road was that it received a number of letters threatening legal action from an attorney representing Padula.

"I feel the public process was subverted in this case," Dow said, "because it allowed a wealthy property owner to use his resources to avert the possibility of looking at all the potential routes, each one of which could have potentially benefitted the public. That's not how this country is supposed to work."

When asked how much building a Brooktrails second access road would cost, Dow said it was difficult to say because no preferred alternative has been identified.

"In one sense, Pinches was right," Dow said. "Option A would be the cheapest and easiest to build. But I still think you want to build a second access that people are going to use. People are gonna take the easiest route. If most people in Brooktrails are living up by the airport somewhere, then they're not gonna thread their way down around all those curves and go all the way down to Lake Ada Rose and over to Highway 20, where they will still have to drive through a big part of Willits before they get on the freeway. They are gonna want to take something that will get them right onto the freeway."

Dow added there was a difference of opinion over the purpose of a second access. Some people, he said, think the most important function of a second access is to provide a way out of Brooktrails in an emergency. But Dow said he believes providing a regular commuter route to and from Brooktrails is now as important, or more important, than providing an emergency escape route.

"I recently did a traffic count on Sherwood Road," Dow said. "There are more than 10,000 trips a day on Sherwood Road, which is a narrow, poorly designed, two-lane road with no shoulders. I think at one point, decades ago, the main goal of a second access was to provide a way out in an emergency. But I think now we have crossed a threshold from needing a second access for an emergency exit to also needing it just as a route for daily traffic."

"Even without knowing what the preferred alternative is, we know any second access is going to cost tens of millions of dollars," Dow said.

When asked how much she thinks a second access route for Brooktrails is going to cost, Crosby deflected the question. "At this point, I'm not looking at the money," she said. "I just want to bring it up and talk about it and see if people think this is something we should pursue."



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After collecting the pot, the men fled the home in a burnt-orange-colored Jeep SUV, the caller said.

Deputies rushing to the scene passed a vehicle matching the description of the one involved in the robbery on Sherwood Road, heading into Willits, said sheriff's Detective Sgt. Andrew Porter, and notified Willits police.

WPD officers "located the vehicle and attempted to stop it," Porter said, but the SUV refused to stop "and a vehicle pursuit ensued."

On Center Valley Road near Bray Road, "several suspects" leapt from the Jeep and fled, while the SUV sped on, finally stopping near South Lenore and Creekside Court, where two more suspects got out and ran.

One of the suspects, 24-year-old Diontae Stephvon Wright of Split Rock, Indiana was found

hiding in a backyard a short time later by Willits police officers and sheriff's deputies, Porter said. A second suspect, Michael Deangelo Taylor, 24, also of Split Rock, was apprehended in the 1000 block of Center

County has approved 57 cultivation permits

The Mendocino County Department of Agriculture has received 751 applications for cannabis cultivation permits and has issued 31, supervisors were told Tuesday. Another 26 permits have been approved, according to Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry, and her department is only waiting for applicants

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So far, the department has approved 57 permits out of 751 applications, or 7.589 percent of all permit applications.

In addition, Curry said, her department has performed 373 pre-site inspections.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen, chief architect of the county's medical cannabis cultivation ordinance, said he was disappointed with the work of Curry's department.

"I would certainly hope we could expedite the completion of those additional pre-sites," McCowen said. "Frankly, it's disappointing. I think we've done close to 50 percent of the applicants that have had the inspection, maybe a little beyond 50 percent."

"It's a disappointment," McCowen added. "We need to get these wrapped up before we have to do the next round of pre-site inspections."

In Mendocino County, growers need to obtain a new permit every year they cultivate cannabis. That means the Department of Agriculture has just two months until cultivators will start submitting

Valley Road by a Willits police officer.

A third man, 24-year-old Christopher Deuane Bradford, of Indianapolis, was arrested by a WPD officer near Walker Road on Highway 101. Bradford provided a false name to police when he was arrested, Porter noted.

Investigators found one firearm in the Jeep, he said, along with 20 pounds of bud marijuana and "evidence of another firearm."

A fourth suspect, identified as 24-year-old Hugo Mercado of Indianapolis, remains at large and is being sought by police.

The three suspects were booked into Mendocino County Jail on suspicion of kidnapping, robbery, and being armed with a firearm while committing a felony, Porter said. Bradford was also found to have a felony warrant from Indiana for possessing a stolen firearm.

Bail was set at \$275,000 each.

Porter urges anyone with information concerning this case to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Communications Center at 463-4086 or call the Tip Line at 234-2100.

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

applications to receive a permit to cultivate medical cannabis in 2018.

Curry said she was impressed and amazed with the work of her staff. "The inspections are very involved," she explained. "It's not a question of just going out and saying, 'Oh, yeah, this looks great.' There's a lot that goes on in pre-site inspections."

"I've been on several of them myself, and generally it takes one to two hours, just to do the inspection," Curry said. "That's not including travel time to get there. And we still have follow-up after that. So, there's a lot involved in it."

"I think staff is doing an amazing job. They're very thorough. They're looking at all kinds of things that normally aren't necessarily under our purview, such as Fish and Wildlife, erosion, talking with cultivators about what they need to do to prevent some of the things we see as problems."

"I'm very impressed. I'm amazed at how much we've gotten accomplished," Curry said.

