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Mendocino County
CEO Carmel Angelo has
acted quickly to organize
and facilitate streambank
stabilization work on the
upper reaches of the
Russian River. Work began
last week and will continue
through the end of this
week.

The project does not include hazardous waste removal from properties within the burn area, under the auspices of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, nor debris removal, which is just beginning using federal crews from the Army Corps of Engineers.

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Supervisors on Tuesday struck a balance between County Treasurer/Tax Collector Shari Schapmire, who had asked for a \$100 fee to process cannabis business licenses, and a handful of citizens, who asked why fees for cannabis-related businesses should be 250 percent higher than license fees for every other business in Mendocino County. The board compromised, voting 3-2 to establish a \$60 fee.

When asked by board Chairman John McCowen why she wanted a much higher fee for cannabis

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CalFire has lifted the burn permit suspension in Mendocino County as of Friday, November 3.

CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez has formally cancelled the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days.

Agriculture burns must be inspected by CalFire prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns. This

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Above, from left: Lilah Garman tries on a jacket with the assistance of Daisy Barrett. Ramneet Mann, Garman and Daisy Barrett pose in J.D. Redhouse, one of the stores showcasing clothing in the Booster Club Fashion Show on November 18. Mann and Barrett check out a green sweater at Tiger Lily's Boutique. Below: Mann and Barrett showcase cuddly pom hats and a fuzzy scarf at Tiger Lily's Boutique, another shop showcasing clothing in the upcoming fashion show.



**Photos by
Maureen Moore**

Stylish and Cozy

By Maureen Moore

Students and the local junior models will be strutting their stuff to support the Willits Booster Club, which will hold their annual Fashion Show event on November 18 at 6 pm at the Willits Community Center. Tickets are \$20 to attend the show, and children aged 5 and under are admitted free.

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Above, from left: Barrett and Mann talk about options on the rack at Tiger Lily's. Mann, Garman and Barrett showcase colorful flannels and a variety of hats from J.D. Redhouse.

Election Day



*Photos by
Maureen Moore*

Ladies (and a gent!) who helped at the Willits Community Center polling place on Tuesday gathered for a quick photo op including, from back row, left: Nancy, Ken, Kathy, Kathy, Tania, Shirley, Cathy, and Dianne, and front row, from left: Doreen, Rose, Diane, Della, Sheryl, Jan, and Pam. Election workers at the Willits Community Center said they were a little busier on Election Day than they expected to be.

At left: Rosanna Francheschini was one of many Willitsians who came by the Community Center to cast their vote on Tuesday, November 7.

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Measure B, the half-cent sales tax for better mental health services, is winning the required two-thirds approval in a landslide vote, with 82.97 percent voting "yes" and 17.03 percent voting "no." With 13,991 votes for Measure B counted so far, that means 11,609 county residents voted "yes" on Measure B and 2,382 county residents voted "no."

Voter Registrar Sue Ranochak announced Wednesday afternoon there were still a total of 3,911 mail-in ballots to process, and 231 provisional ballots to review and process. An unknown number of late-arriving mail-in ballots properly postmarked by

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Victory |
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The November 1 meeting of the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees began with a presentation on student testing at Brookside Elementary School.

Staff and board members also offered personal comments on district and community response during the recent fire.

A brief report was given on the district's ongoing support for non-credentialed teachers and administrators, and the board was apprised of the need to obtain a state waiver, so Sanhedrin High School can operate as an alternative as opposed to a continuation high school.

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Retroactive change orders for two work projects totaling more than half a million dollars were unanimously approved Tuesday by the board of supervisors.

During discussion on the items, the board acknowledged that former Assistant CEO Alan Flora, who was responsible for making the decision not to bring the items to the board for approval, is no longer with the county.

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New Howard Foundation board member, Col. Mike C. Howard

The Frank R. Howard Foundation is pleased to welcome the newest member to its board of directors, Colonel Mike C. Howard, great-grandson of Charles S. Howard.

Board member Jann Lamprich states: "HMH was first governed by the Howard family. Several members of the Howard family served on the hospital board for many years. Marcela Fenton (Mike's Great Auntie Mar), was one of the original directors and stayed involved with HMH until her death in 1987.

"To honor Mrs. Fenton, the foundation board voted to name the street leading into the new hospital, Marcela Drive."

The foundation is appreciative of Mike's past contributions to our hospital and is happy to bring his leadership, generosity, and experience to our board of directors.

Mike Howard was born in Tucson, Arizona on July 29, 1954. He grew up on a ranch near there and later moved just outside Thousand Oaks, California, where his father and grandfather (partner of Bing Crosby) raised quarter horses and thoroughbred racehorses. It was his great-grandfather, Charles S. Howard, who owned the legendary racehorse Seabiscuit. Mike grew up surrounded with horse racing history and a love for history in general.

Mike graduated from high school (the Webb School in Claremont, California), in 1973. He joined the Marine Corps Platoon Leader Class program on March 1, 1974 while attending Saint Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Upon his graduation in 1977, he was

commissioned as an officer in the Marines. He served extensively in various combat engineer units, supporting Marine infantry both on land and sea. His service included locations on both U.S. coasts, Okinawa, Japan, Thailand, the Philippines, Korea, Hawaii, Israel, Kuwait and Iraq. He served combat engineer command tours as a platoon commander, company commander, and battalion commander, in addition to a wide range of staff billets. His last command was the 960-man 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, which he commanded from 2001 to 2004. Among his military decorations, he holds two Bronze Stars, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with four service stars.

He has been married for the past 40 years to the former Lynn Marie Zieper of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a teacher by training and an artist by avocation. They are blessed with five children (Jessica, Rachel, Meredith, Nathan, and Karen) and live in Helvetia, just north of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Mike retired from the Marine Corps on March 1, 2006, with 32 years of honorable service. He has a BA degree in history and religion from Saint Olaf College and an MA degree in history from Portland State University.

Mike's hobbies include spending time with his family, reading and writing history, staying connected with his veteran buddies, recreational shooting, and gardening with his best friend, Lynn.

— Submitted by the
Frank R. Howard Foundation, Willits



What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

Dear friends and neighbors: I just wanted to tell you what wonderful personal attention my husband, Mickey Reed, received at Howard Hospital from all the staff, when he had his hip of 12 years removed. The doctors, nurses, occupational and physical therapist professionals, healthy food from Roots Restaurant, and a pleasant room with a view all contributed to well-being, since he was in the worst pain he ever experienced for a very difficult surgery called "Girdlestone Femor Removal."

After four weeks in Howard Hospital, he was moved to the Northbrook Health Center, where he continued to get excellent care by the nurses, and occupational and physical therapists. Cooks, laundry specialist Maria, and of course his roommate Steve, all had a hand in Mickey's preparation to come home! After five weeks in Northbrook he was evaluated as ready to return home. I learned a lot from the OT and PTs, and felt ready to become Mick's in-home caregiver with IHSS. I retired from subbing, after 27 years of teaching, and we are working together for the best recovery we can get.

We have been followed up by incredible home health professionals, who have guided us through this being-at-home stage.

They have come to us twice a week to do blood tests; they help you keep in touch with your GP, and give us hope that things will get better! And they have! We are humbled by all this loving care!

But we wanted all of you in the Willits area to know, we were treated well, learned a lot, and are so grateful for every one of those healthcare professionals for their dedication and love. Thanks again!

PS: If you've had hip replacement surgery, go and have it checked every year! They are guaranteed for only 10 years!

Mickey and Nancy Reed, Willits

WCS fire relief donation

To the editor:

I would like to include a letter of thanks to Willits Charter School Student Leadership teacher Billy Hetherington for his guidance and leadership of our amazing students. Our WCS Student Leadership class coordinated a two-day Haunted House last weekend, promising 50 percent to the Community Foundation of Mendocino County's Disaster Fund.

Through our students' hard work and dedication, we were able to make a \$775 donation to the Disaster Fund. We are so grateful to this nonprofit organization for providing much-needed relief to those displaced by the evacuations and fires. Our Student Leadership group is a motivated group of students; I can't wait to see what else they are able to accomplish this year!

Jennifer Lockwood, director,
Willits Charter School



At left:
The Willits
Charter
School
Student
Leadership
group raised
\$775 for
fire relief
with their
Haunted
House.

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Above, from left: Visitors at the 2nd annual Taco Rampage check their raffle tickets. Marta Barlow and Dave Beebe enjoy refreshments at the 2nd annual Taco Rampage. Abigail Sherf sells raffle tickets for items donated by local businesses. The event included plenty for the kids to do. At left: A full house watches the raffle and enjoys fish tacos. Below: Willits Area Cyclists members and their families pose for a group photo. Back: Jeff Sheldon, Adam Sherf and Chris Beebe; front: Audrey Sherf, Ashley Sherf, Abigail Sherf, Sequoia Beebe, Ry James, Steven James, Evan James and Kelly Harris.



Taco Rampage

Willits Area Cyclists host dinner to raise funds to restore trails in fire-ravaged areas

If you use terms like "burly," "sketchy," "rhythm section," or "sending it," you might be a member of the Willits Area Cyclists. The club was formed in 2016 to promote

the use and maintenance of mountain biking and hiking trails in Willits and Brooktrails.

WAC members can be seen in the good-weather months at the outdoor Willits Farmers Market, disseminating information and providing bike maintenance as well as education about bikes and trails in the area. According to Adam Sherf, president of WAC, the club has 65 members, many of whom are active in the club's activities, which include the maintenance of local trails, cutting out brush, de-leafing and making the trails nice and usable.

