Measure B Committee

recommends
funding
more mobile
prevention
teams

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Mental The Health Treatment Act Citizen Oversight Committee voted 9-1 on Wednesday to recommend to the board of supervisors that it allocate \$520,800 of Mental Health Treatment Act / Measure B funds to pay for the creation of two additional mobile outreach and prevention services teams, known as MOPS.

The teams would be for

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Two FB women die in Highway 20 accident

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Two women died last Friday evening and a Fort Bragg man suffered major injuries when the 2002 Ford Focus in which they were riding left Highway 20 west of James Creek bridge and plunged almost 500 feet down an embankment. The accident happened at mile marker 22.34, about 10 miles west of Willits.

The driver of the vehicle, 62-year-old Timothy Manual Beltram of Fort Bragg, who suffered broken ribs in the single-vehicle accident, was later arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and causing death or injury to another. Beltram

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Two Willits residents robbed of a pound of pot

A 25-year-old Willits man and his 16-year-old companion were robbed of \$900 worth of marijuana, in the early evening hours of November 15.

The pair had arranged to sell a pound of pot to an 18-year-old Ukiah man and his four teenage companions at Lions Park in the 8900 block of East Road in Redwood Valley.

When the pair arrived just before 7 pm, however, one of the teenagers allegedly pointed a semiautomatic handgun at them. Taking the marijuana, the alleged assailants piled into a 2011 Ford SUV and sped away.

The victims and a witness followed the SUV and called

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Above, from left: Shelden Lund, left, poses with Mary Fischer and her dog, Buster, after Lund pulled her from her burning home last Tuesday. Shelden Lund hopes to become a firefighter and enroll in the Little Lake Fire Department's cadet program. Proud mother, Tiffany Powers, right, stands with Shelden and his siblings, 6-year-old twins Caily and Travis Powers, in front. Below: Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes shakes hands with and hands a firefighter application to Shelden Lund in front of the engine which arrived at the fire on Mill Creek that night.



Hometown Hero

WHS Senior Shelden Lund helps save elderly woman from burning structure

A proud mother, an impressed fire chief, two 6-year-old twins, a newspaper reporter, and a local guy, just a few weeks shy of his 18th birthday, gathered around a wooden table in the Little Lake Fire Department's office to talk about an extraordinary series of events which took place last Tuesday, which resulted in saving the life of a 90-year-old woman.

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"I was just heading out to go pick up some food, when I noticed that

the wall in my house was not usually glowing orange [and] the streetlights usually cast blue!" reminisced Shelden Lund, a senior at Willits High School and resident of the Mill Creek subdivision on the west side of Willits. "I remember hearing this big cracking sound, and I looked down the street towards the orange glow, and knew right away that something was very wrong."

Knowing that the house just two doors down was the residence of Mary Fisher, 90, and her dog Buster, Lund grabbed his phone and called into 911 dispatch.

"I just remember telling 911 my address and 'structure fire' before shoving my phone back in my pocket and heading over to her house," said Lund. "When I approached the front door, it was already hot and radiating heat, and the garage was already burning a lot. I tried to open the door, but it was locked. I tried to push it open before finally just stepping back and shoving my foot straight into it, kicking it open. I remember looking into the house and seeing already like 3 to 4 feet of smoke hanging down from the ceiling."

"I started calling out, 'Beautiful, where are you at?,' because I knew she still had to have been in there," said Lund. "I saw her in the hallway, and she called out,

'I'm here,'" said Lunde. "I grabbed her and got her out of the house right away, and thankfully Buster was following behind. I got her, and Lance Armstrong, another neighbor, got Buster out, too."

Not long after getting safely to the sidewalk, Lund said he turned back to look at the doorway which they'd just exited, which was already also starting to fill with flames.

Read the rest of Shelden

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At left, above: Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes talks with Willits High School senior Shelden Lund about what it takes to join the cadet program, and the demands of the firefighting job.

At left: Lund already dons a Little Lake Fire Department sweatshirt, which Chief Wilkes certainly approves.

> Photos by Maureen Moore

Granite almost finished with downtown

project

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Granite Construction is almost – but not quite – finished with the striping work on the downtown construction project in Willits.

"They're not finished," Caltrans Public Information Officer Cori Reed told Willits Weekly Wednesday afternoon. "There's two days of striping work left to do, but they're on a weather delay due to the rain."

Reed said the striping

Read the rest of Granite

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County tech upgrade could cost \$20.7 million

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Upgrading the technical and information services function of Mendocino County's government could cost the county \$20.7 million over the next five years, according to a master plan that was presented to the board of supervisors earlier this month.

On November 6, supervisors heard a presentation on the master plan by representatives of Client First, a tech consultancy firm that was hired by the county in January of this year to draft the plan.

The board voted unanimously 4-0, with

Read the rest of Upgrade

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Colorado man held in school burglary

A 58-year-old Colorado man was arrested shortly after 8 pm on November 25 after sheriff's patrol deputies heard an audible alarm sounding at Sherwood School.

While checking classrooms at the school at 32600 Sherwood Road, deputies noticed wet bootprints, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

They discovered a broken window pane outside one of the classrooms with several boxes of materials piled below.

One of the deputies "observed a [man] attempting to hide inside the building," DeMarco says. They ordered him out at gunpoint, and he was taken into cus-

Read the rest of Sherwood

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Do you have opinions you would like to share with the rest of the community? All residents of the Third District – including Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo – are welcome to send in a letter to the editor, free of charge, addressing your comments, concerns or questions once every four weeks. Email letters directly to willitsweekly@gmail.com. We want to hear from you!

Sober Grad candy sales

To the Editor:

The Sober Grad Committee will be selling homemade candies just in time for holiday parties at the following venues:

- Senior Center Craft Fair on December 1 from
- · Hot Winter's Night at Willits High School on December 7; concert begins at 6 pm.
- · Community Holiday Fair/Kids' Craft Fair on December 8 from 9 am to 2 pm.
- beginning at 10 am. All proceeds go to put on the Sober Grad Party

• Brookside School Craft Fair on December 8

on June 6, 2019. Joyce Waters, Sober Grad Committee, Willits

Forest and fires

To the Editor:

Seems as the saying goes: "The chickens have come home to roost." I was writing letters concerning the maintenance of our forests in the mid to late '90s. It was at that time our logging was being attacked, and the viewpoint was that our forests become "wildlands" and be allowed to become pristine.

Well, we are now reaping what has been sown by this shortsighted group of people. These horrendous fires can be laid in their laps. When the forests were properly maintained by thinning, logging kept the floors of the forest clean of possible fire fuel, roads into these areas, controlled fires, to name a few fire prevention tactics which prevented the horrible fires of

The grasslands are another vital area that can be a fire hazard. They should be allowed to be grazed down, which is good as far as fire danger, it is also a benefit for the land to be grazed. I see the acres that were mitigated for the bypass laying fallow and all I see is waste, and a possibility for a grass fire.

We in California are aware that some years aren't as wet as others. One would wonder why dams are being destroyed, which can store water, and why more are not being built?

I, for one, am seeing that a group of people are making some very poor decisions to our forests and grasslands, and we are seeing the results. and they aren't pretty.

I would suggest to those that are interested, do some fact-checking regarding the destructive fires before the wildlands edicts, and after.

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events

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Also, who knows what the smoke from these fires is doing to the atmosphere air quality so many seem to be worried about.

Carlin M. Horger, Willits

Sida acuta

To the Editor:

To everyone who is growing Sida acuta this year: Thank you so much for giving this powerful medicinal a try! We really need to know how well it grows in our area. Personally this was a terrible growing year for me after six good seasons. My harvest was about 20 percent of what I expected.

Some of this was due to poor gardening management: I was distracted writing and finishing the "User's Guide to Sida." I did not mulch my plants, leaving them exposed to paralyzing heat from which most did not survive. Additionally I did not put on shade netting until almost too late, and it further delayed any growth. Most of my plants essentially never grew, were basically frozen in growth.

Some growers still have stunted growth especially those who got a late start. Growing Sida is like growing heirloom tomatoes, the crop matures late in the season for our climate.

Alternatively, I visited a local garden recently started from my starts, that had achieved full growth in August or so. Sorry, for some of us this may not be our year, and we need to know why. Please forward your Sida growing experiences to me at: bbruneauca@gmail.com

Please give Sida another season if you struggled this year. If Sida definitely does not work for you, I would suggest you look into Bidens pilosa.

My Bidens pilosa lush plants are and overwhelming. Buhner Stephen rates it just below Sida as a medicinal. As I remember he says that Bidens is not as strong as Sida, so you have to use more for the same effect.

The more super medicinals we have growing, the better chances we have as a community to survive the impending demise of pharmaceutical antibiotics and antifungals.

William Bruneau, Willits

CalFire lifts county burn ban; permit still required

- Submitted by Carmel J. Angelo, CEO, Mendocino County

Submitted by CalFire Mendocino Unit

Mendocino County **Executive Office**

statement regarding Supervisor Dan Hamburg

Fifth District Supervisor and Board Chair

Dan Hamburg has been under medical care since October 28. His wife, Sara, asks for the

public's understanding and patience during this difficult time.

Further information will be released as it becomes available

CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez formally lifted the burn permit suspension in the state response area - SRA - of Mendocino County, effective November 27, 2018 at 12:01 am.