Her department has received 56 applications for cottage outdoor growing (up to 2,500 square feet); nine for cottage indoor; 22 for cottage mixed light; 49 for Type 1 outdoor growing (up to 5,000 square feet); three for Type 1 indoor; 49 for Type 1 with mixed light; 181 for Type 2 outdoor (up to 10,000 square feet); three for Type 1 indoor; and 322 for Type 2 with mixed light. Her department has received 57 applications for Type 4 cannabis permits, which are for nurseries.

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Grange Costume Party

Hot Buttered Rum plays for creatively dressed crowd

Sitting on the tailgate of her well-utilized pickup truck in the Grange parking lot, School of Adaptive Agriculture director Ruthie King, who was soon to don her turkey costume, spoke about her vision for the night's festivities and how the money received would be utilized to aid in recovery from the recent fires in Redwood Valley.

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The Halloween dance party, a three-year tradition featuring the high-energy country sounds of Hot Buttered Rum, is becoming a favorite Willits go-to event for singles, families and children.

"Every other year the proceeds have just gone to support the School of Adaptive Agriculture and our growth and development," King explains, "but this year we really saw a need among our whole community for fire relief, specifically for a lot of farmers who lost their land and their livelihood in Redwood Valley and beyond.

"So this year we're teaming up with the Good Farm Fund to distribute funds to farmers who were impacted by the fires. The Good Farm Fund is an organization that collects and distributes funds to local farmers for infrastructure development, for growth of their farms. They've been around for a couple years, also run by NCO [North Coast Opportunities]. I work with the Good Farm Fund, too. Usually we throw fundraisers and dinners and we raise money locally so that small farmers can apply for grants. Every year we give out grants to farms to help grow their businesses. This year we're going to have a special fund for farmers who lost their businesses.

"There are quite a few people out there who were impacted. Because the school is dedicated to the future of food in Mendocino, this fundraiser will not only support future farmers through the programs that we run, but also support our existing farmers who really need our help right now."

In addition to the pounding rhythms of Hot Buttered Rum on Saturday, the audience was treated to the opening act, a trio new to the Willits scene, The Rainbow Girls from Sonoma County. As a warm-up act, they were quite successful. The multi-talented group, consisting of Vanessa May (guitar, vocals), Caitlin Gowdey (guitar, harmonica, vocals) and Erin "J.B." Chapin (guitar, slide guitar, harmonica), got the crowd dancing and was called back for an encore by the crowd who loved their harmonies and colorful costumes.

Hot Buttered Rum took the stage next. Nat Keefe (guitar, vocals), Erik Yates (banjo, vocals), James Stafford (drums), Zeb Bowles (fiddle) and Bryan Horne (bass) created an irresistible dance beat that got most of the people off their feet. The musicians look forward to this party every year, and to entertaining the people of Willits, drummer Stafford said. "We keep coming back for this because it is a great community and the people are vibrant and really dance a lot, people of all ages." Fiddler Bowles added: "We love Willits! We love the people and this event. It's a dynamic community full of great people. It has a really friendly vibe." And obviously the feeling was mutual as the people responded to the group with energy and enthusiastic applause.

When people weren't dancing, they could partake in the tantalizing nourishment provided by the Zocalo Collective, which served nutritious and tasty wraps, spicy beef, curry lamb, and winter squash, all fresh from the School of Adaptive Agriculture. There was an almost-full bar, dressed up to emulate a mad scientist's laboratory, with an array of whiskeys, gin and other spirits (including absinthe) provided by Tamar Distillery of Redwood Valley, hosted by Tamar Kaye.

The show was not only on the stage. The Willits audience was creatively arrayed in creative and colorful costumes, some unrecognizable behind masks and makeup. There were fairies, demons, Dia de los Muertos designs, and enigmatic indecipherable creations. Wayne and Garth of "Wayne's World" made an appearance, as did a couple of cave people from a million years B.C. A giant flamingo (Rachel Britten) took the stage to emcee the costume contest between sets by Hot Buttered Rum. The competitors were an eclectic bunch of creative personas, strutting their stuff in front of the stage to the delight of the crowd. The ultimate winner was Baby Man and Man Baby (Eli Vaughn and Claire Bartholomew) who morphed into a man holding a baby in his arms.

As in the past three years, the party was a joy-filled success. The School of Adaptive Agriculture raised funds and awareness about their organization, which has evolved over the last three years from the Grange Farm School to their current identity under North Coast Opportunities. Over 60 percent of their graduates relocate to Mendocino County, enriching the county with their knowledge, abilities, passion and willingness to work alongside the more established farmers to create a vibrant, unified agricultural community.



Above, left: Wayne and Garth of "Wayne's World" attended the Grange party. Above, right: Jessica Schneider, Tallia Holley and Izabella Sims attend the Hot Buttered Rum costume party. Below: The crowd dances to Hot Buttered Rum.



Below, left: Ruthie King and The Rainbow Girls pal around. Below, right: Silas Keyes busts a move in a fun skeleton costume.