The second annual Taco Rampage night at the Brooktrails Community Center was a resounding success. Organizers estimate between 150 and 200 people came through the doors to enjoy the fish tacos and (mostly) Brooktrails fellowship. Close to \$3,000 was raised to continue the work of the WAC. This year, half the money raised, and several volunteer hours, will go to restoration of trails in fire-ravaged park areas, like Annadel, Skyline and Oat Hill Mine. The rest of the money will be primarily utilized to pay insurance required to run the WAC.

Even Sherf was surprised at the turnout last Friday night. The lines were out the door as members of the club worked with great efficiency to prepare the fish (mostly fresh-caught), coleslaw and beans which were offered at a \$10 donation, with children's meals available for half that amount. Drinks were offered for an additional donation. Double-walled metal cups with the club logo were purchased for a \$20 donation, including two drink fills of choice. Attendees were also encouraged to buy dessert cupcakes and brownies, much

to the delight of the younger ones.

This was a true family party, with kids running wildly about, playing bean bag toss, ping pong, and generally creating mayhem. A video of adventurous professional bikers, braving 1,000-foot vertical rock courses in Utah, played constantly, displaying the riders' prowess in navigating the drops and jumps and performing gravity-defying stunts.

Later in the evening, a raffle took place with items donated by area merchant, including J.D. Redhouse, Shanachie Pub, Dave's Bikes, Moon Lady, Misty Made, Tango, Re-Evolution, and George's Geodes and Gems. Food and wine were donated by members of the club (notably Steven James), Romi's Brew and Barbecue, Taqueria Bravo and Mariposa Market.

The Willits Area Cyclists are currently involved in "doing a lot of trail work at Camp Wente," Sherf said. "They opened that up, and we've gone out for several trail days. We have trail days where one can come and do trail work with a post-trail-work ride. There's one coming up November 18." WAC is also involved with the effort to produce a usable map of the Brooktrails area, including the trail system, which the club is working to maintain.

They want to be able to create more trails as well. "I would like to have a nice usable trail system that is between 10 and 20 miles," said Sherf. "I would like to see some actual recreation programs happen here. We have a really nice place with really nice public green space that I'd like to see utilized better. A good majority of people I speak with don't even know that there are trails here."

Long-distance future goals include re-routing some of the trails that are erosion-prone and are too steep. "Basically we want to have them shed water and not erode,"

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Rampage |

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At top, left: Audrey Sherf sells desserts to raise money for Willits Area Cyclists. At top, right: Guests look over raffle prizes donated by local merchants including J.D. Redhouse, Shanachie Pub, Dave's Bikes, Moon Lady, Misty Made, Tango, Re-Evolution and George's Geodes and Gems.

Above: Lines were out the door for the yummy fish tacos.

At left: WAC logo cups were for sale for a \$20 donation, including two drink fills of choice.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Sparetime's End of the Year YARD SALE!
Saturday, November 11th
8 am - 5 pm

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

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

Redwood Meadows is conveniently located adjacent to the William F. Harrah Senior Center with a thrift store, cafeteria and taxi service, and Howard Memorial Hospital is just blocks away.



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- Mineral
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- One of Lebron's former sidekicks
- Ivory Coast village
- Caffeinated beverage
- Without armies
- Intention
- Sulfuric and citric are two
- Supplement with difficulty
- & & &
- George and Weezie
- Liquefied petroleum gas
- Immortal act
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Aids digestion
- Comedy routine
- Actress Thurman
- Adult beverage
- Amounts of time

CLUES DOWN

- Comedian Goldthwait
- Worn by women
- 'Naked Gun' actor Nielsen
- Processes fatty acids
- Mortals
- Not invited
- Show ___: entertainment
- Darkens
- Pilgrimage
- Danish krone

- An awkward stupid person
- ___ Walker, 'The Color Purple'
- Covers babies' chests
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Ottoman military title
- Natives to New Mexico
- Indigent
- Illuminated
- Very fast airplane
- Devoid of cordiality
- Savior
- Midway between south and east
- Electroencephalograph
- Henry's wife Boleyn
- Hairstyle
- Frames per second
- Sinclair novel
- Basics
- A person's life story
- Luxury automaker
- Ultrahigh frequency
- Island and antelope are two
- Taxi
- Farm state
- Fence part
- Rwandan capital
- Onomatopoeic
- In a state of turbulence
- Abba ___, Israeli politician
- Flowering plants
- Inquire too closely
- Sun up in New York

POLICE LOG

October 30 to November 5

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **180** incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 30

7:37 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

8:35 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Bittenbender Lane and North Main Street.

10:10 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

10:12 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of North Main Street.

12:19 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:08 pm: SWINNEY, Justin Blue Sunshine (47) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of probation.

1:28 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main Street.

6:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 500 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

8:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Creekside Drive and East Valley Street.

8:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

11:07 pm: OCONNOR JR., Bernard Thomas (37) of San Francisco was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street following a report of a suspicious person. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of trespassing. O'Connor was arrested earlier by the WPD on October 23 on misdemeanor charges of "disorderly conduct: alcohol," and again by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office on November 5 on charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and resisting arrest.

October 31

4:30 am: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:41 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

10:09 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:43 am: CURRY, Adam Myles (26) of Willits and MCCONNELL, Dean Allen

(51) of Willits were contacted in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue. Curry was arrested on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon and threats to commit a crime resulting in injury or death, and on misdemeanor charges of carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle. McConnell was arrested pursuant to 211 PC (Felony First Degree Robbery).

3:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

4:44 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

6:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road and issued a citation.

7:51 pm: COUEVAS, Timothy Alan (32) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and Holly Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol).

November 1

12:58 am: BREMOND, Baptiste Henri (27) of Beaumont de Pertuis was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content .08 Percent or Higher), and 2800.1 VC (Evading a Police Officer).

8:30 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of West Commercial Street and issued a warning.

10:50 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

5:10 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.

10:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Alder Lane and South Main Street.

November 2

7:45 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

8:06 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

8:38 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:23 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:17 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

November 3

12:50 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

12:53 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of

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FIRE CALLS

November 1 to November 7

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

11-01-2017 (Maple Street)

Responded to a reported gas leak; upon arriving on scene a broken gas line was heard. Fire contacted PG&E; PG&E arrived on scene and crimped the broken gas line. Little Lake Fire provided stand-by during the crimping of the gas line. 8 firefighters responded for service.

11-01-17 (Muir Mill Road / Highway 101)

Responded to a reported vehicle vs. cow incident; upon arrival the vehicle had visible front-end damage. Little Lake Fire provided one-lane traffic control. The driver of the vehicle reported non-injury. And the cow was not in the area. 13 firefighters responded for service.

11-02-17 (Highway 162)

Responded to a reported vehicle over the embankment. Little Lake Fire was cancelled en route. Per fire units at scene, no occupants were in or around the area of the reported vehicle over the bank. 10 firefighters responded for service.

11-04-17 (Mill Creek)

Responded to a medical call, Little Lake Fire provided medical care until the ambulance arrived on scene. Fire assisted ambulance staff with loading patient into the ambulance. The patient was then transported by ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital. 10 firefighters responded for service.

11-05-17 (Highway 20)

Responded to a reported traffic collision; upon arrival the roadway was not blocked, and the driver declined medical attention. 12 firefighters responded for service.

11-05-17 (Pine Street)

Responded to a reported chimney fire. Little Lake Fire checked the chimney at the roof, attic and front living area for fire extension. No fire extension was observed. 15 firefighters responded for service.

Below, from left: Willits Branch Manager Laura Allman waves to Monika, a Savings Bank representative on the interactive screen. Allman gets ready to snip the ribbon during the Tuesday ceremony. At right: Alongside Savings Bank of Mendocino County employees, Willits community members and friends, Allman cuts the ribbon at the new "Personal Teller & ATM."



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new SBMC

Personal Teller & ATM

There's a new face at the drive-up window at the Mendocino County Savings Bank's Willits branch: a digital one featuring live real-time chat with a banking agent. The new system is an Interactive Teller Machine, known at Savings Bank as a "Personal Teller & ATM," which the bank says is the "latest in technology."

Installing the 24/7 available ATM at the drive-through window allows customers to do their banking from the comfort of their car any time of the day or night, or to talk with the on-screen agent during normal banking hours Monday through Friday. Either way, customers will be able to make deposits without a deposit slip, withdraw cash, cash checks to the penny, transfer money between their accounts, and make a loan payment.

"To assist our customers with becoming familiar with



The group gathers for a pre-ribbon-cutting photo during the Tuesday ceremony at the Savings Bank of Mendocino County.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Willits residents enjoy new all-electric vehicle bought with Drive EV incentives

Willits residents David and Susan Willoughby have bought a new Volkswagen e-Golf all-electric vehicle through Sonoma Clean Power's Drive EV incentive program. Due to the fires, SCP has extended the Drive EverGreen program through November 30.

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The new dark grey EV is "really working out well," David Willoughby said. "It has lots of power, which was surprising to me. I've never had an EV before; it's not what I thought it would be" – in a good way, Willoughby said. "It's very comfortable and fun to drive. As long as you stay within your mileage, there's no issues."

Willoughby uses the car mainly to commute to his job for the City of Healdsburg every day, 68 miles each way. The e-Golf has an average range of about 125 miles per charge.

He charges the car overnight at home, using the home charger provided for free by the Drive EV program – and as the Willoughbys' home is solar-powered with rooftop solar, that home charge is practically free.