Those possessing a current and valid residential or agricultural burn permit can now resume burning on permissible burn days with a valid

While cooler temperatures and rainfall have helped to reduce the threat of wildfire, property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times.

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

CalFire burn permits are required until the end of fire season. Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. Burning must comply with Mendocino County air quality regulations.

For more information regarding winter burning regulations go to the MCQAMD web site at www.mendoair.org or call the Air District office at 707-463-4354

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

Outdoor 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 a pile as it burns

> · 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.

Contact your local CalFire station to obtain a permit if you live in the SRA or if you have any questions. For more information on burning, visit the CalFire website at www.fire.ca.gov.











Above from left: The Book Juggler offered free wrapping. This customer had her two gifts beautifully wrapped by Greta Kanne. The shops had a variety of specials. This sign was outside of Re-Evolution on West Mendocino Avenue. It wasn't unusual for Brickhouse Coffee to be busy on Small Business Saturday. There were larger than normal crowds at tables as family and friends took a break from shopping to enjoy Brickhouse's delicious refreshments. Christmas balls filled with cosmetics are one of the special deals at Tango. Olga helps her son, Marcos, try on a pair of boots at Buttercups. He seemed a bit shy of the camera.

Holiday Shopping

Willits merchants offer deals galore on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday

This past weekend many retail businesses in Willits participated in two national sales events, Black Friday and Small Business Saturday.

Black Friday is often described as the busiest shopping day of the year in the United States. The term "Black Friday" decades ago was used to describe crowds and traffic jams that kicked off the holiday shopping season or the practice of workers calling in sick the day after Thanksgiving so they'd have a four-day weekend.

But "Black Friday" has morphed over the years to signify the day when retailers begin making large profits from holiday sales, taking them from the

Ree Slocum

"I think all retailers absolutely count on the holiday season [sales], and Black Friday is

red (loss) to the black (profit) in their

when it starts to turn around," said Greta Kanne at The Book Juggler on Main Street. She added, "Really, honestly, for most of us here in Willits, I think it's those 10 days leading up to Christmas that make or break a business." Kanne explained that it's really difficult to keep new

merchandise on the shelves the next year and also pay for operating expenses through the lean months without that holiday capital. Yet for Justin and Amy Buckingham, who were in town buying necessary things at J.D. Redhouse on Saturday: "We try to shop here all the time when we want something, if it's Small Business Saturday or not!"

The two days of sales brought out a creative and festive flair in some of the business owners. On Black Friday, Tango opened at 6 am with "Stuff Your Stocking" for the first hour. The popular event had approximately 30 people lined up outside the store in the dark rainy hours before they opened. Monkey Wrench, next door to Tango, advertised that the first five people in the store at 6 am would have a 40 percent discount on everything, with a gift bag from the

Mazahar had sales of up to 75 percent off and 50 percent off already discounted items. They continued that through Small Business Saturday, with the added delight of Tiffany's Family Circus outside the store. Dun Duh a clown, painted faces. Both clowns delighted the children as their parents shopped.

Other stores offered different discounts for a variety of merchandise that changed - mostly lowered on Black Friday at least - as the days wore on. For the last hour of Black Friday, The Book Juggler had a twist on the theme: a "Late Bird Special" from 5 to 6 pm.

Many business owners said they feel lucky to live and work in Willits where the community is aware of how important it is to support local businesses. Merchants, restaurants and other local businesses are frequently asked to donate merchandise for local activities and charities. And they do. That's not something an online retailer will do for a small community.

Again this year, the Saturday Small Business Passport prizes were two baskets of goodies donated by participating businesses. The shoppers who bought from the most businesses and got their passport stamped the most were eligible to win a basket. The winners will be announced on Friday, November 30.

Willits Weekly popped into many participating stores to see how it was going on Small Business Saturday, and waited in line at J.D. Redhouse to ask sales clerk Nick Durupt how Black Friday had been - the mercantile had advertised opening their doors at 6 am.

"We actually opened a little early since people were standing in the rain." Durupt said. "It was chaotic at times. It was overwhelming. It was great to see a lot of our local people coming out to support us. There were a lot of new faces I hadn't seen before. A couple of people commented that they saw our ad on Facebook.

"There were three people who actually spent an hour with me," Durupt continued. "They were passing through town, stayed the night in a motel, saw our ad in Willits Weekly and came in. They kept finding things and bringing them up to the counter. They even left and came back to purchase something else they'd seen. And there was a couple from Eureka who just happened to be passing through and remembered us from before and bought some items." It was also busy on Small Business Saturday at J.D. Redhouse, with continued sales.

It wasn't all sugar plums and candy canes. In one store with early Black Friday sales it got a bit out of hand with a customer leaving after being elbowed. One person commented they'd have to rethink that kind of special for

But all but one retailer reported having a good few days of sales. "I had only two customers on Black Friday, so Dun, the clown, made balloon figures and Silly Tilly, also I went and got the darkest beer they had at the Pub to celebrate." he said, with a bit of irony.

If you were out of town for the weekend or didn't want to be in the downtown crowds and would like to support some of your local businesses, you can take advantage

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At top: Ry James found the perfect gift for his sister at Moon Lady and Moon Man. He was shopping with his mother and got his Passport signed.

Above: It was a busy two days at Cat's Meow.

Below: Mazahar invited Rhyann Whaley, Brewanna Legere, and Alyssa Harries of the WHS Art and Travel group to wrap presents purchased at the shop. The students are making money for their trip to Italy and Greece next summer. They'll be wrapping again on December 1, 22 and 23. Anyone can go on the trip that costs a bit over \$4,000 and includes almost everything. Contact Carolyn Bakewell at carolynbakewell@willitsunified.com for more

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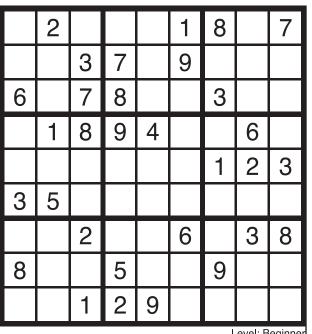
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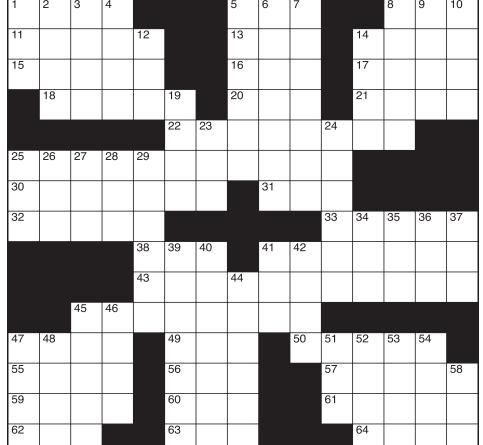
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1. Thick piece of something

5. Engine additive

8. Anticipated arrival time 11. French commune

13. Cigarette (slang)

14. Nobleman

15. Ghana capital 16. Adam's wife

17. Most popular student

18. Where you currently are 20. Increase motor speed

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22. North, South and Central

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49. Doctors' group 50. Packers' QB

56. Unpleasant noise 57. Lovable elephant

59. Sleeping

hydrogen

63. Returned material

64. Employee plan

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2. Type of curtain

4. Irish castle

5. Audio-system

7. What's coming

8. Designed chairs

10. Genus of birds

14. Ancient Syrian city

19. Australian brewery

9. Stepped on

12. Consume

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3. Online stock exchange

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62. Crimson

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29. Mineral 34. Purpose

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26. Type of compound

27. Jogged quickly

35. Financial term (abbr.) 36. Orange is the New

Black character 37. Used to cut and shape wood

39. Bullfighter 40. Top of the line

42. Greek mountain 44. Angola's capital

45. Expressed pleasure 46. Fermented honey beverage 47. Month in the Jewish

calendar 48. Frontal is one type 51. Basics

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organization 58. Box score term

POLICE LOG

November 12 to November 25

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Avenue. Department handled 302 incidents in this 14-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

November 12

8:41 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main

11:55 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of West

8:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

8:44 pm: LAFLIN, Adam (42) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

November 13

10:33 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Bush

November 14

3:21 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of School

2:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Main Street and Monroe Street.

4:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Baechtel Road and Sandy Avenue.

November 15

12:33 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 400 block of Mill Street.

1:36 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Magnolia

3:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of South Main Street.

3:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main

6:22 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

November 16

12:00 am: SANDERS, Mike Robert (61) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Robert Drive. He was arrested on felony charges of burglary and misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

9:52 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

11:29 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main

12:47 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

1:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 100 block of

5:20 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street.

November 17

1:29 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of South Main

8:24 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of East

Read the rest of

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

November 20 to November 23 by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

11-20-18 (Mill Creek)

Structure fire: Little Lake Fire and Brooktrails Fire responded to a reported structure fire. Upon arrival the garage was responded to a reported overturned vehicle. fully involved with smoke pushing through the attic space. The fire was extinguished, and the fire extension throughout the house was mitigated. 21 firefighters responded for

11-21-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 51)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle on its roof blocking the slow lane. Little Lake Fire provided traffic control. The medic unit at scene provided patient care. 10 Firefighters responded for service.