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Table with 13 columns and 13 rows for a crossword puzzle. Some cells contain numbers, others are empty.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 4. Longtime sports columnist Cook
- 9. Tributary of the Rio Grande
- 14. Geological time
- 15. About ilium
- 16. Religion
- 17. Beverage holder
- 18. Its largest city is Fargo
- 20. Attaches muscle to a bone
- 22. Hindu queens
- 23. Sir ___ Newton
- 24. Developments
- 28. British thermal unit
- 29. The Ocean State
- 30. Smell
- 31. Line
- 33. Seizure
- 37. Where vets are tended to
- 38. Goddess of the dawn
- 39. Pear-shaped fruit
- 41. Taxi
- 42. Where injured ballplayers end up
- 43. Preceding period
- 44. Uncovers
- 46. Smudge
- 49. Dad
- 50. Peyton's little bro

- 51. Flawless
- 55. Judges
- 58. Expressed one's displeasure
- 59. Immature
- 60. PBS interviewer
- 64. Hat
- 65. Cover with wood
- 66. Acts dejectedly
- 67. Perform
- 68. Where people store their tools
- 69. Sulfuric and citric are two
- 70. Long-term memory

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Muscles that control eyeball movement
- 2. Hillsides
- 3. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
- 4. Used to see far away things
- 5. Inventor Musk
- 6. We all need it
- 7. ___ King Cole
- 8. Earthy pigment
- 9. Stringed instrument
- 10. A language of the Inuit
- 11. Shuttered
- 12. Cereal plant
- 13. Senior officer
- 19. Sportscaster Patrick
- 21. What day it is
- 24. Petrels with saw-toothed bills
- 25. Bumps in the road
- 26. Stars
- 27. Riding horses
- 31. Swamp plant
- 32. Type of bear
- 34. Style of cuisine
- 35. Home of the Flyers
- 36. Serious-mindedness
- 40. Velvet Underground album
- 41. Highly important
- 45. Winged
- 47. Cultured
- 48. Fastened
- 52. ___ Royce
- 53. Wreath
- 54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 56. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 57. Ninth month
- 59. Deployed
- 60. Cycles per second
- 61. Expresses surprise
- 62. Mythological bird
- 63. Open payment initiative

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

October 23 to October 29

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 195 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 23

2:23 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Highway 20.

6:15 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street.

1:07 pm: SHELLY, Joshua Michael (35) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of Della Avenue following a pursuit. He was arrested on felony charges of resisting/delaying a police officer and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear.

2:29 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:19 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

9:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

October 24

1:31 am: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:21 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

9:53 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of Coast Street.

12:36 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

11:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Commercial Street and Mill Creek Drive.

11:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Coast Street and West Valley Street.

October 25

4:51 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

7:37 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Highway 20 and issued a warning.

8:09 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

8:33 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Bonnie Lane.

2:43 pm: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:02 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and Maple Street.

9:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

October 26

2:52 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

3:03 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

3:16 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

4:02 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Pine Street.

4:41 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:31 pm: QUEBEDEAUX, Christina Kay (49) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and Holly Street following a hit-and-run vehicle collision. She was arrested pursuant to 20001 VC (Felony Hit and Run Causing Injury or Death), on felony charges of driving under the influence of alcohol causing bodily injury, and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license.

2:14 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:42 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

4:28 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

5:18 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

October 27

1:53 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Sherwood Road and North Main Street.

7:03 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:23 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street.

7:18 pm: Officers responded to a report

Read the rest of WPD Over on Page B7

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CALLS

October 26 to October 30

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

10-26-2017 (South Main Street)

Responded to a reported two-vehicle traffic collision. Upon arrival one vehicle was off the roadway with visual damage. The second vehicle was not at scene. One patient was transported by ground ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital. 12 firefighters responded for service.

10-28-17 (Central Street)

Responded to a medical call. Upon arrival Little Lake Fire assisted the medical unit at scene. 13 firefighters responded for service.

10-29-17 (Sherwood Road / North Highway 101)

Responded to a reported vehicle over the embankment. Little Lake Fire was cancelled in route. Vehicle had been reported abandoned. Law enforcement had previous contact with, and cleared the vehicle earlier in the day. 14 firefighters responded for service.

10-29-17 (Highway 101, mile marker 58)

Responded to a reported vehicle vs. pedestrian call. Little Lake Fire was cancelled in route by the California Highway Patrol – incident was not as reported. 14 firefighters responded for service.

10-29-17 (Black Bart Drive / North Highway 101)

Responded to vehicle vs. deer in the area of Black Bart Drive (location was given by the vehicle's on-board crash system). Incident was not at location. Responding fire units were redirected to North Highway 101 at mile marker 50. Upon arrival occupant denied injury and was cleared by medical staff at scene. Little Lake Fire conducted general clean-up and was released from the scene. 14 firefighters responded for service.

10-30-17 (North Street)

Responded to reported low-hanging power lines in the area. Upon arrival, it was determined the wires were phone lines. AT&T was notified and cut the phone lines. Fire units were released from the scene. 9 firefighters responded for service.

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Sonoma Clean Power extends electric vehicle inventive program due to fires

Because of the recent fires that have affected Sonoma and Mendocino counties, Sonoma Clean Power has extended the date for their Drive EverGreen program, to provide customers more time to take advantage of the purchase credits, incentives and rebates.

As a follow-up to last year's Electric Vehicle Incentive pilot program, which saw 206 customers purchase or lease deeply discounted electric vehicles, phase two of Sonoma Clean Power's Drive EverGreen program has been extended through November 30.

As of October 23, this year's program has seen 321 electric vehicles sold or leased to SCP customers.

"With so many vehicles lost as a result of the recent fires, we wanted to ensure our customers have more time to take advantage of opportunities to purchase clean, electric vehicles," offered SCP's Director of Programs, Cordel Stillman.

"If any customers have lost the home EV charger they received through our program as a result of the fires, SCP will replace the hardware and pay the sales tax; our business partner, eMotorWerks will pay the shipping costs. Customers are responsible for installation costs," added Stillman.