And in Healdsburg, Willoughby uses the public charging station at Healdsburg City Hall, which is also free, except for a parking charge. "It ends up costing \$2 each time I charge it there," he said.

"This is the only new car I've ever purchased,"

Willoughby said. "With a lot of incentives and rebates, it brought the cost down to where it made sense." Willoughby figures with the incentives and the federal tax credit (up to \$7,500 on new EVs), his new e-Golf cost between \$18,000 and \$19,000.

Given the cost of gas to commute 136 miles to work – plus the cost of now-not-needed oil changes – the new EV will "pay for itself in kind" over four or five years, he said.

There are different levels of charging EV owners can use, including a "quick charge" function which takes only an hour and costs an additional \$1,000 when you buy an EV. The Willoughbys' e-Golf takes about three or four hours to charge each time.

"For a vehicle like this," Willoughby said, "which gets about 125 miles per charge – depending on whether you're going uphill or downhill – driving from here to Ukiah and back on one charge is no problem, driving over to Fort Bragg and back is no problem.... Going to Santa Rosa, you'd have to charge each way."



Above: David and Susan Willoughby of Willits, pose with their new VW e-Golf all-electric vehicle, bought through Sonoma Clean Power's Drive EV program.

Photo by Hanna Willoughby

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AT left: Bountiful Gardens in the Evergreen Shopping Center. Below: Locally crafted wooden racks, display just a portion of Bountiful Gardens' extensive catalogue of seeds.

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Local seed company Bountiful Gardens to shut down

Local seed company Bountiful Gardens will not operate in 2018, executive director John Jeavons announced Monday. "Bountiful Gardens was started as an educational non-profit business in 1985 to provide access to vanishing heirloom seeds, and to raise awareness of the importance of seed-saving, organic methods, and open-pollinated (heirloom) seeds," said Jeavons. "Now these are all household words. Dozens of heirloom seed companies now exist. Our mission is accomplished. The non-profit will continue its mission to teach sustainable food production in other ways."

The company decided to close after packing many of its seeds for the 2018 season, and will have seeds packed for 2018 on sale at www.bountifulgardens.org. The website and Willits retail store will operate until December 13. Bountiful Gardens is located in the Evergreen Shopping Center, next to the laundromat.



Cuddly Marty

Marty is a super mellow guy who loves to be cuddled. He likes to lightly nibble on your fingers but is really nice about it. Marty just likes to hang around wherever you are. Do you need a forever companion?

For more information on Marty or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 707-

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.

Quiet Jetson

Jetson was a guest at the shelter when the fires occurred. We were able to transfer dogs and cats to many of our rescue partners. Jetson went to Santa Cruz, but he came back to the shelter because he's shy and does not present well in his kennel. But, once he gets to know you, he's very friendly and affectionate. Jetson participated in the shelter's multi-dog play group, and the group's handlers said he was social and mellow. Jetson plays ball, and he likes water and the kiddie pool. He needs a quiet home without a lot of people traffic. Jetson will make a great companion to someone looking for a best friend that lives a quiet lifestyle.

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.mendoanimalsshelter.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!



The rest of

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South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:55 am: MAXFIELD, Bradley Dale (23) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 602 PC (Trespassing), on felony charges of violation of probation, and on misdemeanor charges of petty theft.

2:13 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

5:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:33pm: DOUGLAS, Laura Meschelle (42) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (F) VC (Driving Under the Combined Influence of Alcohol and Drugs) and 11350 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance).

November 4

12:53 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

9:28 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Grove Street.

3:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of South Main Street.

6:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

November 5

7:54 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1300 block of Eva Claire Street.

8:22 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:31 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:49 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street.

11:47 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

12:38 pm: ROGERS, Lewin Scott (26) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

3:30 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.



Mendocino Strong Together auctioneers, from left, CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez, Assemblyman Mike Wood, state Senator Mike McGuire, and Sheriff Tom Allman cheer about the final live auction item that brought in \$15,000. At right: Silent auction bidders begin picking up their items as Waylon and the Wildcats set up to play their danceable country-fusion music.

Above, from left: By 7:30, some people were dispersing, while others had begun to eat or were in line for food, drink and T-shirts. 4-H Club members from Redwood Valley, Ukiah, Potter Valley and Willits came together to provide dessert for the fundraiser. Despite the noise and the crowd, Carol Hughes from Willits thought it was "exciting to be there with so many people." She was there to support family members who had to evacuate and friends who lost their homes.



Mendocino Strong Together

\$250,000 – and counting – raised for fire victims at Saturday event

An unprecedented number of people attended the Mendocino Strong Together fundraiser on Saturday, November 4, in Carl Purdy Hall at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. The event was created in a mere 17 days to assist families, neighbors and friends affected by the terrible fires in Redwood Valley and Potter Valley.

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The doors opened at 4 pm. As people packed the hall, Greg Schindel, famed Willits Skunk Train singer, greeted people with his entertaining and uplifting music. Throughout the day and evening, local performers played a variety of music as event attendees, crunched shoulder to shoulder, browsed and bid upon the 303 silent auction items, stood in line for delicious dinner choices of tacos and sides by Chavez Market or a trip feast prepared by the Redwood Empire, Anderson Valley, and Willits Lions Clubs and purchased beverages at a full bar tended by the Ukiah Host Lions.

Jennifer Seward from the Redwood Empire Fair stated Tuesday that over 3,000 people attended Mendocino Strong Together and more than \$250,000 – and more to count – was raised in six hours of silent and live auctions, a "Fund the Need" donation extravaganza, along with ticket, food and beverage sales. Lana Eberhard, from Willits and one of the auction coordinators, said that people kept making large auction item donations right up to the last minute.

The live auction was a high-energy and fast-moving affair on stage with people tightly crowded together. Sheriff Tom Allman was at the helm as master of ceremonies. With his

entourage of helpers, including Assemblyman Jim Wood and state Senator Mike McGuire, they blasted through 14 high-end items helping to amass the more than \$250,000 raised at the event.

Allman recalled one of the most memorable moments for him: "We didn't want more than 12 items for the live auction, and we had them. Then this man I didn't know walked up to me 30 minutes before the auction began. Bob Davis is his name. He lives in Ukiah, and he and his partner wanted to make a donation of their vacation home in Hawaii for a week. I made an executive decision to accept the donation. It was our last live-auction item.

Well, I closed the bid at \$5,000 for one person. Then the guy with the bid before that said, 'Hey! I'll pay \$5,000 for one,' and I looked at Bob – he nodded, so that made \$10,000. Then another voice from the crowd said 'I want that, too!' We ended up making \$15,000 from that last-minute donation. Amazing!"

According to Patty Bruder, executive director of North Coast Opportunities: "The event was very crowded in a good way. People bumped into each other and hugged. Some cried. The community spirit is really strong. It's going to take all of us to rebuild."

NCO is distributing funds from the Community Foundation's Mendocino County Disaster Fund for immediate needs – clothing, shelter, transportation, food, and / or home cleanup and repair in both Mendocino and Lake counties. The application deadline is Thursday, November 30.

Of the 303 silent auction items donated, Willits donations included a comfortable couch, other furniture, and a life-size metal horse from Willits



Far left: Willits Furniture donated this almost life-sized metal horse to the live auction. Ar left: Kevin "Coach" Tahir with the Willits Lions Club washed dishes as part of what he did at the event. Above: Hugging and tears continued during the after-party dance as the crowds became thinner and people found one another.

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Thursday, November 9

WHS Booster Club Meeting: The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, November 9. Willits High School Food Center, 299 North Main Street. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS.

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig’s play of backstage antics at the Willits Community Theatre. 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 10 listing for details.

Friday, November 10

“Boots and Tattoos Ladies Night Edition”: Every Friday night at Al’s Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street. Drink specials, new bartenders and no cover charge. Info: 571-9288.

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Ken Ludwig’s play “Moon Over Buffalo,” runs through November 19 at the 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 brownpapertickets.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.

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 gives a talk on “The Art of Mesopotamia. A look back at the beginnings of art.” Refreshments provided. Friday, November 10, 6:30 pm. Free. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

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

Saturday, November 11

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 10 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

Yoga and Barefoot Freeform Dance: Ecstatic Dance of Willits on the second Sunday of every month is offering a 3-hour ecstatic experience beginning with yoga/movement from 10 to 11 am led by Midwife Monika, followed by barefoot freeform dance from 11 am to 1 pm. Electronic music by DJ Dragonfly. Sunday, November 12, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sliding scale \$10 to \$20. Sponsored by KMEC. All proceeds benefit the Mendocino County Youth Project Fire Relief Fund. Info: 972-1601, or michellelephant@hotmail.com.

“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 10 listing for details.

Monday, November 13

Willits Garden Club Meeting: the monthly Garden Club meeting is set for Monday, November

13, with guest speaker Beth Brennerman on “Fall Gardening.” Social time starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshments; speaker starts at 1 pm; ends at 4:30 pm. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles south of Willits, west of 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. Guests are welcome and there is no charge. Info: contact Fran Gardner 459-8733 or Kitty McMill 489-6203.

Tuesday, November 14

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: “Thor: Ragnarok,” “Only the Brave.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com.

Disaster Preparedness: Avenues to Wellness presents Mike Carter, master trainer for Mendocino County CERT / Community Emergency Response Training. Carter

encourages community members to take CERT Training and be first responders following major disasters such as fire and earthquake. Tuesday, November 14. 5:30 to 7 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Lecture is free, donations appreciated and will benefit the Community Foundation of Mendocino County’s Disaster Fund. Info: Avenues to Wellness 456-9676, or atwforhealth@gmail.com.