11-21-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 40)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident. Upon arrival the occupant was out of the vehicle and cleared by medical staff at scene. Fire provided traffic control. 12 firefighters responded for service.

11-21-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 39)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to reported traffic accident. Little Lake Fire was canceled while en route by fire units at scene. 11 firefighters responded for service.

11-21-18 (North bypass)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a passerby reporting a traffic accident. Upon arrival all occupants were out of the vehicle and uninjured. One Little Lake Fire duty officer, as well as an off-duty fire captain, remained at scene for the tow truck. 6 firefighters responded for service.

11-21-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 39)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident. The accident was reported to be non-injury, and all Little Lake Fire units were canceled while en route. 8 firefighters responded for

11-21-18 (Highway 20, mile marker 26)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire Upon arrival the occupants were out of the vehicle. Little Lake Fire provided traffic control around the incident. One patient was transported to Howard Memorial Hospital via ambulance. 8 firefighters responded for service.

11-21-18 (Highway 101, southbound lane)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle accident. After searching both northbound and southbound lanes, fire units were unable to locate the accident. 9 firefighters responded for service.

11-21-18 (Highway 101, Mile Marker 39)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident. The accident was reported to be non-injury, and all Little Lake Fire units were canceled while en route. 9 firefighters responded for

11-21-18 (Hilltop Drive)

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported medical aid. Upon arrival fire provided BLS care until the ambulance unit arrived on scene. 5 firefighters responded

11-21-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 41)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident; while en route Little Lake Fire was canceled by fire units at scene. 8 firefighters responded for service.

11-23-18 (Highway 20, mile marker 23)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle over the bank with three victims. Upon arrival the vehicle was approximately 450 feet over the bank. Little Lake Fire used its "over the bank" haul system to retrieve the three victims; two of the three were taken to Howard Memorial Hospital via ambulance. 12 firefighters responded for service. CHP and Sheriff's Deputies assisted in the







Above, left: Little Lake Fire Department escorts the bikers in the Toy Run with sirens and lights. Above, right: The Willits Toy Run on School Street. There were about 100 bikers total. At left: The Old Buzzards biker club from Eureka brought a truckload of toys down to

Below, left: Bikers from all over accumulated at the Evergreen Shopping Center for the start of the Toy Run. Below, right: Kim "Sugar B" and Rich "Pops" Venturi.

Below: The Grange hall was full for the Toy Run party, with a line out

Toy Run

Annual event gathers gifts for Willits Christmas Children's Program with motorcycle ride and Grange party

The 26th annual Willits Toy Run was a huge success, thanks to the efforts and generosity of the people of Willits, the Willits Wild Bunch, the Willits Rotary Club, and several biker clubs from surrounding counties, including the Old Buzzards MC who came in the night before from Eureka with a truckload (about \$500 worth) of toys to get the collection started.

Over 100 bikers and five fire trucks participated in the actual run from the Evergreen Shopping Center, down Main Street, to Commercial Street and finishing on School Street, with fire sirens blaring, lights flashing, and the sounds of the multitude of throaty, mostly Harley Davidson, motorcycle engines roaring and shaking the

Mathew Caine

The procession of bikers was led, as always, by Richard "Pops" and Kim "Sugar B" Venturi in their bright red Santa suits in The Wild Bunch's 10th year of doing the Toy Run.

Christmas. It provides these children with toys, presents, clothing and shoes. Although, the Wild Bunch has run the Willits Children's Christmas Program for the last two years, they have relinquished management back to the Willits Rotary for the current campaign. Approximately a third of the children receiving the benefit of this program are kids in foster homes. Others are outreached through teachers and administrators of the Willits Unified School District, the Willits Food Bank, and Child Protective Services in Willits. An application goes out to the above-mentioned services who will fill out information

about the deserving candidates, and what their needs and Christmas wishes are,

The Willits Toy Run provides gifts and money for kids who might not otherwise have a

including clothing sizes and other necessary information. The toy collection center was at the old Rexall building for the last two years, but as the Rotary Club has taken over the administration of the program, the new collection center is at the old Howard Hospital building under the management of Laura Sleeper, who has been working tirelessly with the help of volunteers, many from the Rotary. The information about the recipients (minus the names) and their wishes is put on a tag which can be seen hanging on trees at various locations around town. Anyone who would

listed on the tag and bring their purchase, unwrapped, to the old Howard Hospital between the hours of 4 to 7:30 pm weekdays and beginning at 11 am on weekends. Volunteers are always welcome to help wrap the presents with provided materials. Call 707-354-1991 for On the day of Christmas Eve, members of the Rotary and others dress up as Santas and distribute the gifts to the grateful recipients, driven by the Little Lake and Brooktrails

like to fulfill these wishes can take down one of the tags, buy one, some or all of the items

Attendees did not seem to mind having to wait in line to be able to donate their new unwrapped toys, the price of admission to the event at the Little Lake Grange. Upon entering, they were treated to a buffet of tri tip and other entrees as well as a wide variety of salads, garlic bread, potatoes and much more. There was so much tri tip that during the auction, it was announced that a lucky eight people would be able to buy whole leftover tri tips for a nominal fee, which created a polite stampede to

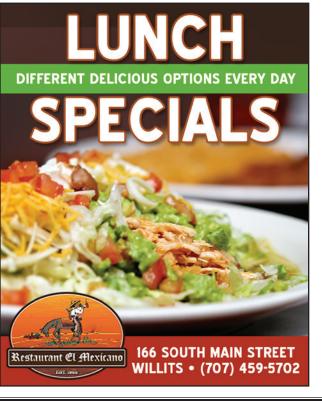
During lunch, the King Snakes filled the room with some down and dirty rockin' blues. After everyone was well-sated with food and drink (provided by the Willits Lions Club), "Pops" and Kim Venturi took the stage to begin the auction. Before the fun, there was a moment of solemnity as Venturi led toasts to community members that are no longer with us within the last couple years: Gary Laferty, a Wild Bunch member, Al "Santa" Robinson, friend of the Wild Bunch and Willits Chamber of Commerce Director Lynn Kennelly, and recently, Wild Bunch member Shelley "Sugar Shaker" Revling. To lift everyone's spirits, Venturi revealed that he is totally cancer free, having beat a bout of pancreatic cancer.

The Toy Run party can always be counted on to provide

Read the rest of Toy Run Over on Page 15













At left: "Bubblez, "Bam Bam." "Superman," "Tigger" and "Pickles" take a Below, left: The huge pile of donated toys kept growing throughout the Toy Run party. Below, right: "Pops" Venturi plays auctioneer with the help of "Sugar B" (on stage) and "Pickles" (showing



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to sheriff's Sgt. James L.

Wells.

The rest of

Fatal

released on November 28.

Highway Patrol.

killing her.

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The accident occurred shortly

after 8:30 pm during a rain shower

according to a press release issued

by the Ukiah office of the California

State traffic officers reported

that Beltram apparently turned the

westbound Focus to the right on the

wet roadway and lost control of the

embankment, the car overturned

"numerous times." officers said.

ejecting 61-year-old Catherine Ann

Rhodes of Fort Bragg from the car,

Tracy Anne Lane, 50, of Fort

Bragg was trapped in the wreckage

and extracted by Little Lake Fire

Department personnel, according

to Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. She

was taken to Santa Rosa Memorial

Hospital, where she died on

CHP officers and emergency

responders had difficulty finding

the accident scene, Wilkes said,

because the wreckage "was not

Extracting the injured woman

using the department's "over-

the-bank" haul system was also

"extremely difficult." he said. "due

Two LLFD duty officers, a

heavy-rescue vehicle and an

engine company responded to the

Highway 20 was limited to one-

Little Lake Fire Protection District

Chief Chris Wilkes blamed a rash

of "Thanksgiving eve" accidents

on Wednesday, November 21,

mostly on Highway 101 along the

Ridgewood grade, on the winter's

first heavy rains, slick highways

Willits residents heard sirens

going out over and over again on

Wednesday, as Little Lake Fire

Department personnel responded

to multiple calls, including - among

others - seven traffic accidents on

Highway 101, the first near Outlet

Creek bridge and the remainder

near Ridgewood Ranch, except for

was "super-heavy," Wilkes said.

Most, he noted, were cars that

had slid off the roadway and into

ditches after failing to slow on wet

"No one was seriously injured,"

number of accidents

and excessive speed.

one at Howard Forest,

"because of the rains."

he said.

way controlled traffic during rescue

and vehicle recovery operations.

Thanksgiving eve crashes

Saturday, the CHP said.

visible from the highway."

to the terrain."

accident, Wilkes said.

plunging off the

From Page 1 was held on \$200,000 bail, but was law enforcement, according

State traffic officers spotted the SUV traveling north in the 1400 block of North State Street, and the CHP, sheriff's deputies and Ukiah police officers conducted a "high-risk" vehicle stop on the Ford in the 2800 block of North State Street.

Deputies detained five suspects inside the Ford. The driver was identified as Robert Thing, 18, of Ukiah. Two of the four male juveniles are 15-year-olds; the other two are both 16, the Sheriff's Office reports.

Two deputies assigned to the Multi-Agency Gang Suppression Unit conducted the investigation, Wells added.