Customers who have purchased an electric vehicle through the Drive EverGreen program within the last two months, and who lost their vehicle in the fires, can contact SCP to request a duplicate

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STRC co-founder Ellen Bartholomew, left, stands with Willits Rotarian Mike Smith, STRC board member Diane Cannon and Willits Rotarian Jolene Carrillo.

Claws for a Cause

raises \$37,000 for Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center

Willits Rotary Club gave a "big check" for \$37,000 to the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Funds for this major donation were raised by this summer's Claws for a Cause benefit at Ridgewood Ranch.

Before presenting the check at the Willits Rotary's lunch meeting at Szechuan Restaurant on October 26, Rotarian Mike Smith noted the service club has supported STRC for 24 years now.

Smith, who chaired the 2017 Claws for a Cause event committee, complimented his fellow event organizers and Rotarians Jolene Carrillo and Ann Alumbaugh.

Diane Cannon, STRC board president, started her remarks by offering "a huge thank you to the club from the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. Because of your help, we are thriving. Reaching out to more individuals that the program enriches in so many ways. Because of you a child or adult can come enrich their lives - we couldn't do it without you."

Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center co-founder Ellen Bartholomew told a story about a child in foster care who is in the STRC program thanks to a scholarship funded by Rotarian donations. "The fire affected her placement," Bartholomew said. "She can come every week, every day this week," because of you," she said. "She's absolutely twice as fit as she was yesterday, and that's because of you."

Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), is a member therapeutic riding program established in 1993 at historic Ridgewood Ranch in Willits, California, home of the legendary racehorse Seabiscuit. The program provides services to improve the lives of children and adults who are challenged physically, developmentally, emotionally, and socially.

For donor and volunteer opportunities or to participate in the program, contact Ridgewood T.R.A.I.L. Riders Association, 16200 N. Hwy 101, Willits, CA 95490, or call Erin Livingston, program director, 707-391-3873.

- Jennifer Poole

Above, from left: Cadence Lewis waits to start the dance on the Blosser Lane blacktop. "Zombie" dancers started out on the ground before rising to dance to "Thriller." Jayden Sossaman looks official in her police costume on Halloween.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Blosser has a 'Thriller' of a time with flash mob

Some 100 students took to the pavement at Blosser Lane Elementary School on Halloween for the annual "Thriller" flash mob performance in front of gathered family and friends. The dance was choreographed by Kathy Tilton, past teacher and long-time dance aficionado who learned the steps some 10 years ago in Chico where the Guinness Book of World Records was overseeing a new record with most people simultaneously doing the "Thriller" dance at the same time around the world.

"We started doing the dance at Blosser when Tawny Fernandez was the principal," said Tilton. "She said we could start the tradition, and we've been doing it ever since." The fourth- and fifth-grade students learned the six-minute dance in half-hour increments on Mondays and Thursdays for several weeks leading up to the Halloween performance.

"I've always been a big supporter of the arts and keeping movement in schools," said Tilton. "This is a fun way to keep kids moving, enjoy dance and have a great time on Halloween!"



Jenny Senter
Features Writer

Willits Chamber of Commerce and organized by North County Women in Business, the focus of this networking event is to meet your neighbors and have fun while supporting restaurants and shops in our town.

The fun will begin with coffee and snacks at the upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, at 10 am. You will receive a packet with a map, a list of Willits Chamber of Commerce member stores, discounts offered, if applicable, a "Discover Willits" name badge, and instructions for your day.

This year a few changes have been made to this event due to feedback received from the over 25 women who attended Discover Willits last year.

The event will be longer this year (11 am to 4 pm), as there was a consensus last year that the participants were not able to make it to all the Chamber of Commerce member businesses or stop for refreshments!

We will then return to the Art Center at 4 pm to share the fruits of our labors over wine and appetizers.

Best of all, this event will be free! We will request a small donation for wine at the afternoon reception.

Prizes will again be given to those hardy shoppers that make it to the over 50 stores on the list, and all participants will be able to enter our drawing for prizes at the end of the event.

The North County Women in Business group meets on the first Wednesday of each month, except for July, at 8:15 to 9:30 am. The meetings are free to Willits Chamber of Commerce members, free to first-time guests, and \$5 to returning non-members. Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs gallery, 71 East Commercial Street.

For more information about this event or about North County Women in Business, contact Jenny Senter, 707-888-7834 or email ncwib2012@gmail.com



North County Women in Business members April Tweddell and Kitty Norris flank then-Willits Chamber of Commerce board president Lisa Epstein at last year's Discover Willits event.



Cynthia Lamon and Jill Carey didn't let a little rain interrupt their shopping at the 2016 Discover Willits event!
Photos by Jenny Senter



Nancy Syvertsen, center, with her daughters Karen Cavanaugh, left, and Tammy Cartwright, right.

OBITUARY | Nancy Syvertsen

Nancy Eugenia Syvertsen, of Ukiah/Willits passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2017. She was born in Chicago to Jenny Palmer and Eugene Syvertsen on February 10, 1936. She was 81 years old.

She was preceded in death by long-time friend and companion Haskell Hanshew.

Nancy was married to: Gail "Jack" Lavenduskey for 35 years. "Jack" passed away on December 28, 1997.