Medication Take-Back Event: A free event to dispose of unused/expired medication. It will include dinner, “fun activities and prizes for teens,” and useful presentations. Medication lock bags for unused/expired prescriptions will be given away. The speakers are: Esther Siegel on “Emotional Freedom Technique” at 4:30 pm; Diane Smalley on “A Key to Your Pain” at 5:30 pm; also, speakers on Rx opioid addiction at 6 pm. Tuesday, November 14. 3 to 7 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Dinner served at 5:45 pm. Info: 472-2610 or wrightbu@mendocinocounty.org.

and songwriters. Soul, funk, reggae, worldbeat, ska. rock’n roll. Visit: facebook.com/midnightsunband. Friday, November 17. 9 pm. \$7. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Shanachie Pub: Tracy Hui, a genre-defying itinerant folk artist/songster/composer/improviser. Plus DJ Crafty Youth who uses the middle ground between hip-hop, r&b and electronic. Visit facebook.com/tracyhuimusic. Tuesday, November 14. 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Wednesday, November 15

Pesticide Training for Cannabis Growers: The Mendocino County Department of Agriculture is hosting a training session to introduce cannabis cultivators to basic pesticide use regulations, and the requirements for using pesticides in a commercial setting. This training will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 am to noon at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue in Laytonville. To register in advance or for more info, call 234-6830 or visit www.mendocinocounty.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/5473/740.

Thursday, November 16

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig’s play of backstage antics. Thursday, November 16 at 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, November 10 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Mamadou Sidibe & Robert Usher play West African Music. Visit: facebook.com/Mamadou-Sidibe. Thursday, November 16. 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, November 17

“Boots and Tattoos Ladies Night Edition”: Every Friday night at Al’s Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street. Drink specials, new bartenders, no cover charge. Info: 571-9288

Now and Then Film Series: Little Lake Grange presents “Evolution of Organic,” a feature-length documentary about how the notion of organic and sustainable agriculture is the most successful environmental meme of the last 50 years. Plus trailers & short films, and organic heirloom popcorn. Friday, November 17. 6:30 pm. \$5 to \$20 donation (or more) to support our Willits area farmers. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig’s play of backstage antics. Friday, November 17, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, November 10 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Midnight Sun is a 7-piece band of multi-instrumentalists and songwriters. Soul, funk, reggae, worldbeat, ska. rock’n roll. Visit: facebook.com/midnightsunband. Friday, November 17. 9 pm. \$7. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, November 18

2nd Annual “Discover Willits”: This annual fun and shopping event, on Saturday, November 18 this year, is sponsored by the Willits Chamber of Commerce and organized by North County Women in Business.

Meet your neighbors, and have fun while supporting our town’s restaurants and shops. Meet for coffee and snacks at 10 am at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street to get your 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. Shop from 11 am to 4 pm, then return to the Art Center to share stories over wine and appetizers and a drawing for prizes. Free, except a small donation for wine is requested. Info: Jenny Senter, 707-888-7834, or ncwb2012@gmail.com

Booster Club Fashion Show: The Willits Booster Club presents their 5th Annual Fashion Show on Saturday, November 18 starting 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.

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig’s play of backstage antics. Saturday, November 18, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, November 10 listing for details.

“American Made” Daniel Essman Columnist The Story: Action/Tragic Political History/Cocaine Smuggling and no small bit of comedy. This is a (mostly) true story. Tom Cruise plays Barry Seal, the pilot who flew guns to the Nicaraguan Contras, cocaine for the Medellin Cartel, and took reconnaissance photos of suspected communists in Central America for the CIA. He was shot at in his plane, chased by DEA jets, harassed by the FBI, and threatened by U.S. Customs enforcers and gung-ho ATF agents.

My Thoughts: Directed by Doug (“The Bourne Identity) Liman, this movie is a keeper. Fast-paced and not stupid. Sometimes good people do not-so-good things ... even our heroes. This flick is a high-energy, entertaining reminder that our government’s actions need to be monitored carefully and constantly by we the people ... watched and kept in check. Remember the Reagan years, the outrageous corruption? Remember Iran-Contra? (138 officials indicted or convicted). CIA sub-contractor Barry Seal brought home fat bags of cash from cocaine smuggling and gun-running to the Contras, all while Reagan, Ollie North and folks of that self-righteous ilk were sucker-punching the U.S. Constitution and blaming the “crack” epidemic on the Sandinistas. I loved this movie, but even with a program, it’s hard to tell the good guys from the bad guys.

Parents: PG-13. This flick, in its moral complexity, is not for children. Teens and adults will enjoy it.

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

Shanachie Pub: Fat Chance Truckin’ Band from Ukiah play Rock, Blues and a little bit of Country. Visit: facebook.com/Fat-Chance-Truckin-Band-565667010148032/ Saturday, November 18. 9 pm. \$5. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Willits Center for the Arts November Exhibit: 16th annual show of works by the members of the Willits Photography Club. Runs through November 26 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery winter hours started 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 South 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 honemann@yahoo.com.

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

Willits Library Activities: Willits Library Activities: 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,” 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.

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Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Veggie, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, balsamic vinegars, local honey, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Willits Center for the Arts November Exhibit: 16th annual show of works by the members of the Willits Photography Club. Runs through November 26 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery winter hours started 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 South Main Street. Info: Megan Wolf, 530-647-6512 or megster1989@yahoo.com

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Willits Library Activities: 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,” 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.”

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Willits Toy Run

Sunday, November 26

The 25th annual Willits Toy Run, the kick-off to the Willits Kids Christmas Program each year, is set for Sunday, November 26 this year, as usual at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The run starts off as motorcyclists meet Sunday morning the Evergreen Shopping Center, 1700 Main Street. The pack leaves the shopping center at noon, and is escorted through downtown Willits by the Little Lake Fire Department en route to the Grange, where bikers and the public will celebrate the Willits Toy Run’s 25th Anniversary with live music, great food, a raffle, a no host bar, and live auction, all to benefit the Willits Kids Christmas Program. Admission cost: a new unwrapped toy.

Heavy Metal Benefit

Saturday, November 25

Northern California Friends and Family present “Heavy Metal and a Bit of Punk Fire Relief,” an all ages dance concert with hot dogs and a raffle on Saturday, November 25 from 4:30 pm to 11 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. The bands include: Union Jack and the Rippers, The Whitetrash Superstars, Fall Children, Scythe, Legal Disaster, Immortalica, Violent Obsession, and Martin Rangel. Tickets are by donation, \$20 suggested. This concert is a benefit for families and friends displaced by the recent fires. Family-friendly and all ages welcome.



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Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 25

The Willits Chamber of Commerce’s annual Small Business Saturday event is set for Saturday, November 25 from 10 am to 6 pm, the Saturday after “Black Friday.” Small Business Saturday highlights local shops in Willits – grab a “passport” from one of the participating local businesses, and get it stamped each time you make a purchase. Filled-out passports are entered in a drawing for more prizes; and businesses will be doing “Shop Small Saturday” giveaways, too. This year, upstairs at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, home-based businesses will have booths selling unique goods which will be perfect for holiday gifts (and earn a stamp on your passport, too). 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 info@willits.org.

Turkey Trot Walk/Run Benefit

Sunday, November 19

The annual North Coast Striders Turkey Trot takes place Sunday, November 19 at Lake Mendocino. The person who most closely predicts his or her actual time for the 3.77 mile race wins a Thanksgiving turkey; prizes for the next two closest predictions; trophies for the fastest overall male and female. Registration begins at 8:30 am at the Overlook Picnic Area near Coyote Dam, Lake Mendocino. Race begins at 9:30 am (early bird 9:15 start for walkers). Fees: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 & under, \$25 for families. Hot drinks and snacks will be served after the race.

The Turkey Trot is sponsored by North Coast Striders in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Mendocino. Turkey Trot proceeds will be donated to the Disaster Fund of Mendocino County to help residents affected by the Redwood Complex Wildfire. For information visit North Coast Striders Facebook Page, pre-register by 11/16/17 at www.active.com or call Gail 485-7821.

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Ron O'Brien & Son at Brickhouse

Friday, November 24

Guitarist Ron O'Brien and his son, flautist Loren Herz-O'Brien, will perform a concert on Friday, November 24 at 7 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. “Enjoy a Willits Black Friday” dining out, shopping, catching a movie, then enjoying the O’Briens’ incredible music. \$10 general admission, \$7 for students and seniors. Doors open at 6 pm, desserts, pastries, coffees and teas will be available.

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

Senior Center Lunch

Week of November 13 through November 17

Monday: Hot Opened-Faced Beef

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce

Wednesday: Chicken Fajitas

Thursday: Biscuits w/Country Gravy, Home Fries & Eggs

Friday: Birthday Lunch

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.

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Above, from left: Jerry Albright offered photos mostly of the New Orleans area from a recent trip. Sandy Strong likes to take nature and turn it into abstracts, finding the patterns. Craig Gardner shares memories of his father and lost homes. At left: Volkhard Sturzbecher tries to figure out how nature creates forms throughout time with his photography of American landscapes. Below: Photographers gather to display their unique work in the 16th annual Willits Photography Club show. From left: Jack Booth, John Glycer, Dorothy Asbury, Michael Steffen, Jerry Albright, June Ruckman, Volkhard Sturzbecher, Bruce Haanstra, Sandy Strong, Maria Steffen and Craig Gardner.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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Captivating Visions

16th annual exhibit of artwork
by members of the Willits Photo Club

"Sometimes you get lucky," said Jack Booth, photographer of birds and other wildlife, about his photo of a bobcat staring straight into his camera on display at the Willits Center for the Arts as part of the 16th annual Willits Photography Club show.