Deputies interviewed the reported victims and found they had agreed to sell the subjects in the Ford a pound of marijuana for

Inside the SUV, deputies allegedly located the approximately 1-pound bag of bud marijuana, as well as knives, a billy club, two baseball bats, and carpet cutters. One of the 16-yearolds was also in possession of exactly \$900 cash, Wells

Two of the male juveniles (a 15-year-old and 16-yearold) were discovered to be on formal probation with terms to obey all laws, not possess weapons, and have no gang association, Wells noted. Both subjects were allegedly wearing gang colors and were known gang participants.

Thing was arrested on suspicion of second-degree robbery and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where bail was set at \$75,000.

The juveniles were arrested on suspicion of second-degree and conspiracy to commit

The juveniles probation also charged with violating their probation.

The four were booked into Mendocino County Juvenile Hall.

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

The rest of Sherwood

tody without incident.

The subject was identified as Patrick John Hafner of Glenwood Springs.

of interest in other residential County Sheriff's Office currently is investigating," DeMarco said

Hafner was booked into county jail on suspicion of felony burglary and vandalism. Bail was set at \$15,000.

Hafner was also "a person The report was based on a press release from the burglaries the Mendocino Mendocino County Sheriff's

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REMINDER:

December 20, 2018 will be our last edition of the year, and we will resume printing on January 10, 2019

Supervisor Dan Hamburg absent, to accept the plan and to send it to the West Company for peer review.

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statement on Supervisor Hamburg's absences). The vote did not commit the county to spending any money to implement the master plan, nor did the board specifically say, in voting to accept the plan, that it is planning to implement the plan. However, the board's

response to the master plan seemed positive.

(See page 2 for Mendocino County Executive Office's

The plan recommends 99 actions for the county to take over a six-year period to streamline, modernize and upgrade its information technology system. A few of those actions were scheduled for this year, so it is a six-year plan, most of which is scheduled to be implemented over the next five years.

Many of those actions have to do with buying new equipment; others have to do with implementing the untapped capacity of the equipment that the county already has; still others have to do with establishing that technological condition known as "resiliency," which is when there is more than one route for information to travel, so that if one route goes down, the information can still flow to its destination via a second or third

Tom Jakobsen, a senior partner with Client First, told the supervisors he was impressed with the county's IT staff. He said the major systems that the county has

David Krout, Client First managing partner, told the supervisors 60 to 70 percent of the equipment the county has is at end of life. He also said, of the 100 agencies and local governments that he has worked with over the past 20 years, that Mendocino County has "the most potential to implement available technology." That means, he explained, the county's IT system has the capacity to do more, but that much of that capacity has never been implemented.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey said she appreciated the way that Krout phrased his observation. "I like the way it sounds positive," Croskey

The plan calls for spending \$12.5 million to buy new equipment, \$3.3 million to improve resiliency, and \$3.8 million to improve the application of technology. According to the report, enhancing the applications aspect of the county's IT system "can have a significant impact on overall productivity, enhanced communications and information sharing, improved constituent service, improved transparency and, in many cases, can result in cost efficiencies."

The master plan advocates spending \$801,000 in 2018; \$4.75 million in 2019; \$6.64 million in 2020. \$4.58 million in 2021; \$2.7 million in 2022; and \$1.2 million in 2023.

On November 13, the board agreed to allocate \$1 million towards implementing the county's IT master plan. The money came from a \$3.9 million budgetary carry-forward discovered by County Auditor Lloyd Weer when he closed out the books for fiscal year

It is beyond the capacity of this newspaper to closely review the contents of the entire 216-page IT Master Plan. But let's take a closer look at the initiatives that are recommended for just one year, 2020.

The plan recommends spending, in 2020, \$50,000 for user training and support, \$25,000 for establishing training rooms for that purpose; \$250,000 to do a gap analysis on MUNIS, one of the county's major computer systems; \$50,000 on a bids management tool; \$25,000 on a gap analysis of unused capacity on NEOGOV, a computer program used to manage board of supervisors business; \$100,000 for analysis and possible third-party assistance to the county to implement Aumentum, the county's long-awaited new property analysis and tax assessment program, which is still not functional. (The master plan recommends that the county spend \$320,000 over a four-year period for this purpose. The report says this does not include money already paid to Aumentum program specialists Thomson Reuters. According to the master plan, "Mendocino County is on the waiting list for implementation of the Aumentum system by Thomson Reuters, behind a number of California counties.")

The master plan recommends that the county spend \$75,000 on technologies that will streamline the processing of cannabis cultivation permits; \$1.3 million to install new electronic voting system; \$30,000 to establish a system to manage the county's expenditure of fuel; \$20,000 on project tracking and collaboration; \$50,000 on assessment, design and implementation of Vision Internet, which the master plan calls "intranet"; and \$125,000 on the Homeless Management Information System, which was called for in the recent Marbut Report on homelessness.

In addition the plan recommends spending \$50,000 to move "access and homegrown applications to COTS"; \$25,000 to beef up capacity on the Chameleon system, used by Animal Services; \$100,000 to increase utilization and close the gap on functionality on JustWare, a computer program used by the courts; \$45,000 to purchase and implement a software program to manage jail visits; \$40,000 to purchase four license plate readers for the Sheriff's Office; \$60,000 to purchase voice recognition software for entire fleet of vehicles in the Sheriff's Office; \$20,000 for training, expert assistance with set-up and configuration of OpenGov, a program already licensed by the county; \$25,000 for annual subscription rate to Mass Public Outbound Communications; and \$50,000 to install an electronic kiosk somewhere in the county (the plan calls for three kiosks to be installed at a total estimated cost of \$120,000, over two years.

Also: \$500,000 for a network upgrade; \$25,000 to enhance connectivity; \$125,000 to establish new Storage Area Network; \$150,000 for this year's portion

of Information Technology equipment replacement; \$48,000 for mobile computers for public safety departments; \$34,400 to expand bandwidth; \$250,000 to upgrade office software; \$50,000 for a study on emergency broadband availability; \$400,000 for GroupWise; and \$25,000 to enhance remote internet access for selected employees.

Also: \$35,000 to enhance wireless network; \$50,000 for assessment and replacement of video surveillance equipment for public safety sector; \$1.5 million for microwave and multiplexer replacement; \$150,000 to replace repeaters in radio system (year one of a threeyear purchasing plan worth \$480,000); and \$500,000 to establish alternate connection with Sonoma County microwave system (according to the notes in the master plan, doing this will enhance resiliency in event of an AT&T fiber cut).

Also: \$26,000 to enhance video conferencing; \$20,000 to replace and upgrade switches in the Sheriff Office's remote offices; \$55,000 for a resilient server in the Sheriff's Office; \$40,000 to purchase a multi-channel radio system for multi-jurisdictional operations; \$25,000 to assist with automation in the Information Technology department; \$25,000 for configuration management in the Information Technology department.

Also, \$3,000 for mobile computers; \$20,000 for operations software in the Sheriff's Office; \$24,000 for cloud-based backup in Sheriff's Office: \$35,000 for security audit in Sheriff's Office when above-named systems are in place; \$40,000 for planning for disaster recovery within the IT department; \$40,000 for IT system back-ups; \$50,000 for a system security check when enhancements to IT department are complete: \$3,000 for IT staff security training; \$100,000 for GIS assessment and master plan for expansion and upgrades; \$25,000 for GIS emergency operations readiness: \$150.000 for VoIP phone system upgrades and resiliency; and, last but not least, \$25,000 for phone system training.

County CEO Carmel Angelo urged the board of supervisors to accept the plan. "I've been here for 12 years and, for 12 years, I've been worried about our IT system," Angelo said. "I have seen Cody Snyder, Alex Land, and everyone sitting on that side of the room, put together our IT system with bubble gum to keep

Former undersheriff and current Interim Director of Children's Support Services Randy Johnson also urged the board not only to accept but to adopt the plan. "For quite some time we have had the saying of doing more with less," Johnson said. "There's multiple pieces of software that have come into play in the county in the last few years. Those are helping in many ways. Being able to use the systems that we have more efficiently will be tremendous. Luckily, we're not talking about buying quality software. We own the software. So we're talking about infrastructure, some

"It's a challenge for government to stay up with the new changes in software, whether it be MUNIS, AEGIS. It moves faster than we can get it employed and more importantly, to pay for it. So, certainly we understand that this is a very large ticket item, but, in the past, when we had cable cuts, we pretty much were dead in the water. That's just kind of, if one of those systems goes down, that department, or those departments that use it, will be dead in the water again.

"I think everyone is aware, at least on this side of the table," Johnson said, "that it comes with very high that we know what we didn't know before, we have a direction to go, and to make the missions happen that the board has asked for during the budgeting process."

The rest of From Page 1 Granite |

work that remained was "final touches and details, finishing bike lanes, crosswalks" and a lot of smallscale hand work.

When those final two days are completed, Reed confirmed, Granite will be finished with the Main Street work planned for this year, and also finished with "the work they were going to come back and do next

Granite took advantage of being ahead of schedule and of the sunny weather to work on next season's work this year

Reed noted: "This rain has been very beneficial, obviously for the state, but in particular for us with this project, because it's shown that the drainage and gutters are working just as expected. There were questions, 'Would the drainage flow in the right direction?' and it's proven very successful."