Nancy is survived by her children: Larry, Rick and Randy Lavenduskey, Tammy Cartwright, and Karen Cavanaugh (Rod Cavanaugh); and grandchildren: Ashley Hopper-Cavanaugh (Troy Christensen), Andrew Hopper-Cavanaugh (Sierra Hayes), Nathan Lavenduskey (Caylie Lavenduskey), Nicole Riggs (Chris Riggs), Dustin Lavenduskey, Naomi Lavenduskey (Mike Smith), and Rita and Julie Lavenduskey; and great-grandchildren: Isabella Hopper-Cavanaugh, Caleb and Brantley Lavenduskey, Madison, Bailey and Noah Riggs, David, Malayna, Wyler, and Emma Lavenduskey, and Alexa and Hadley Smith.

Her siblings: Bernice Carlson of Chicago (deceased), Jack Syvertsen of San Jose (deceased) and Irene Jablonski of Saldina, California.

No memorial services will be held at this time.

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Dressed-Up Doggies

Mendo Mill hosts second annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest

Helping celebrate the holiday, doggies and their owners came to Mendo Mill on Saturday, October 28 to show off their costumes and try for top prizes. Winners included Most Unique costume: Nala, the Jelly Bean St. Bernard, above left, owned by Stephanie Campos; Cutest Costume went to Annie the mini pumpkin and Liliann the mini witch, above, center, left; Lola the Bat Dog, above, center, right, was also a winner. Funniest Costume went to Pablo the "Doggie Lama" who did a spoof of the Dalai Lama, above, right; Campos stands with her winnings and a friend, at left; and the owner/pet look-alike award went to the "farm worker" pair, at right, who were looking for work - and doggie treats - in boots, hat and a bandana. Winners received various food, treat and toy festive baskets donated by Mendo Mill vendors.

- Maureen Moore

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Adorable Bentley

Bentley is a super handsome guy who just melts in your arms when you pick him up. He came in with his siblings when they were just 4 weeks old. After being fostered by their wonderful foster mom, they were finally ready for a home of their own. These kitties are loose in the Cattery, waiting to see you and give all their kitty love!

For more information on Bentley or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at

485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join us on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

Golden Simba

Simba is a mixed-breed, 2-year-old male dog, weighing in at 70 pounds. As a puppy, Simba did not get to socialize with other dogs, something every canine needs. When we took him out in our multi-dog play group, we observed that Simba wanted to play with other dogs, but didn't know how! We're not saying he can't be in a home with other dogs, but a meet and greet is required before adoption. Simba has a sweet heart, and was well-behaved and mellow during his photo session. We are so glad that he is young enough to learn how to be a great companion and that we have the chance to help him find his true forever home.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. 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 some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendonanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Please join us the second Saturday of every month, coming up on November 11, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!



Below: Canines and their owners gather to be blessed by Betsy Bruneau at the annual "Blessing of the Animals" at the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church. At left: Bill Bruneau gives his buddy a hug.



Annual 'Blessing of the Animals' at St. Francis in the Redwoods

St. Francis of Assisi, one of the world's most beloved saints, would have appreciated the group of dog lovers assembled at the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church on the morning of October 7. Their furry friends sat obediently or strained at their leashes, wanting to make friends and not understanding why they were not being allowed to play.

Mathew Caine
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Betsy Bruneau, priest at the church, quietly began her invocations, telling of the love and generosity of St. Francis and exhorting God to bless the animals. "We do this because when you mention St. Francis everybody always says 'Oh, I love St. Francis.' And things like blessing animals are something that people connect with," Bruneau said. "Francis loved all creations because he deeply loved God. So we also do this as a sign of God's love for all of creation."

The annual "Blessing of the Animals" is observed all over the world around the time of St. Francis' Feast Day, which this year fell on October 4. Bruneau recited the Russian "Prayer for the Animals" as part of the brief service, "Hear our prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially those that are suffering, for all that are over-worked and underfed and cruelly treated, for all in captivity that beat against the bars, for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened, for all that are in pain or dying, for all that must be put to death. We give thanks for all who care for them with hearts of compassion, gentle hands, and kind words."

The emphasis of the service was to honor God's creatures and by extension, all of God's creations, as did St. Francis. After the group prayers, the dog owners were invited to offer prayers of their own as part of thanksgiving, or intercessions, which were for a dog or animal that might be sick or dying, or for animals they have known that had passed.

One of the animal lovers offered the following: "I'd like to offer prayers for all the first responder animals, the ones who help find people that are lost as we've seen in earthquakes and floods; for the bomb-sniffing dogs who sometimes give their lives in service to our country; for the ones who also are service dogs for the blind and the deaf; and for those who need companion animals."

Following the thanksgiving and intercession prayers, Betsy Bruneau went to each animal individually and offered a blessing for their continuing health and safety, thanking them for their service to their owners. "God bless you, Toto, and keep you safe and protect you. I give thanks to you for keeping Ruth company and taking care of her. It's a big job," went one of the prayers.

Judy Rubens came with her dog, Maggie, "We come here every year because it's important for Maggie to have that blessing. It keeps her good, or so we can only hope, cross our fingers. This is her third time," Rubens said.

This year, the animals were all canines. Past years have seen cats, reptiles, horses and birds as well.

Bruneau was asked to become a priest by the congregation about 15 years ago, rather than bring in a seminary graduate. "This church has a unique structure, in that I was called by the congregation from within the congregation. I've lived in Willits for 33 years. I've been a member of this church that whole time."

The service was all about love, love of animals, love of people, love of the community, love of God and all his creations. It is hard to say whether any of the squirming, barking and playful dogs had an epiphany – but they did seem to appreciate the attention.