Indeed, sometimes photographic artists get lucky, however, that luck involves a great amount of foresight, training, patience, creativity and talent. If there is one commonality in the disparate collection of photographs at the current Willits Center for the Arts, it is an understanding among the artists of the dual nature of their art, both technical and artistic. In order to catch moments, light, color and movement, the photo artist needs to bring knowledge of the capability of the equipment and how to maximize their vision within the constraints of those capabilities.

The ability to recognize patterns, to focus the viewer's attention exactly on what they

want them to see, to catch a moment in time, and to see life with different eyes, separates the professional-photographic artist from the weekend hobbyist. These characteristics are much in evidence in this stunning show. The artists are Craig Gardner, Jack Booth, Maria Steffen, John Glycer, June Ruckman, Sandy Strong, Jerry Albright, Michael Steffen, Bruce Haanstra, Dorothy Asbury, Steve Eberhard and Volkhard Sturzbecher. All from different backgrounds and photographic disciplines, but all accomplished in their art.

The Willits Photography Club's 16th Annual Exhibit runs through November 26.

"The show is really quite exciting," said curator Gary Martin. "They've given themes to their photographs." Indeed, most of the photographers created a coherent group of works either by design or happenstance.

Jack Booth presented two photos of a snake he caught in his backyard and a bobcat he encountered at Pinnacles National Park. "I caught the snake on a cold morning so it was lethargic. I got out my macro lens and set it down in a spot

where there was some bare ground so it would be well-exposed. The bobcat stood there and watched me for probably 10 minutes. Sometimes you get lucky."

Craig Gardner's theme was an ode to firefighters, laced with a sense of loss. One photo was of his father who succumbed to cancer last month and the others were of firefighters who had lost their homes to the recent fires.

Sandy Strong, photographer and WCA board member, has been doing photography for over 30 years. She used to work for The Willits News in the '80s. She started out in black and white and advanced to color. "These are from my garden and the Botanical Garden. I like to take nature and turn it into abstracts, find the patterns in nature. I always have my camera with me. When I don't have my camera, I always see shots that I can't take." Strong is also a watercolor artist and brings a painterly quality to her compositions.

Jerry Albright offered photos mostly of the New Orleans area from a recent trip. He braved a tornado in the area to

get his shots of "Nawlins" and downtown Clarksdale, Mississippi.

June Ruckman made a departure from her usual fine landscapes to present her vision of the back alleys of Clarksdale. "Instead of sticking to the main streets or tourist areas we just started kicking around the alleys. I love black and white. A lot of these subjects lend themselves to grayscale. During a recent trip to Cuba, I really got into street photography."

John Glycer, who does wraparound-canvas prints of stunning ethereal landscapes, seascapes and waterfalls, enjoys the way his gallery prints begin to involve the viewer from the side. "It gives the work a three-dimensional look. Finding the right moment and the right light, the light is everything. Photography draws me outdoors."

"I take a lot of pictures around town and my home," Maria Steffen said. "I have my camera with me 24/7. When I went home

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At left, top: John Glycer believes in finding the right moment and the right light. At left, bottom: Jack Booth presents photos of a snake he caught in his backyard and a bobcat he encountered at Pinnacles National Park. At right, top: Volkhard Sturzbecher displays his visions of iconic American landscapes. At right, bottom: The photographers' work sparks conversations among exhibit attendees. Below: Delicious desserts tempt visitors at the WCA photography show.



Above: A photo from Michael Steffen's travels. Below: June Ruckman presents her vision of the back alleys of Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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today, I stopped three times between my gate and my house to take photos.

"For some reason this year I ended up with a theme," said exhibitor Dorothy Asbury. "I have three sunflowers. It just sort of happened that way."

Volkhard Sturzbecher grew up in Germany, with visions of iconic American landscapes. "I came to America 10 years ago and discovered America. I've tried to figure out how nature creates forms throughout time."

Michael Steffen likes to play with the presentation of his works in terms of found frames and windows, and montages in order to create an entertaining and whimsical vision.

Two other photographers, Bruce Haanstra and Steve Eberhard, are known for their stunning landscapes.

In sum, the photographers offer 12 different visions tied together in a coherent exhibition of versatility and understanding of the capabilities of their art.

Gallery hours at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street next to the Noyo Theater, are Wednesday through Sunday, from 11 am to 5 pm. More info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org or 459-1726.



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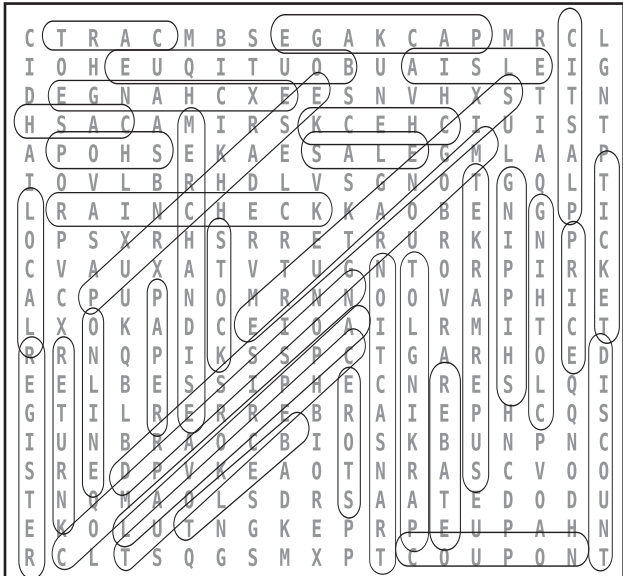
Sherf said. "We want to build new trails that are designed for sustainability."

"The best way to maintain a trail is to use it," continued Sherf. "Just being on it will take off the surface leaf layer that accumulates. People who use the trails move debris out of the way or remove it. When I go out hiking or take my dogs for a walk, I bring a little folding handsaw with me to help remove fallen trees that might block the trails."

With more effort and support, areas around

Willits can provide a sustainable, robust recreational opportunity for people of all ages and abilities. When this happens, the Willits Area Cyclists will be one of the organizations that leads the movement.

For more information on the Willits Area Cyclists or on trails in the area, go to the WAC Facebook page or to their website: wactrails.wixsite.com, where you will also find a downloadable trail map. WAC can be reached at: wactrails@gmail.com.



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Willoughby said he had a good experience with the Sonoma Clean Power program, and with purchasing the e-Golf through Hansel Volkswagen

in Santa Rosa. He looked at a Nissan LEAF EV, too, but decided on the VW. Other EV models available through the program include BMW 13, Ford Focus, VW e-Golf, Kia Soul, Kia Optima, Chevrolet Bolt EV, Chevrolet Volt, and Mercedes-Benz B-Class.

To find out more about the Drive EV program and participating dealers, visit DriveEV.org.

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Members of the American Legion Willits Post 174 and Willits 4-H Club at the 2016 wreath-laying ceremony at Willits Cemetery.

Photo courtesy of Willits 4-H Club

Honor a veteran by sponsoring a wreath on National Wreaths Across America Day

Local volunteers are working hard to ensure that all veterans laid to rest at the Willits Cemetery, Little Lake Cemetery and Sherwood Cemetery are honored this December on National Wreaths Across America Day. The goal: to place a live, balsam fir wreath at the headstone of every veteran buried there and spread patriotism and commemoration for the ultimate sacrifices they made for our country.

From now until November 28, volunteers will host various fundraisers to sponsor the 504 wreaths needed to honor every veteran at each of our local cemeteries. You can purchase a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave this Saturday, November 11 – Veteran's Day – at J.D. Redhouse. Organizers from the Willits Wreaths Across America group, Alexis England and Natalie Spackman, will have an information table and wreath-sponsorship forms. So far they have been able to find sponsors for 220 of the 504 wreaths needed.

According to the Willits Wreaths Across America group's Facebook page, in order to get an accurate count veterans' gravesites are in Willits, they walked all three cemeteries. "Each one offers a story," the post continues, "some more than others. Here is just one."



Above: Willits 4-H Club member William England IV lays wreaths on veterans' graves at the Willits Cemetery last year.

At right: Veterans' graves adorned with wreaths at the Willits Cemetery last year, thanks to local participants in the Wreaths Across America project.

Photos courtesy of Willits 4-H Club

Far right: The Willits Wreaths Across America group posted this photo, one of many they saw when walking the cemeteries to identify marked veterans' graves, on their Facebook page. This is a gravesite at the Willits Cemetery for Major L.E. Kenworthy, who cared for wounded from both sides of the civil war, as a doctor for the Confederacy and also when a prisoner of war of the Union Army.

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Accompanying the post is a photo of the gravesite of for Major L.E. Kenworthy at the Willits Cemetery, who cared for wounded from both sides of the civil war.

The gravestone reads: "L.E. Kenworthy, Civil War, Dec 4, 1904, Buried north-south because he had cared for wounded from both sides." The plaque below further explains: "Major Kenworthy was a Dr. serving the Confederacy when he was captured and caused to care for wounded in the Union Army, thus his request to be buried here. After settling in Willits, he became a justice of the peace."