Caltrans has inspected the downtown construction work, but Reed expected there'd be a final inspection to sign off on the striping work when that is 100 percent

Caltrans and contractors will continue to work on the Sherwood Road realignment project, as weather permits, throughout the winter. That project is currently on a weather delay, too. The realignment project is anticipated to be finished in the summer of 2019.

When the Sherwood Road project is done, too, Caltrans will formally "relinquish" Main Street in Willits back to the City of Willits.

City of Willits planner Dusty Duley said it was a little bit premature for comment on the Main Street project, since it wasn't quite done, but "so far, so good," he said. "Caltrans has gone above and beyond the call of duty for these improvements. Whatever minor hiccups we've had, we've been able to meet with Caltrans and

Duley said he plans to present to the Willits City Council in December a report on where the city is at in terms of doing the further improvements on Main Street that are envisioned in the city's Main Street Corridor Enhancement Plan.

Holiday Crafts Fair

Annual artisan showcase set for December 7-9 features a larger food and entertainment area

Submitted by the Willits Holiday Craft Fair

The Willits Holiday Craft Fair at the Community Center and the Arts Center December 7 to 9 will feature artists and artisans from Willits, Mendocino County, and around Northern California.

This year's 32nd fair is, as always, a major fundraiser for the Art Center. Vendors will be offering their wares at the Community Center and the Upstairs Gallery at the Art Center

"We have increased the space for our food and entertainment area in the Community Center to spotlight our performers on the stage," organizers announced in a press release last week. "We are happy to have some truly exceptional musicians playing at both locations, and the entertainment schedule will be listed on signs at both stages." (See music schedule box with this article.)

Organizers include Bonnie Belt, with assistance from Ursula Partch, and WCA board members, gallery members and staff.

"Our annual Kid's Crafts Fair will be in a new location, a larger space in the classroom at the Willits Center for the Arts downstairs. Don't miss it! The gifts are wonderful and very creative. Elizabeth Blecha has graciously agreed to be in charge of the Kid's Fair again this year. The crafts are all made by the kids, and all the proceeds go to them. The Kid's Crafts Fair is only on Saturday, December 8 from 10 am until 2 pm. The Waldorf School Kindergarten in Calpella will be doing free crafting for kids. All are invited to participate.

Kid's Craft Fair participants:

- · Sherwood School: crafts
- Willits Charter School: sewing and ceramics
- Willits Girl Scout Troop: crafts
- 6/7th grade Waldorf class crafts: cutting boards, mistletoe, bulbs
- Shila's girls: crochet, crafts, henna boxes
- Larkin Albritton: jewelry
- Charlotte O'Connor: jewelry, crafts
- · Sarai Renteria: crafts, Mason jar crafts
- Willits Sober Grad: treats

Again, this year, the Willits Charter School will be providing delicious food. Charlie K. Widner, WCS Food Service director/Culinary Arts instructor says: "We'll have some new and exciting offerings on the menu and all sorts of fabulous desserts!"

The Willits Holiday Fair will coincide with the "Small Works" show at the downstairs galleries at the Willits Center for the Arts. Featured in the show are pieces from Art Center member artists in the Willits community. The show includes jewelry, textiles, ceramics, paintings, and much more. The opening for the Small Works show is Friday, December 7, from 7 pm to 9 pm, with members' hour at 6 pm. The craft fair vendors in the upstairs gallery will be open until 9 pm.

The "Small Works" show will continue for the month of December. Please visit the gallery during the regular Art Center hours Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm, to visit the show, which runs through

For questions about the Holiday Craft Fair, please contact Bonnie Belt: belt.bonnie@gmail.com or 459-4792





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Above, left: Helen Falandes, center, sits in with Twining Time (Anita Blu and John Wagenet) at the 2017 Holiday Crafts Fair. Above, left: Elissa Harries and Brianna Legere of Willits High School sell hand-knitted hats and other crafts at last year's fair.

At left, from top: Shoppers at the 2017 Willits Holiday Craft Fair peruse the many booths and talk with the artists. Doug Carmichael of Sherwood Forge shows his rustic chandeliers, sconces and lamps. Bonnie Belt, a well-known

ceramicist in Mendocino County,

organizes the Willits Holiday Craft Fair. Photos by Mathew Caine

Music Schedule at the Holiday Crafts Fair

Friday, December 7

Community Center 12 pm: David Partch 1 to 3 pm: Twining Time 4 to 6 pm: Emandal Chorale Willits Center for the Arts 12 to 2 pm: Kyle Madrigal 2:30 pm: David Partch 4 pm: Just For Fun Choir 6 to 8 pm: Twining Time

Saturday, December 8 Community Center 10 am to 1 pm: Kyle Madrigal 1 to 4 pm: Midas Well Willits Center for the Arts 10:30 am: David Partch 12 to 2 pm: Verne Morninglight 2 to 4 pm:

The Cosmic Family Band Sunday, December 9

Community Center 10 am: David Partch 11 am to 1 pm: Richard Jeske 1 to 3 pm: Twining Time Willits Center for the Arts 10 am to 12 pm: Steve Hahm 12 to 1 pm: Trillium 1 to 3 pm: Dorian May

by David Partch



Thursday, November 29

"The Cannabis Hour": "Getting Your Cannabis to Market: You may grow the best weed in the world, but if you can't find a distributor, should you even bother? How to get your cannabis to market will be the topic. A permitted farmer and a licensed distributor talk candidly with host Jane Futcher about challenges they face in today's marketplace. Thursday, November 29 at 11 am on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at http://jukebox.

Senior Center Christmas Store: The Willits Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, invites everyone to their annual Christmas Store which runs through December 8 (closed on Sunday) from 10 am to 2 pm. "Come see some of the fabulous finds." New items put out regularly. Christmas décor and wrapping items, candles, ornaments, holiday cards, wreaths, advent scenes, See's Candies and more. All proceeds go to senior center programs. Saturday, December 1 For information: 459-6826.

Thursday Twinkle Sip & Shop: Participating Main Street stores open every Thursday through December 13, until 8 pm with specials. Look for lit-up Mason jars. Starting Thursday, November 29.

Willits Farmers Market: The market is now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, November 29, 3 to 5:30 pm. Veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Friday, November 30

Chamber of Commerce Mixer: "Join the Willits Chamber of Commerce for a great mixer hosted by Willits Furniture and the Willits Rotary Club celebrating their awesomely impressive anniversaries! Willits Furniture is celebrating their 50th and the Willits Rotary is celebrating their 70th! Join us at Willits Furniture from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Friday, November 30 to network, meet old and new friends, and toast these laudable Willits professionals! Food and drink (libations and nonalcoholic) will be served. Hope to see you there!"

hilarious and heart-felt holiday comedy opens at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), on Friday, November 30 (only performance this weekend). With a cast of 27, including 17 child actors, the story focuses on an annual church pageant that is hijacked and turned upside down by the Herdman kids, a rambunctious rough and tumble bunch from the wrong side of the tracks who turn the opening

through December 16, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. A special benefit

sponsored by the Willits PEO will be held Thursday, December 6, 7 pm. Benefit tickets are \$20 and available from Judy Corzine, 707-367-3090. Tickets \$15 to \$20, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at door until

Shanachie Pub: Pat Simmons Jr. & Billie Kerr: Friday, November 30, 8 pm. Billie Kerr "singersongwriter who turns life experiences into art" opens for Pat Simmons Jr. "Pat's music career began as a teen, when he first began opening as a solo act for The Doobie Brothers." Visit: patsimmonsir.com and billiekerrmusic.com, 50B South Main Street,

WHS Travel Club Package Wrapping: The Willits High School Art and Travel Group will be wrapping presents to earn money for their upcoming trip to Italy and Greece, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street. December 1, 22, 23, 12

Holiday Craft Fair: Beautifully handcrafted items made by local vendors, plus a Brown Bag raffle, and plenty of baked treats Homemade candies by Sober Grad At the Willits Harrah Senior Center 1501 Baechtel Road. Saturday December 1, 9 am to 4 pm.

Sherwood Valley Christmas Crafts Fair: Saturday, December 1, 9 am to 3 pm at the Willits Community Center. 111 East Commercial Street. Native American jewelry: medicine pouches: homemade iam.

Written by

Barbara

Robinson

Directed by

Robert Ford

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wreaths and ornaments; blankets; crocheted items; handmade soaps, and much more. Info: Mehan Gunter, Sherwood Valley Food Program, 456-1710.

Holiday Express: Roots of Motive Power in partnership with the Mendocino County Museum presents the annual Holiday Express, a free family event on December 1 from 12 to 5 pm. 420 East Commercial Street. Free steam train rides, 12 to 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever': This 5 pm; Meet Santa and receive a small gift, 12 to

4 pm; free admission to the Mendocino County Museum; "Wagon Full of Toys" Raffle (tickets for sale at the event, drawing 3:30 pm); free crafts; refreshments, decorated trees, wreaths for sale (limited).