At left: Judy Reubens and Maggie come to the blessing every year. Above: Ginny Love brought along her pal, Life Lite, to receive blessings.



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OBITUARY |

Ron Silva

Ronald Richard Silva of Willits passed away October 16, 2017 at the age of 69.

He was born May 25, 1948 to Douglas and Joan B. Silva in Yreka, California. He married Jacqueline "Jackie" White on July 30, 1977 in Ukiah. Ron was a mechanic for Mazda and Subaru for 40 years. In his free time he enjoyed drag racing, hot rods, classic cars, and motorcycles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Silva, and granddaughter, Hannah Marie Silva. He is survived by his loving wife, "Jackie" Silva; daughter, Susan Madison; grandson, Andrew Madison; mother, Joan Silva; brother, James Silva; and niece, Malissa Silva.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Community Church in Willits on November 11, 2017 at 11 am.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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of harassment in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

7:42 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 400 block of East Valley Street.

October 28

6:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

6:32 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

6:46 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

7:17 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Elm Lane and Manor Way.

8:09 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Hazel Street and Locust Street.

9:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Hazel Street and Locust Street.

11:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main

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"customer certificate." This will enable the customer to purchase or lease another electric vehicle through the program.

In response to information that over half of Sonoma County's emissions are transportation-related, SCP felt compelled to develop a customer program aimed at getting more EVs on our roads. "In our first year of serving customers, we reduced electricity-related emissions by half, compared to PG&E," said SCP CEO Geof Syphers. "We knew we could do even more by promoting electric cars and charging them with clean, renewable energy."

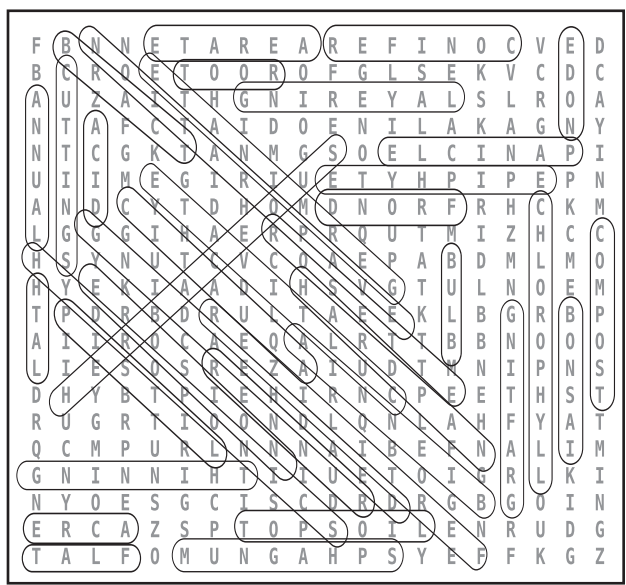
In keeping with SCP's commitment to reducing emissions from cars, the agency has negotiated significant discounts on several models of electric vehicles at a variety of local dealerships. SCP is also offering additional incentives of their own, with a bonus incentive for low income-qualified customers, and free home chargers.

To apply, people need to get a certificate verifying they are SCP customers at DriveEV.org. Once approved, customers learn the amount of incentives they are qualified for, and are welcome to proceed with negotiating a purchase or lease of a qualified EV from one of the participating dealerships.

Sonoma Clean Power is a not-for-profit public agency, which is the public electricity provider for Sonoma and Mendocino counties. SCP provides cleaner energy at competitive rates and promotes local solutions to climate change.

For more information on the Drive EverGreen program, visit DriveEV.org or call 1-855-202-2139.

– Submitted by Sonoma Clean Power



LEGAL NOTICES

WW129
Fictitious Business Name Statement

2017-F0723
The following person or persons are doing business as: Sparatime Garden Center, 209 East San Francisco Avenue, Mendocino County, Willits, CA 95490. Sparatime Garden Center is conducted by a corporation, Sparatime Supply, Incorporated, 475 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 5/20/2017.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on October 3, 2017.
s/Michael A. Griggs, Jr., President
Pub dates 10/19, 10/26, 11/02 and 11/09/2017

WW130
Fictitious Business Name Statement

2017-F0722
The following person or persons are doing business as: Sparatime Supply Distribution, 475 East San Francisco Avenue, Mendocino County, Willits, CA 95490. Sparatime Supply Distribution is conducted by a corporation, Sparatime Supply, Incorporated, 475 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 5/20/2017.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on October 3, 2017.
s/Michael A. Griggs, Jr., President
Pub dates 10/19, 10/26, 11/02 and 11/09/2017