The Willits 4-H Club is also selling See's Candy in an effort to fundraise for the local wreath-laying ceremony. Find them on Facebook, @willitsfallenheroes. There you can find the fast port link to Willits Wreaths Across America group's online donation page. By donating through the Willits 4-H, group ID: CA0199, three wreaths will be provided for every two sponsored. That's three wreaths for the price of two!

Proceeds place a wreath at one of the participating cemeteries: help support fundraising partners, educational and veteran's services outreach. Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

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in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same.

In 2016, Wreaths Across America and the national network of volunteers laid over 1,204,000 memorial wreaths at nearly 1,200 locations in the United States and beyond. This was accomplished with help from over 2,800 fundraising groups, many corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. The annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery is known as the world's largest veteran's parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veteran's homes and communities all along the way.

This year, the ceremony, held simultaneously across the country at more than 1,200 locations, will be on Saturday, December 16. This year's theme is "

"Join us at Willits Cemetery (or aka District of the Redwoods Cemetery), located at 1200 Highway 20 in Willits at 9 am as we lay remembrance wreaths on the headstones of our hometown heroes and recognize their service to our nation.

For more information, visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504. You can also email info@wreathscrossamerica.org.

– submitted by Willits Wreaths Across America

Veterans Day Breakfast

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



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Election Day will also be counted as valid under California's "postmark plus three" election rule.

The voter office has 28 days to certify and issue the final election count.

With margins like 83 to 17, however, and with the margin of victory actually trending upward, Measure B's victory seems assured. The first Election Night report, posted at 8:20 pm Tuesday, showed a slightly smaller landslide of 81.89 percent "yes" and 18.11 percent "no." These first returns posted are mostly mail-in ballots received and counted before Election Day, and some early-voting ballots cast at the voter office.

"To get 83 percent..." said a jubilant Sheriff Tom Allman on Wednesday afternoon. "I was on one of the Fort Bragg radio stations today, and I said, 'to the 17 percent who voted "no," you are not going to be disappointed in what we do here.'"

Allman said he started Election Day feeling optimistic: "I told my wife, you know, I feel really good. I think we're going to hit 70 percent – and honestly 70 percent would've been a landslide. And now we're at 83 percent for a countywide election for a tax measure!

"What that tells me," Allman continued, "is that people understand it, they get it, that we really do need to do something about this situation. I don't throw money at every problem, thinking that's the solution, but we have to start with some money to get us to where we want to be."

Ranochak told Willits Weekly she saw no problems with Tuesday's election. "Overall it was a nice quiet day at the voter office," she said. "We weren't overly busy, but it was busy enough, so that it kept one or two of us at the counter. It wasn't like they were standing 10 deep, like it was last November or last June. We finished up around 1 am."

Ranochak said the voter office had "less than 10 conditional voter registrations," under California's new conditional voting rule, which allows eligible voters to register right up through Election Day. If their registration checks out, that voter's vote is counted. "If that allows us to count more ballots, that's terrific," Ranochak said. She expects there to be more conditional registrations during next year's June and November elections.

Sheriff Allman said he talked to the county CEO's office Wednesday to set up a meeting to talk about getting started, and hopes that by the middle of January, the 11-person Citizens Oversight Committee that Measure B sets up to make recommendations to the board of supervisors can meet for the first time.

"We have to get applications for the board of supervisors, so they can appoint their representative," Allman said. Measure B directs each county supervisor to appoint one representative to the committee. The rest are to be made up of a member of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, the director of the county's Mental Health Services (or his/her representative), the county auditor (or a representative), the county CEO (or a representative), the county sheriff (or a representative), and a representative of the Mendocino Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The meetings of this committee will be public meetings, subject to the Brown Act open meetings law.

"Our first recommendation," Sheriff Allman said, "will most likely be to immediately get a professional needs assessment, so we can say in black and white not only what we need right now, but predicting what we'll need in 10 years and in 20 years from now."

"Thank you," Allman said in a Facebook post Wednesday morning. "A new dawn is upon us in Mendocino County. Improved care for victims of mental illness will soon be a reality."

"Today we had a new dawn happen," Allman elaborated, "really and truly. We get to build the future: Isn't that exciting?"

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Streambed stabilization was called for by board of supervisors Chairman John McCowen during the board's October 24 meeting. At the time, McCowen asked who was going to do that work, and no one knew the answer to his question.

That's because there is no one who does it as a matter of course. When Angelo discovered that, she had some conversations with the state and made it happen.

"In my conversations with state agencies, it was like this: They don't live here, so they don't know the risks that are involved," Angelo said. "What you have out there in the northern reaches of Redwood Valley ... you have these houses that are built on the edge of a ravine. And in a rainstorm, after the fire, all of that debris is going to go right down the cliff into the river. So, either we were going to do it or it wasn't going to get done."

"I had been asking the state for some help on this," she said, "and they wanted to give us Caltrans people. I got them to add in CalFire, because they had more people. With Caltrans and CalFire and the California Conservation Corps, and with county staff, we got a lot done."

During the November 7 meeting of the board of supervisors, CalFire Deputy Incident Commander Colby Forester gave a report on what had been done. By Monday afternoon, November 6, emergency crews had treated 273 former structures, the remains of which are situated within 500 feet of the headwaters of the Russian River.

According to Forester, debris from the fire is being treated with Posi-Shell, a mixture of clay, water and cement that is sprayed over the debris piles. The Posi-Shell dries and will hold the debris in place until crews from the Army Corps of engineers can remove it.

Emergency crews are also laying down a lot of plastic tarping.

Forester said much of the work done last week, and as recently as Monday, was taking place in the Fisher Lake subdivision of Redwood Valley. The small subdivision is located about a mile and a half north of the junction of West Road and East Road in Redwood Valley.

Mendocino County Recovery Director Tammy Moss Chandler told supervisors on Tuesday that it was originally estimated that about 545 structures were lost in the fire, which consumed 36,523 acres from Potter Valley and Redwood Valley to the backside of Pine Mountain.

Chandler said that figure was an early estimate and will likely be revised when work is done during the debris cleanup phase. "The actual number is going to be much higher," Chandler said.

When Supervisor McCowen asked if cleanup crews would be cutting down trees, Army Corps of Engineers Field Representative Laura Ortiz said, "Trees are not eligible to be cut down unless they are deemed hazardous to cleanup workers."

But Ortiz did say emergency crews were removing trees blocking watercourses. "Thirty-one obstructions to watercourses had been identified, and all have been removed," she said.

Department of Environmental Health Director Trey Strickland added that consolidated debris from the Army Corps of Engineers' debris removal program will go to the Hay Road landfill in Vacaville.

Angelo said fire recovery remained the county's top priority. "There is nothing that is more important than recovery, and I have directed that county staff from many different departments should focus on recovery-related work first. That includes staff from the executive office, from Health and Human Services, from Planning and Building Services, the Department of Transportation, Agriculture, from Human Resources, and from other departments as well."

Angelo also told supervisors that charitable groups and businesses have together raised \$1.4 million for fire relief. The Community Foundation of Mendocino County alone raised \$700,000. A November 4 benefit dinner, auction and concert sponsored by Mendocino Strong raised more than \$300,000. And Ukiah-based Mendocino Redwood Company has pledged to contribute matching funds of up to \$400,000.

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business licenses, Schapmire explained that handling and monitoring the status of cannabis business licenses would likely take twice as much work as non-cannabis licenses.

Her office, she noted, had decided it would send out a letter before the licenses were due to be renewed, and she didn't do that for other businesses.

Schapmire added she also would have to make sure licensees were signed up with the county's track-and-trace system, and ensure each applicant had a live-scan fingerprint record on file with the sheriff's office.

Her department also would have to check to make sure the applicant's state cannabis license was still current.

Schapmire estimated it would take about two hours of work each year to monitor and update the status of each applicant for a cannabis business license. Kenneth Spain of the county's executive office told supervisors he had calculated it would cost \$101.23 to do the anticipated work.

Three cannabis advocates expressed their unhappiness with the proposed fee to supervisors. Ron Edwards of Willits said he would like to see a more comprehensive comparison with other business license fees. Susan Timon of Laytonville said she thought the proposed \$100 fee was "punitive." Paul Hansbury, also of Laytonville, said justification for the higher fee was mostly missing.

"I see the justification sheet posted on the website, and it shows a couple of minutes for a treasury specialist, a couple of minutes for an accounts specialist, like \$3.49, and then two hours for a revenue recovery specialist," Hansbury said.

"But then I look at 'Other Exhibits,' and it shows the same thing, but under service description, it says 'enter duties here,' and there's nothing entered. So I don't understand why it would take an extra two hours to justify the \$100."

"The fee schedule itself is very confusing," Hansbury said. "I put together a list of aggregated fees. It seems to me there is already a business license review of \$168. There's so much scrutiny going into these applications, I don't understand why there should be further review."

Schapmire stressed she was anticipating many tasks associated with keeping the holders of cannabis business licenses current. She held up what looked to be a two-page list of required or anticipated tasks, and said she would be willing to give the list to supervisors for their review. None expressed a willingness to look at it.

Supervisor Dan Hamburg said establishing a \$100 fee for cannabis businesses didn't seem right. "Just from the standpoint of appearances, to have every business license in the county be \$40, unless you're doing cannabis, and then it's \$100, there's just something about that that doesn't seem right to me."

And McCowen disagreed with Schapmire's time analysis. "I just don't see the time involved," he said. "They either have their state license or they don't. They would have to come to us and show us their license. So that's just part of what they would submit with their application package."

County CEO Carmel Angelo felt Schapmire was most likely underestimating the amount of work her office would be doing in connection with the licenses.