KPHT 2nd Anniversary Party: Saturday. December 1, 12 to 4 pm, "Kay Fat" invites you to come dance to II Big featuring Indiana Slim and Blue Luke. Corry Hanna opens. Dennis Chrisp and the Eclectic Coyotes. At the

Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road at Willis Avenue concrete K-rails at Main and Commercial streets, in Laytonville. No cover to dance, but donations requested for homemade chili,

corn bread, hot dogs, beer and drinks. Holiday Tree Lighting: Willits Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Holiday Tree Lighting in front of the Mendocino County Museum on Saturday, December 1 at 5:30 pm, with Frankie J. leading Christmas carols. The chamber will also be hosting a chamber

Harrah Senior Center's

Holiday Craft Fair

December 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join in the fun and see all the lovely

handmade items this year's vendors have

created. Don't forget the Brown Bag Raffle

and lots of baked goods as well.

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mixer at its Skunk Train Depot office, 299 East Commercial Street, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, with light holiday snacks and beverages (spirits and non-alcoholic). Happy

Zodiac House Party: Sagittarius: Local DJs, Soundscape Journey Elixir Bar, munchies, Tarot Tent, live painting, bodywork, vendors and dancing. \$15. Saturday, December 1, doors open 7 pm. music 8 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Hot Damn Scandal: Saturday, December 1. 9 pm. "outlaw ballads, jazz, circus freakouts, shantyrags, string band funk,

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lonesome heart-breakers, and whiskey bottle love songs." Visit hotdamnscandal.com. 50B South

Sunday, December 2

Annual Laytonville Christmas Bazaar: Arts and Crafts Fair featuring over 60 local artists and crafters. Featuring local art, hand crafted gifts

artisanal goodies and more. Sunday, December 10 am to 4 pm, Harwood Hall. 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Free admission. Гаке photos with Santa, 12 to 3 pm; \$5 suggested donation. Info: 707-984-

Open House: "WELL (Willits Economic Localization) is celebrating our very successful Paint the Town projects at a gala Open House, Sunday December 2, 4 to 6 pm at the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street (just south of Mariposa Market). We'll be

honoring the artists, volunteers, and donors who've brought color and creativity to Willits – painting the

fire hydrants, trash receptacles,

and putting artwork in storefront windows. Entertainment by local trio, 'Just Enough' (and more), good food and cheer. (Potluck contributions are welcome.)"

December 3

Pickin' Pear

Shanachie Pub: Pickin' Pear: Monday, December 3, 8 pm. "Tia Martini and Leon Elam - The Pickin Pear combine their non-traditional stylings to their traditional instruments and create an original

American music. Visit pickinpear.com. 50B South Main

What's Happening Around Town

Tuesday, December 4

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, "Ralph Brakes the Internet," "The Grinch," and "Fantastic Beasts 2." For showtimes: www. noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-

Twining Time: Join "Twining Time" (John Wagenet and Anita Blu), Tuesday, December 4, 12:30 to 3 pm and the first Tuesday of every month, at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Folk/ Country/Americana Roots plus new and old favorites as well as original music. Polished twopart vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard. Info: 459-1598.

"The Story of Ebenezer Scrooge": The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company will be performing "The Story of Ebenezer Scrooge," the classic tale of

> a miser's redemption. Tuesday, December 4, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

"Dying Consciously: The Greatest Journey": The Avenues to Wellness speaker series presents: "Dying Consciously: The Greatest Journey" by Kitty Norris, empowerment coach, officiant, death midwife. Tuesday, December 4, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Willits Center for the Arts. 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the public, donations appreciated. "Dying Consciously" is a spiritually-oriented, volunteer hospice service group. Members are trained to respectfully and gently assist persons involved in the dving

process, including the person transitioning, their family members, care-givers and friends.

Wednesday December 5

North County Women in Business Potluck Holiday Celebration: "Join us Wednesday, December 5, 8:15 to 9:30 am, The Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Relax and enjoy the company of other women in business. Please bring a little something for the potluck that will serve about 20 people. Beverages provided. Last name A-L: Bring something fruity. Last name M-S: Bring something sweet. Last name T-Z: Bring a main dish." Questions? Contact Jenny Senter at 707-888-7834, jsenter@celticheritagedestinations.com.

Thursday, December 6

Willits Farmers Market: The market is now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, November 29, 3 to

5:30 pm. Veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade Willits-roasted chocolates, coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Thursday Twinkle Sip & Shop: Participating Main Street stores open Thursday, November 6 until 8 pm with specials. Look for lit-up Mason jars.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Thursday, December 6, 7 pm. See November 30 listing for details.

Friday, December 7

Holiday Craft Fair: This 32nd annual fundraiser for the Willits Center for the Arts is set for December 7 to 9, at two locations: the Willits Community Center, and upstairs in the Willits Art Center. Friday, December 7, 12 to 7 pm at the community center and 12 to 9 pm, upstairs at the WCA; Saturday, December 8, 10 am to 6 pm at both locations, with

Kid's Fair at WCA from 10 am to 2 pm; and Sunday, December 9, 10 am to 4 pm at both locations. The Kid's Crafts Fair is a special opportunity to buy handmade crafts from young craftspeople: very reasonably priced and creative. Free children's crafting table. Live music in both locations. Delicious food in the Community Center. Raffle with many beautiful pieces of artwork. All the proceeds benefit the Willits Art Center.

Hot Winter's Night: Willits High School's 15th annual "A Hot Winter's Night" December 7, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Celebrate the season with music, dance, poetry, and a visual arts exhibit. The WHS Concert Band and the new "Key ReCHOIRments" Choir. Dance performances and poetry readings; singing our hearts out with Mrs. Jennifer rrett. Delicious soun dinner fundraise from 5 to 6:30 pm in the Wolverine Café.

Free sweet treats during intermission. The evening is a free gift to the community.

"Small Works": Annual show of items from members of the Willits Center for the Arts opens Friday, December 7, at 6 pm for members, and 7 pm for the public. public. Extra open hours the first weekend in conjunction with the Holiday Craft Fair: Friday, December 7: 12 to 9 pm. Saturday, December 8: 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, December 9: 10 am to 4 pm. Regular hours resume Wednesday, December 12: 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesdays to Sundays.

Santa Photos: It's time for Santa Photos at J.D. Redhouse! Photographer Maureen Moore Mphotographress - Photos by Maureen Moore will be back at J.D. Redhouse & Company Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December through 9! Friday, December 7's event will be from 5 to 7 pm. Digital images will be \$5 each and will be available to download here: http:// photographress.zenfolio. com/pixwithsanta - check out past year's photos here, too! Each day will be

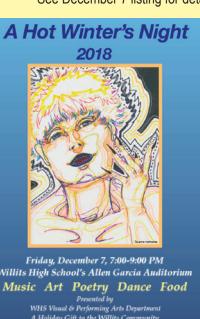
held as a 50/50 fundraiser for a different local nonprofit group. No appointment needed, just come ioin in the fun! Pets. husbands, kids and friends

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Friday, December 7, 7 pm. See Shanachie Pub: Crosby Tyler: Saturday, December November 30 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Jukebox Money and Tastes Like Chicken: Friday, December 7, 9 pm. "Jukebox money is a Northern California country and western band." "Tastes like Chicken, a local Willits band puts out an eclectic mix of songs guaranteed to get you moving." 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, December 8

Holiday Craft Fair: Willits Community Center and Willits Center for the Arts. Saturday, December 8. See December 7 listing for details.



Willits Center for the Arts. Sunday, December 9. See December 7 listing for details Santa Photos: It's time for Santa Photos at J.D. Redhouse! Photographer Maureen Moore of Mphotographress - Photos by Maureen Moore will be back at J.D. Redhouse & Company Friday, Holiday Saturday and Sunday, December 7 through 9! Shopping Sunday, December 9's event will be from 12 to

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2 pm. Digital images will be \$5 each and will be

Brookside School Holiday Bazaar and Craft

Fair: "A wonderful day to share with friends." Food,

fun, raffle, prizes, 50/50 raffle. Raffles will take

place every 15 to 30 minutes. Prizes vary from gift

certificates to baskets and many others donated

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from 11 am to 2 pm to pose with your family for

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get your Christmas card photo out of the way!"

if anyone is interested in renting a table space,

donating an item for raffle, purchasing raffle tickets

or purchasing 50/50 tickets to please call Alicia,

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appointment needed, just come join in the fun!

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits

Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind

Shanachie Pub), Saturday, December 8, 7 pm. See

8, 8 pm. "Blend backporch-bluegrass with Delta

blues and add a keen sense of social commentary

in a one-man band." Visit: crosbytyler.com. 50B

Holiday Craft Fair: Willits Community Center and

Pets, husbands, kids and friends welcome!

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Sunday, December 9

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com/pixwithsanta. No

Shanachie Pub), Sunday, December 9, 2 pm. See listing November 30 for details Willits Community Christmas Concert: Sunday

December 9, 6 to 9 pm. The Emandal Chorale will join many other singing groups and soloists for the Annual Willits Community Christmas Concert Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 265 Margie Drive.