WW134
Fictitious Business Name Statement

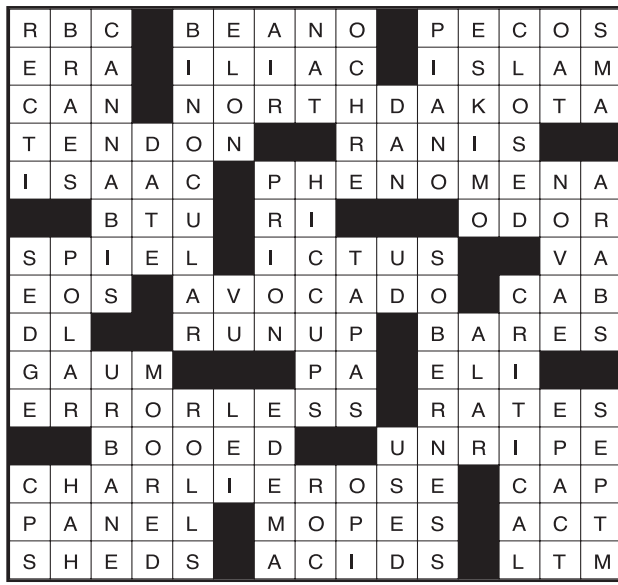
2017-F0760
The following person or persons are doing business as: Yokayo Textile Guild, 3762 Primrose Drive, Willits, CA 95490. Yokayo Textile Guild is conducted by a corporation, Conference of Northern California Hand Weavers, Inc., P.O. Box 19119, Sacramento, CA 95819.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: October 24, 2017.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on October 24, 2017.
s/Linda H. Baker
Pub dates 11/02, 11/09, 11/16 and 11/22/2017

WW133 NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 4th day of November, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK NORTH 395 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:
Michael Azevedo (G11), Jeffrey Ashline (107), Bruce Helt (419) and Robert Letimer (224).
The goods are described as: Antique cash register, compound bow, fishing poles, camping items, furniture, misc. totes. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party. Glen Green, Bond #70784656, (707) 459-4628
Pub Date: 10-26-2017 and 11-2-2017

WW135 SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLITS MODIFYING CHAPTER 17.72 OF THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES"
The City Council of the City of Willits shall convene at a duly noticed council meeting on November 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Willits City Hall Council Chambers, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, to consider the adoption of a new City ordinance modifying Chapter 17.72 of the Willits Municipal code entitled nonconforming uses and structures relating to the restoration and rebuilding of damaged legal nonconforming structures.
The following summary of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code section 36933 which provides that a city council may publish a summary of a proposed ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the city council meeting at which the proposed ordinance is to be adopted. The full text of the proposed ordinance shall also be posted in the office of the Willits City Clerk for at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting of November 8, 2017.
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE:
A nonconforming structure is a structure that was legally established at its time of construction but that doesn't conform to current regulations, whether by use or standards such as property line setbacks or building height limitations. City Code currently prohibits the rebuilding of a nonconforming structure that is damaged more than fifty percent of its then reasonable replacement value at the time of damage, provided that such reconstruction shall be started within one year of such damage.
The purpose of the Ordinance is to amend the City Zoning Code to allow legal nonconforming structures that are partially or fully damaged or destroyed by fire, earthquake or other calamity, to be rebuilt provided restoration is started within one year and diligently pursued to completion. Current City Code only allows structures that are partially damaged.
The City will continue to maintain ability to phase out legal non-conforming structures that were not pursued to be rebuilt within one year of being damaged or destroyed.
s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk, City of Willits
Publication Date: November 2, 2017



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Electric Car
2012 Nissan Leaf all electric car, white, near showroom condition with all available features, 30,300 miles. Sonoma/PGE power perks. Asking 10k or OBO, call or text 707-984-6329.

For Rent
Executive office - 2 large offices, 1 small; kitchen, bath and reception. 1,240 square feet. An additional 370 square feet could be added if needed. Call Margie, 459-6874 or Megan, 972-8776.

Giant Gym Yard Sale
Giant Gym Yard Sale at Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley (across from the Broiler), 11/3 (8 am to 6 pm), 11/4 (8 am to 4 pm), 11/5 (noon to 4 pm)

Hair Stations
Willits Salon & Spa: hair stations for rent or commission. Also seeking spa professionals. 91 So. Main St. WillitsSpa.com 707-841-1100

Heartfelt Counseling
Divora Stern LCSW, Energy Psychology, (707) 354-9911. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, EFT, Alternative Modalities Available Somatic/TRE, Art As Therapy. Seeking Help As A Strength. 716 S. Main Willits. Partnership & Medicare Accepted

Volunteers Needed
Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in the gift shop, information/greeting desk, hospitality cart and the garden. Hours are flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

Volunteer Opportunities
The Willits Senior Center has many areas where your expertise and talents are needed. Front Desk, Thrift Store, Dining Room, Sunday Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, Special Dinners, Landscaping, Garden, Firewood. Come join our team, call Deb at 707-459-6826.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR



BINGO! THURSDAY

12PM	\$100 FREE PLAY
1PM	\$125 FREE PLAY
2PM	\$150 CASH
8PM	\$150 IN FREE PLAY
9PM	\$175 IN FREE PLAY
10PM	\$300 CASH

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P & 2P bingo games.
-Bingo at 12P for \$100 Free Play, 1P for \$125 Free Play & 2P for \$150 cash for each game winner.

Players Club members must have earned minimally 80 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games.
-Bingo at 8P for \$150 in Free Play, \$ 175 Free Play and the 9P game & \$300 in cash for the 10P game.

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 7P for the 8P game. The 1P, 2P, 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended.
If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 2P and 10P, there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 2P game and \$100 Cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday Night Drawings - 50 Points/Entry
May start to redeem points for entries starting at 11A
Each drawing time has a prize value in it

PROGRESSIVE DRAWING PAYDAY!

8:00PM	WIN CASH FROM 8-11!	9:00PM
\$100		\$150
10:00PM		11:00PM
\$200		\$300

At each drawing (except the 10:30 & 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example, if the 8P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 9P drawing and will be worth \$250.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize.
Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.

NOVEMBER 24 BIG WINNINGS!

8pm - \$100	9pm - \$150
10pm - \$200	10:30pm - \$300
11pm - \$500	

MONDAY POINTS DAYS 5X POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 5X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!