Supervisor Carre Brown moved the action as recommended by staff – that a \$100 fee for cannabis business licenses should be established. Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey seconded, but the motion failed, 2-3, with Brown and Croskey voting in the affirmative.

The three other supervisors then fumbled for an alternative fee amount and arrived at \$60. Hamburg moved it, Supervisor Dan Gjerde seconded, and the vote came down, 3-2.

The \$60 cannabis business license fee will become operative on December 7.

'The First 12 Hours:' Allman press conference Thursday

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman will dissect the events that occurred during the first 12 hours of the Mendocino-Lake Complex Fire that devastated parts of Redwood Valley and Potter Valley last month during a Thursday, November 9 press conference in supervisors' chambers at the county administration center on Low Gap Road in Ukiah.

The 10 am press conference is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the County of Mendocino Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/mendocinocounty/>).

Vehicle vs. deer collisions rise in county

It's mating season for Mendocino County's deer population, and that's led to an increase in collisions between the ruminants and vehicles.

Caltrans is warning drivers to be more alert, especially between sunset and midnight and in the hours shortly after sunrise. Most deer-vehicle collisions occur during these times, or in foggy conditions.

"Deer are on the move and less cautious about darting out into the road," says Cori Reed, public information officer for Mendocino and Lake counties, and Caltrans crews have reported an increase in deer-vehicle collisions over the past two weeks.

"This happens every fall, but it catches drivers off-guard, especially at dusk," says Marty Silis, Caltrans' South Area maintenance superintendent.

"It's also mating season for elk," Reed notes, "which are less numerous than deer, but just as hazardous to [north county] motorists."

Caltrans urges motorists to be "extra vigilant," and drive carefully in areas known to have high deer populations. "Places where roads divide agricultural fields or streams from forestland are particularly dangerous," Reed says. "If you see a deer, slow down. Others are probably nearby."

Caltrans also urges drivers to use high-beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. "The high beams can reflect off animal eyes and warn you of their presence," Reed explains.

"If a deer is in your lane, brake firmly but stay in the lane," Reed says. "The most serious crashes occur when drivers swerve."

And don't rely on deer whistles, deer fences, or reflectors to deter the animals.

"If your car strikes a deer, don't touch the animal," Reed advises. "If the deer is blocking the highway, call 911."

For more safety information, see the Caltrans District 1 page on Facebook.

This report was based on a press release from Caltrans District 1, Eureka.

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can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

CalFire burn permits will be required until the end of fire season. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, to follow all guidelines provided, and to maintain control of the fire at all times.

Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn must verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. For more information regarding winter burning regulations go to the MCQAMD web site at www.mendoair.org.

Recorded burn day status is available 24/7 on the Burn Information Line at 707-463-4391.

Pile burning requirements

• Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be

burned.

• The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed.

• Do not burn on windy days.

• Piles should be no larger than 4 feet in diameter and in height. You can add to the pile as it burns down.

• Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.

• Have a shovel and a water source nearby.

• An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times

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

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

– Submitted by CalFire Mendocino Unit

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Brookside school Principal Kathy Crossman, and teachers Meghan Kimsey and Laura Rowland, enthusiastically described two tests currently being used to assess whether students are functioning at grade level: the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and Delta Math.

Crossman said Brookside staff and administrators were "not happy with where kids were" after looking at last year's English language assessment. Being "super-passionate about teaching kids and making sure they're at grade level," a dedicated group of teachers got together and worked over the summer, gathering resources and exchanging ideas. The result was a program where all students now receive reading and literacy testing. Only special education students are getting the math testing, part of a pilot program of the Delta Math program.

What makes these tests different and effective is their focus on assessing exactly where a child is functioning with respect to nationwide benchmark goals so a student's progress can be individually monitored and instruction individually focused. Results thus far are positive.

"It worked. Pretty amazing," said Kimsey.

Superintendent Mark Westerburg told trustees: "Teaching reading and math is a science, and we need data. The tests tell the teacher exactly what is not going right, and it focuses instruction."

There were also tales to tell at the meeting of service above and beyond the call of duty during the fire. Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak told of going to the high school, seeing administrators and staff working in the shelter and gym, and Trustee Alex Bowlds volunteering at the animal shelter.

Haschak's wife helped with the cats, and now, because "four was not enough," the Haschaks have "an extra cat."

"I don't know what you're complaining about, John," Bowlds quipped. "I ended up with a horse."

California School Employee Association President Daniel Green told of the cook staff that worked 12-to-14 hours a day. "They wouldn't leave," he said. "And the bus barn ... those girls staffed 24/7 at the hospital. They actually slept on gurneys in the operating room."

Westerburg gave the district an "A" for "how we responded," while noting things were learned as well. He said a siren in town was needed, and the district is also checking to see if a band could be put on WUSD radios that police and firefighters can tap into, given that the district has the "best radio setup in town."

Landlines in each office worked in the district when other communications failed, and those telephone numbers will now be published. And every building now has a hand-crank radio.

Board President Christopher Neary agreed it was "pretty clear we need a

siren." He also offered a tip Sheriff Tom Allman gave him if a fire is approaching: Get dry leaves out of gutters, fill the gutters with water and plug the downspouts.

Haschak briefly recounted a conversation he had with Westerburg "about credentials, and the situation we have with some people not being fully credentialed, and the support we're providing to them.... We are living in a world right now where we probably will have people who don't have full credentials all the time," he said. And "we have got to deal with the reality we have."

When asked about the support being provided, he noted there were "a variety of types of waivers for people who aren't fully credentialed, [and] each type of waiver has a different type of support that needs to happen."

"This is a situation, in part due to the teacher shortage, with which we are going to have to live," Haschak said. "We need to make sure that all students are receiving the best education possible. I think WTA and the district will make this happen."

The board also unanimously approved the designation of Jeff Ritchley to be director of alternative education, and the district's representative to the Mendocino Lake Adult Career & Education consortium.

The district "needs somebody on the board," said Westerburg, to access available money to fund an adult ed program. He said his intention was to have "adult ed up and running in a month or so."

"We have a huge need," he added, explaining there were 10,000 people in the county between 20 and 40 years old without a diploma, and the last adult ed program ended 15 years ago.

The board also unanimously approved Westerburg making a request for a waiver from the California Department of Education regarding the number of minutes required per school day at Sanhedrin High School.

As a continuation high school, Sanhedrin could have 180 minutes of instruction per day, but that number increased to 240 when the school was approved to become an alternative high school. The district was not aware of this at the time, so a waiver must be granted if Sanhedrin is to continue as an alternative high school.

Costs to the district under its agreement with classified management were disclosed at the meeting as well. The board approved the agreement, with Trustee Laurie Harris voting no. She was also the lone "no" vote on the consent agenda, which consists of routine items that do not typically require board discussion.

Harris offered no explanation for her dissenting votes.

Neary ended the meeting with the "heartening" news of the second year of the reactivation of "the student newspaper, The Wolverine, in cooperation with Willits Weekly.... I think it's a sign that things are moving in the right direction."

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The change orders were for work done relating to flooding of the Social Services building at 737 South State Street in Ukiah on August 13, 2016, and for the installation of a new roof on the Artifact Storage Building of the County Museum in Willits. The roof installation was part of mold remediation work done on the museum in the summer and fall of 2016.

Cost overruns for the flood remediation work totaled \$295,448. Cost overruns for the museum mold remediation work amounted to \$244,892.

According to county CEO Carmel Angelo, the county's insurance carrier will likely pay for most of the overrun costs. "What will happen is we will pay some, they will pay some, and then they will come back and pay back most of what we paid. We will end up paying a relatively small amount, like \$10,000," Angelo said.

The two overruns bring the number of cost overruns brought to supervisors in the past year after the work was done to four. The first was for \$64,585, paid to Northern California Construction Training, Inc. for a jail inmate construction training program the county's former chief probation officer unilaterally extended for six months, without board approval.

The second was for \$300,000, paid to the firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for legal services not strictly approved by supervisors. In that instance, Flora told

the board he had decided to wait before seeking approval until a final total of the money owed was in his hands.

Flora noted the legal firm failed to communicate with him until it had rung up \$300,000 in billable hours. The work involved defending the county in a wrongful termination lawsuit brought by former county attorney Joan Turner.

County CEO Carmel Angelo told supervisors the double-shot payback would be the last time that error would happen. "These will make three items that came out of our risk unit, where more money was spent than was authorized by the board," Angelo said. "I want to assure the board that this is the end. You will not see this again."

Board Chairman John McCowen confirmed the error could be laid at Flora's absent feet. "Well, obviously, this should have been brought to the board for approval, and it appears the assistant CEO at the time signed off on these, outside of policy."

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The show will feature local models wearing local fashions available at Willits stores. Participating businesses include J.D. Redhouse, Tiger Lily's Boutique, Monkey Wrench Mens and Womens Wear, Off The Cuff, Buttercups Children's Boutique, Earth's Treasures, Willits Power and Hardware / Carhartt and Moon Lady/ Moon Man.