AT THE MOVIES



the Internet The Story: Sequel-flick to animated laughs-aplenty Disney/video game comedy "Wreck It Ralph." It features the same actors. Vanellope (voiced by Sarah Silverman) and her best buddy

arcade.

available to fix it are on eBay. So, Ralph and

Vanellope have to go onto the Internet. And darn

if they don't get into all kinds of raucous trouble,

some of which threatens their relationship.

repetitive life at the gaming

Vanellope's racing game is

broken, and the only parts

Unfortunately,

Ralph (voiced by John C. Reilly) have a great, if Dan Essman

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those Bar available all year. 1501

My Thoughts: This is a slapstick comedy that dramatizes the strain that neediness and fear of loneliness put on a deep friendship. My goodness, but how's that for a comedy premise? It works! Go figure. I was emotionally involved with the main characters. I knew that it was silly, but I worried that Ralph's and Vanellope's deep friendship wouldn't survive their struggles. It's just an animated feature, and like I

said, "silly." But I cared. Kind of like my feelings watching "Up," another feature-length cartoon with emotional depth. This flick is about maturity, letting a loved-one go, trust and mutual respect. Hats off to the creative Pixar folks now working at Disney. Parents: Bring 'em! This is a fine,

very funny/serious movie for kids who deal with similar issues of friendship and sharing, fear of abandonment and jealousy.

reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

Willits Street Closures

Street Closures: December 7 and 8, trench paving will be taking place on East San Francisco Street, East Valley Street, South Lenore Street, and Boscabelle Avenue, 8 am to 5 pm. "No Parking" signs will be posted in advance in the work area, and any vehicles parked in the construction zone during the posted times may be towed. Please read the posted signs once they are in place to avoid any conflicts. Questions: Mark Barcroft 503-569-8452, Paul Gallagher 707-580-9829.

Hot Winter's Night

December 7

Willits High School's 15th annual "A Hot Winter's Night, Friday, December 7, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. "Join our visual and performing artists as we celebrate the season with music, dance, poetry, and a visual arts exhibit. The WHS Concert Band and our new "Key ReCHOIRments" Choir are sure to dazzle with their performances, plus dance performances and poetry readings. Finally we'll "sing our hearts out" with Mrs. Jennifer Barrett. The leadership class is hosting a delicious soup dinner fundraiser from 5 to 6:30 pm in the Wolverine Café. Free sweet treats during intermission. The event is planned and produced by WHS visual & performing artists, under the guidance of Carolyn Bakewell in Visual Arts, Meghan Doorty in Music, Jill Walton in Poetry, Ms. Bakewell & Ms. Lohne in Leadership and by Jessie Rees in Culinary Craft."

Sober Grad Candy Sales

December 1 to December 8

The Sober Grad Committee will be selling homemade candies just in time for Holiday Parties at the following venues: Senior Center Craft Fair, December 1, from 9 am to 3 pm; Hot Winter's Night at Willits High School, December 7; concert begins at 6 pm; Kids' Craft Fair at the Holiday Craft Fair (Kids Fair will be at the Willits Center for the Arts classroom this year): December 8, 9 am to 2 pm; and Brookside School Craft Fair, December 8, starts 10 am. All proceeds go to produce the Sober Grad Party on June 6, 2019.





Holiday Make and Take Craft Nights December 11, 18

The Willits Library in partnership with the Mendocino County Library will host Holiday Make Center. Special opening Friday, December and Take Crafts at 390 East Commercial Street. Make whirly-gig toys, holiday greenery swags, and snowman ornaments. December 11 and 18, 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Holiday Craft Fair December 7 - December 9 The 32nd annual Holiday Craft Fair is

spread out over two locations again this year, the Willits Community Center and upstairs in the Willits Art Center. Artists. artisans and crafters from Willits, from Mendocino County, and from all over Northern California show their wares and goods for holiday gifts and more.

Open Friday, December 7, 12 to 7 pm at the community center, and 12 to 9 pm, upstairs at the WCA; Saturday, December 8, 10 am to 6 pm at both locations, with Kid's Fair at WCA from 10 am to 2 pm; and Sunday, December 9, 10 am to 4 pm at both locations. The Kid's Crafts Fair is a special opportunity to buy handmade crafts from young craftspeople: very reasonably priced and creative, including exhibitors from Sherwood School, crafts; Willits Charter School, sewing and ceramics; Willits Girl Scout Troop, crafts; 6th/7th grade Waldorf class, crafts, cutting boards, mistletoe, bulbs; Shila's girls, crochet, crafts, henna boxes; Larkin Albritton, jewelry; Charlotte O'Connor, jewelry, crafts; Sarai Renteria, crafts, Mason jar crafts; and Willits Sober Grad, candy and treats. Free children's crafting table in the foyer of the Community

Live music in both locations featuring talented local musicians including Dorian & Dorothea May, "Twining Time" with John & Anita, Sarah Rose & Kyle Madrigal, Ron O'Brien, David Partch, Nancy New & the Just for Fun Choir, and Emandal Chorale. Delicious food available from the Willits Charter School in the Community Center. Raffle with many beautiful pieces of artwork from the participating craftspeople as prizes. All proceeds benefit the Willits Art 7 at the Art Center, from 7 to 9 pm to showcase the craftspeople upstairs, and the "Small Works" WCA members show in the downstairs galleries.

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Holiday Lights seeking light sculptures December 15 to 17

"The third Annual Holiday Lights event is hosted by the Frank R. Howard Foundation. If you are a business or group that would like to participate by creating a light sculpture, contact Ananda Johnson 459-2777 or Holly Madrigal 707-841-0612 if you want to pitch in. Sculptures will need to be set up by Friday, December 14. Contributors must bring own extension cords and be ready to plug in. Let your imagination take flight, can you build a giant snowflake, singing angels, Super-Santa or a Grinch? Give us a call to share your ideas. This holiday event is for the whole community. Add some sparkle to your holiday season and watch your children's faces light up for a magical holiday light display through the Commonwealth Garden. Bundle up and enjoy some festive holiday snacks from Roots Restaurant and warm up with a cup of hot cocoa or hot apple cider as you stroll through the enchanted winter wonderland."

Music Schedule at the Holiday Crafts Fair

Friday, December 7 Community Center 12 pm: David Partch

1 to 3 pm: Twining Time

4 to 6 pm: Emandal Chorale Willits Center for the Arts 12 to 2 pm: Kyle Madrigal 2:30 pm: David Partch 4 pm: Just For Fun Choir 6 to 8 pm: Twining Time

Saturday, December 8 Community Center 10 am to 1 pm: Kyle Madrigal 1 to 4 pm: Midas Well Willits Center for the Arts 10:30 am: David Partch 12 to 2 pm: Verne Morninglight 2 to 4 pm:

The Cosmic Family Band Sunday, December 9 Community Center 10 am: David Partch 11 am to 1 pm: Richard Jeske 1 to 3 pm: Twining Time Willits Center for the Arts 10 am to 12 pm: Steve Hahm 12 to 1 pm: Trillium 1 to 3 pm: Dorian May

Meet Santa

Bring your kids down to talk to Santa and join the elves for some face painting and 55 and older; \$8 for those holiday crafts. With special guests, the Little under 55. Includes soup, Lake Fire Department and the Mendocino salad, entrée, vegetable, County Sheriff's Office. Saturday, December dessert, and drink. Salad 15, 10 am to 2 pm. Little Lake Health Center, 45 Hazel Street. 456-9600.

December 15

THE ORIGINAL 32ND ANNUAL WILLITS HOLIDAY **CRAFT FAIR** FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
WILLITS COMMUNITY CE VILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS VE MUSIC FRI., SAT. & SUN. TH LOCATIONS KID'S CRAFTS FAIR AT. ONLY, 10AM-2PM Classroom at WCA

Senior Center Lunch Week of December 3

through December 7 Monday: Turkey Bacon

Tuesday: Sausage Breakfast Burritos Wednesday: Crispy Asian BBQ Chicken Strips

Thursday: Beef Stew Friday: Chicken Philly

Baechtel Road. Info: 459-











Holiday Express

Free steam train rides from Roots, the Chamber's Holiday Tree Lighting, Santa, and more coming up December 1

part of the exhibit.

non-alcoholic).

The hometown holiday festivities are (1890-1980s), as well as Legos and other officially launched this Saturday, December 1, as Roots of Motive Power presents Holiday Express, featuring free steam train rides all day from 12 to 5 pm, around the Roots loop at 420 East Commercial Street.

Meet Santa and receive a free Santa gift from 12 to 4 pm. Enjoy the model trains, free crafts, refreshments, a "Wagon Full of

Toys" raffle (tickets for sale at the event, and drawing at 3:30 pm), and admire decorated Christmas trees from the Mendocino National Forest with train-themed ornaments. There will be a limited number of wreaths

As part of the celebration, the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, is offering free admission all day Saturday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. The museum's recently opened Antique Toys Exhibit features toys from the past century

Power, the "all-volunteer organization founded in 1982 to preserve and restore steam- and diesel-powered equipment used in the California north coast logging industry from the 1850s to the present" at www.rootsofmotivepower.com or "Roots of Motive Power" on Facebook.

family-friendly creative toys to play with as

At 5:30 pm Saturday, the Willits Chamber

of Commerce hosts the annual Holiday

Tree Lighting in front of the Mendocino

County Museum, with Frankie J. leading

The Willits Chamber will also be hosting

its own chamber mixer at its Skunk Train

Depot office, 299 East Commercial Street.

from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Saturday, with light

holiday snacks and beverages (spirits and

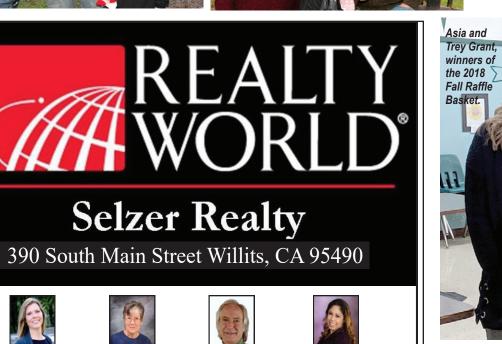
Learn more about Roots of Motive

Christmas carols. All are welcome.