SUPER SENIOR DAY

Fridays 8am-4pm!

See Players Club for more information

MEN'S NIGHT!

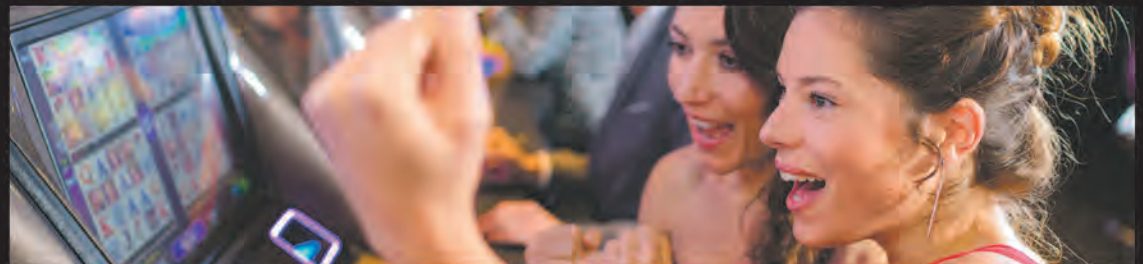
Tuesday, November 21

Earn and Receive: 9am-11pm

All "Male" Player's Club Member(s) who earn 40 point(s) on their Player's Club Card will be eligible to receive \$10 Free Slot Play on the day of the promotion.

Random Hot Seat Drawing:
"Male" Player's Club Member(s) who have earned 25 point(s) on their Player's Club Card will be eligible for Hot Seats Drawing.

Drawings from 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM will be for \$50 Free Play
Final drawing at approximately 10:00 PM will be for \$100 Free Play



LADIES NIGHT!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14!

EARN AND RECEIVE: 9am-11pm

All "Female" Player's Club Member(s) who earn 40 point(s) on their Player's Club Card will be eligible to receive \$10 Free Slot Play on the day of the promotion.

WEDNESDAYS ROOSTERS AND OWLS

TWO SESSIONS;

MORNING SESSION: 8A TO 12P
PLAYERS CLUB CUSTOMERS THAT PLAY \$50 WILL RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY VIA THE PLAYERS CLUB (ONCE PER SESSION)

EVENING SESSION: 6P TO 10P
PLAYERS CLUB CUSTOMERS THAT PLAY \$50 WILL RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY VIA THE PLAYERS CLUB (ONCE PER SESSION)

RANDOM HOURLY HOT SEAT DRAWINGS
9A TO 12P - 2 WINNERS/HOUR
EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$50 CASH
7A TO 10P - 2 WINNERS/HOUR
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$75

RANDOM HOT SEAT DRAWING:
"Female" Player's Club Member(s) who have earned 25 point(s) on their Player's Club Card will be eligible for Hot Seats Drawing.
Drawings from 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM will be for \$50 Free Play
Final drawing at approximately 10:00 PM will be for \$100 Free Play

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY • NOVEMBER 7TH

Play \$20 get \$10 Free Play
Show military I.D and receive a 50% discount off meal

Customer Appreciation Day!

Tuesday, November 28th

Players Club customers that play \$50, will receive \$15 Bonus Play (once per session).

Random Hourly Hot Seat Drawings for \$50 free play

DRAWING TIMES:
Morning Session: 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, & 1:00pm (10 winners)
Evening Session: 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, \$ 9:00pm (10 winners)

SATURDAY NIGHT CASH BINGO NOV. 18!

6PM "Buy-In" for the 7P & 8P games: 75 Points
7PM Game - \$100 Cash • 8PM Game - \$200 Cash

9:00PM "Buy-In for the 10:00P and 11:00A games: 100 Points
10:00PM Game \$250 Cash
11:00PM Game \$300 Cash

Scratch Card Sunday!

10am-8pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club). Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be;

\$10 Free Play	\$20 Free Play	\$50 Free Play
\$75 Free Play	\$100 Free Play	
\$20 Cash	\$50 Cash	\$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2am on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account.

SHERWOOD VALLEY'S FALL CAR & CASH GIVEAWAY!

A Subaru Crosstrek and \$5,500 in cash will be given away to seven winners. There will be a top prize of a Subaru Crosstrek. There will also be a \$2,000 cash winner, a \$1,000 cash winner, two (2) \$750 cash winners and two (2) \$500 cash winners.

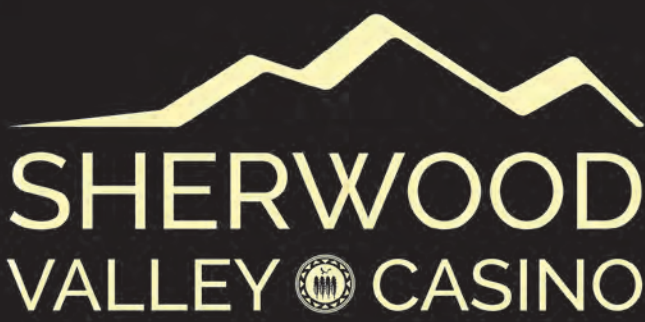
Drawings for Cash and the Car will be on November 4th!

Sales Tax & Registration for the car will be the Winner's responsibility

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6p-9p 5 winners per hour
\$25-\$100 in free Play
10 pm 4 winners \$150-\$1000 in cash

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Management reserves all rights to cancel or alter any promotion with little or no notice.