Male and female models of all ages will showcase a variety of fashions. Models slated to appear include: Arlo, Araceli Arellano, Cristian Arreguin, Daisy Barrett, Lily Barrett, McKenna Buckingham, D.J. Buzzard, Jessica Buzzard, Claire Case-Brackett, Lucas Brandscomb, Jessica Brown, Taylor Brown, Danielle Campbell, Aleondra Campuzano, Leslie Campuzano, Yuseli Campuzano, Elijah DeCent, Montana Decker, Dylan Duran, Maddy Forrester, Christian Erickson, Haley Frahm, Adrian Haro, Lilah Garman, Dylan Gijon, Marissa Gutierrez, Devin Heiken, Elizabeth Henning, Heidi Herold, Eddie Leon, Melody Leon, Hailee Lopez, Nicole Karkar, David Mann, Ramneet Mann, Tristan Martin, Bayleigh Maughs, Jasmine Mendoza, Leti Mendoza, Mychaela Nolan, Cody Pedersen, Fatima Perez, Kylei Polen, Alexis Reyes, Morgan Riley, Naomi Strickland, Sara Strickland, Taytum, Thea, Stephanie Webb, Aybrie Whitehurst, Kaleb Whitehurst and Drake Wisdom.

This is the fifth year for the fashion show, which raises money for scholarships. The scholarship is given to a student who participates in the show by modeling or assisting who is also an athlete or art/drama student. In the past, two \$500 scholarships have been given, and last year, the Boosters were able to give a \$1,000 scholarship.

"People should come to support our students and because it's adorable!" said Willits Booster Club's Bridgett Summers. "The kids do a great job; some are naturals and for others it's really stepping out of their comfort zone and that's wonderful to watch. The local businesses that participate are always supportive and really helpful. They offer great products, and it's fun seeing them on display. We will be announcing the shops' Black Friday sales at the show."

Summers gave props to Daisy Barrett, Willits High School junior and Booster Club student rep, who helped Summers organize all the high school models.

"We are also always looking for people to join Boosters who might want to help with our fundraising projects. It's rewarding, fun, and we have a good group of board members. Almost all chair positions are open after the first of the year," said Summers.

For more information on the Booster Club, you can attend a meeting, held on the second Thursday of the month at 6 pm at Willits High School, call Summers at 972-2164, or email whsboosters123@yahoo.com.

California rises to third most bike-friendly state in the nation

California has continued its climb up the ranks of bike-friendly states, moving up to third in the nation, according to an annual list released by the League of American Bicyclists.

The jump from 19th place in 2008 can be credited in large part to the state's new Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and additional funding for active transportation projects.

"This survey has provided an opportunity for Caltrans to measure our advances and gauge our goals for improvement, and these rankings show that we've come a long way as a state," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "We will continue our efforts to ensure California's transportation system is safe, convenient and accessible for all users, while also making sure all Californians have more livable and economically vibrant communities."

The continued rise in California's rankings can be credited to a multi-tiered effort by Caltrans to increase options and safety for bicyclists as part of its approach to a multimodal transportation system.

The report card notes that California has a state Department of Transportation that is increasingly committed to ensuring the safety and comfort of people who bike and is on the verge of establishing new standards and practices that will be a model for other states.

California's adoption of its first-ever State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is part of that multi-tiered effort and was a significant contributing factor to the state's jump in scoring.

The plan has allowed California to lay out a blueprint to fully integrate bicycling and walking into the fabric of the California transportation system. It is also Caltrans' roadmap to achieve the department's ambitious goals to double walking and triple bicycling trips by 2020, and to reduce bicycle and pedestrian fatalities by 10 percent each year.

California has also increased the funding for its Active Transportation Program from \$130 million to \$230 million per year. California's Active Transportation Program is the largest of its type in the nation and will continue to fund much of the state's walking and bicycle projects.

The bicycle and pedestrian projects funded by the ATP not only encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, they also support sustainable communities and healthier, low-carbon travel choices.

The Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program's funding also increased from \$10 million to \$35 million. These grants support cities, counties, agencies and transit operators in their efforts to integrate transit, bicycling and walking into their local transportation plans.

Past grants have included planning for bicycle and pedestrian paths and for connectivity of multimodal options such as light rail and bus service to biking or walking.

California's report card can be found at: http://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFS2017_ReportCard_California.pdf

For more information about the bike-friendly state program and the League of American Bicyclists, visit: <http://bikeleague.org/states>.

— Submitted by the California Department of Transportation, Sacramento Headquarters



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at Willits High School



Cross Country |
Patrick Turner, 15,
Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport:
 Three years

Breakfast of Champions: None, or cereal, like Cheerios.

Why Do You Run: “Since there was no badminton team, this was the next best thing.”

Traditions: “At the home course, we like to step over the line, and then again, on it. Others think this is bad luck. It’s been good luck for us!”

Patrick began this cross country season by breaking his personal record at our home course in Brooktrails. He has continued this record-breaking streak throughout the season on many of the courses we ran. It has been a pleasure to have Patrick on the team this year.

– Coach Michelle Kluskiewicz



Cross Country |
Alyssa Fraser, 13,
Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport:
 Four years

Breakfast of Champions: Fruits or yogurt, any energy food.

Why Do You Run: “I feel like it applies to other sports, too, if you’re good at running, you can do well at lots of other things, too.”

Traditions: “I don’t have any.”

Alyssa is new to the team this year, and we are so lucky to have her. She has improved her running immensely and has been breaking her personal records throughout the season. Thanks for being an important member of our team!

– Coach Michelle Kluskiewicz

Aidan Hult wins October attendance prize

Congratulations to Aidan Hult, first-grade student in Mrs. Hammond’s class at Brookside Elementary School, who is the proud winner of a \$25 gift certificate to April May’s Coffee.

The Brookside PTO sponsors the monthly attendance award for perfect attendance and no tardies. November’s gift certificate will be to The Goods’ Shoppe.

The PTO is a key partner in Brookside’s quest to improve attendance and reduce the number of tardy students to maximize student learning.

– Kathleen Crossman, principal, Brookside Elementary School

At right: Aiden Hult, the Brookside School perfect attendance award-winner for October, with Amber Whicker, representing the PTO, sponsor of the monthly award.



Linda Pack performs to elementary school children in “Mendocino County History Alive!”

‘Mendocino County History Alive!’ offered at county elementary schools

The Mendocino County Museum is offering a new free program for all elementary schools in Mendocino County interested in enriching their fourth- and fifth-grade curriculum.

“Mendocino County History Alive!” is a traveling, interactive program that brings California history to a local level through firsthand accounts of the people who lived here more than 100 years ago. Professional actors travel to schools and classrooms throughout the county and bring to life thrilling tales of yesteryear using stories, songs, and photos drawn from the lives of the people who have shaped this region. This free program runs approximately 40 minutes which includes music and Q&A, and comes with a fully self-contained set with historic Mendocino County photographs and a map.

Using storytelling to provide a sense of place and past, “Mendocino County History Alive!” engages students’ minds, emotions and imaginations in a fun and informative way!

Performances are offered through December; the show script and teaching points are available upon request. To learn more or to book a show, please contact the Mendocino County Museum at 459-2736.

The Mendocino County Museum and Gift Shop are open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. The Museum Gift Shop features local handcrafts, gourmet foods, vintage toys, unique giftware, and nature-inspired jewelry. Diverse book selections showcase Native American literature, local history, western pioneers, trains, logging heritage, and many wonderful children’s books.

Museum admission is \$4 for adults; \$1 for students up to 18, and children 6 and under are free. Admission is free the first Wednesday of every month. The museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits, across from Recreation Grove Park. For more information call 707-459-2736.

– Submitted by the Mendocino County Museum

Avenues to Wellness: ‘Be Prepared, Be Aware, Be Involved!’

The Avenues to Wellness speaker series presents Mike Carter, emergency response master trainer, speaking on “Be Prepared, Be Aware, Be Involved!” This talk will be on Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 to 7 pm at the Willits Community Center at 111 East Commercial Street (please note this is a new date and location for this particular event). All donations will go to benefit the Community Foundation of Mendocino County’s Disaster Relief Fund.

Following a major disaster, first responders will not be able to meet the demand for fire and medical services. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving needs. The Community Emergency Response Team program educates people about disaster preparedness, trains them in basic disaster response skills, and teaches community members how to organize neighborhood teams to be an extension of first responder services until they arrive. Please join us to learn how we can be better prepared and to find comfort in the resource of community.

Mike Carter is a retired Marine of 26 years and is on the National Guard. He also served in the LAPD for 21 years. He has been a first responder in four earthquakes, three major fires, a supertanker explosion, and a major flood.

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– Submitted by Avenues to Wellness



Sober Grad’s 2017 Fall Raffle basket.

Sober Grad fall raffle basket

Drawing to be held
 November 15

Tickets for the Sober Grad Fall Raffle Basket are on sale; the basket is now on display at Tri Counties Bank Willits Branch, 255 South Main Street Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The drawing will be held on Wednesday, November 15.

Willits Sober Grad is a nonprofit organization that raises funds each year to provide a safe and sober party for graduating seniors of high schools in the Willits community. Since the inception of the Sober Grad party in 1987, no lives of graduates have been lost on graduation night.

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- Know what to do in an emergency
- Learn how to be prepared in a disaster
- Organize neighborhood teams to be an extension of first responder services until they arrive

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THOR: RAGNAROK

(PG13) 2 hrs 10 mins

Fri/Sat:
 12:30, 3:25, 6:20 & 9:15pm

Sun:
 1:25, 4:20 & 7:15pm

Mon-Thurs:
 4:20 & 7:15pm

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

(PG13) 1 hr 54 mins

Fri/Sat:
 1:30, 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00pm

Sun:
 2:00, 4:30 & 7:00pm

Mon-Thurs:
 4:30 & 7:00pm

ONLY THE BRAVE
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(PG13) 2 hrs 13 mins

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 12:15, 3:00, 5:45 & 8:30pm

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Movie Times for 11/10 thru 11/16

This Week’s Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5