- Jennifer Poole

Far left, top: Train-themed ornaments hang from the trees in the Engine House at last year's Holiday Express. Far left: The Lamprich family snuggles close after a ride on the Roots train including, from left: Charley, Rowdy, Chris, Wreyn, April, and Brodey, in front.

At left, top: Ricki Jane helps Santa draw a winning name ticket for a 2017 raffle. At left: Three generations of train riders, including, from left: Grandma Nancy New, mom Tamara





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Sober Grad Basket Winner

Congratulations to the Sober Grad 2018 Fall Raffle Basket winners, Trey Grant and her daughter Asia. "Trey and Asia were actually the mother/daughter team that moved the basket around town to businesses and schools, sitting at stores and games to sell tickets, and putting in many hours to bring in \$1,856 for the Sober Grad Party," explained Sober Grad's Joyce Waters. "Just so everyone knows, neither of these wonderful gals drew the winning ticket!" laughed Waters, who went on to note: "the energy they put in obviously gave them good karma to be the winners of lots of donated goodies, including three Park Hopper tickets to Disneyland and California Adventure. Congratulations, and thank you to Trey and Asia!"





Shopping

From Page 3

of continuing discounts, special events, and sales through the month of December.

"Twinkle Thursday Sip and Shop" starts Thursday, November 29 and continues Thursday evenings December 6, 13 and 20. Stores with lit-up Mason jars will be open until 8 pm. Next on the special shopping events roster is a downtown Scavenger Hunt, on Saturday, December 8.

J.D. Redhouse will be featuring the 7th annual "Photos with Santa" with Willits Weekly's photographress Maureen Moore. Santa will be ready for photos for an evening session on Friday, December 7 from 5 to 7 pm, then on Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9 between noon and 2 pm. Digital photos are just \$5 per group, and there are no scheduled appointment times.

"Just come down any time during the session with your well-behaved friends, family, and/or pets!" Moore laughed. All sessions are held as 50/50 fundraisers for local groups; this year, the Willits Frontier Days Juniors, the Willits 4-H Swine Group and the Willits High School Senior Class will all be recipients of funds. Questions: 972-7047

Thursday, December 13 starts off "12 Days of Christmas Specials" from Willits merchants: Start looking for fun store deals every day leading up to Christmas, including Christmas Eve, for the true last-minute shoppers.

Participating merchants include: Willits Power, Buttercups, Re-Evolution, Tango, Moon Lady, Off the Cuff, Cat's Meow, Mirror, Mirror, Monkey Wrench, J.D. Redhouse, Mazahar and The Book Juggler.

Check each store's Facebook or Instagram pages for more details.



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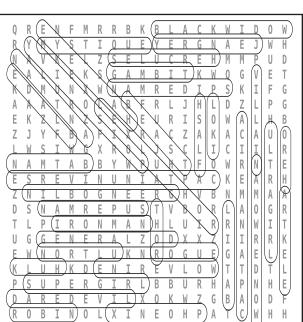
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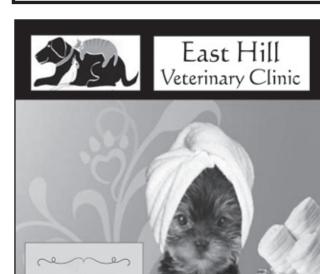
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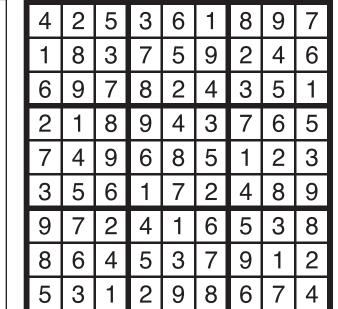
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Senior Center holiday spirit

Christmas Store open now; Crafts Fair set for December 1

If you're looking for a little early Christmas spirit, you can find plenty at the Harrah Senior Center. The popular annual Christmas Store opened November 26, and will be open every day but Sundays through December 8. The store offers holiday décor, ornaments, wrapping items, cards lights, candles, wreaths, Christmas trees, and more - and new items are moved into the display rooms every day.

Organizers stash away any Christmas-themed items that come in to the Senior Center Thrift Shop throughout the year, saving them for the Christmas Store. Volunteers clean and spiff up the merchandise so it looks new, and make sure anything electrical works properly, and prices

All the funds raised by the Christmas Store are used to support Senior Center programs throughout the year. Enter through the side door at 1501 Baechtel Road. The Senior Center is also selling See's Candy, already wrapped for

Christmas, at the front desk. Call 459-6826 for more

The annual Holiday Craft Fair at the center, featuring handmade crafts and gift items by local vendors, plenty of affordable stocking stuffers, and Christmas treats, is set for Saturday, December 1, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Senior

The Sober Grad Committee will be selling homemade candy at the Senior Center Craft Fair - "just in time for holiday parties!" - from 9 am to 3 pm. Funds raised from holiday candy sales go to benefit the annual Sober Grad Party on June 6 next year.

The Senior Center Crafts Fair also features a Brown Bag Raffle, and vendors will have a tables of holiday baked

- Jennifer Poole

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church 803 Coast Street

P.O. Box 489, Willits Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.n Pastor, Bill Nobles Information: 456-9668 **EVERYBODY IS WELCOME**

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Grace Community Church

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church - 11 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies Potluck every 2ND Sunday Alan Klier, Lead Pastor

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Saturday confessions - 4:45 p.m Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass -9:00 a.m. English 10:30 a.m. Spanish We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis **Episcopal Church** 1 North Main Street, Willits 707-459-3066

Church Services/Communic & Sunday School - 10:00 a.m Healing Prayer 3rd Sunday ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

St. John **Lutheran Church**

Karl Bliese, Pastor Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 Bible Study/Sunday Schoo following the service. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME

Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church**

399 W. Mendocino Avenue 707-459-5714 Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m. Worship Serivice - 10:45 a.m 1st Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school 22751 Bray Road, Willits

Willits United Methodist Christ centered, progressive chur ALL ARE WELCOME 286 School St. (at Pine)

Rev. Rosemary Landry, pasto Worship Celebration Sundays - 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School - 11:15 a.m. 459-2855

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At top: Christmas Store organizer, Dorothy Roediger, smiles as she walks through the crowd of shoppers last year. Above, left: The Christmas tree Mary Ann Pergler chose is decorated with red bbons, Above, right: Janice Gullet p tree.

Photos by Jennifer Poole





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Tag trees out now!

Local businesses showcase tags of wants and wishes of Willits kids for holiday season

Make sure to take a peek around for the colorful trees located at businesses around town which bear tags outlining wishes and needs for children in the community. Most trees are traditional Christmas trees, but make sure to look close, because some businesses, like Healing Central Chiropractic, are getting creative and attaching their tags to other trees, like this dragon tree which sits just inside the office's doors. The old HMH is holiday headquarters for the tag tree process this year; call Laura Sleeper at 354-1991 for more information!



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Sweet Bumblebee

Bumblebee is incredibly goofy and good-natured. He is eager to please and will probably be easy to train. He's a real sweetie pie. Bumblebee is a 5-month-old neutered male who currently weighs 37 pounds. Like all puppies his



age, Bumblebee needs guidance and training so he can be the best adult dog he can be. He will be most happy in a home where he gets lots of time to spend with his new family and daily exercise.

The Ukiah 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 at: www.mendoanimalshelter. com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

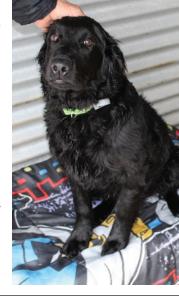
Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, December 8 this month.

Young J.B.

It's not surprising that J.B. has some Lab in him when you see how sweet and gentle he is on first meeting. He seems older than his 6 months due to his calm, loving personality and soft touch. We're just getting to know him, but if these actions are any indications of the kind of canine companion he'll become, then any family would be lucky to have him in their life! He weighs in at 51 pounds and has a beautiful black coat with a few curls for extra measure - just come meet him and see for yourself!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday

through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendo humanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an



The rest of Shelden

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Springing to a second round of action, Lund grabbed garden hoses and instructed other bystanders to assist with additional hoses. starting to spray down neighboring

houses and unburned areas to try and help stave off additional damage while awaiting the fire engines and emergency personnel.

"When we got the call, we were still under the impression that we were going to be arriving to a structure fire with a person still inside," said Little Lake Fire Department Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. "It was such a load off of all of our shoulders when we realized that Mrs. Fisher and her dog were already safe and outside of the residence.'

Wilkes was still at the office on Commercial and Humboldt streets when the call came in, so he was quick to be first on scene to the Mill Creek residence.

"I was so amazed that anyone would have the courage to run into a residence that ablaze and not think twice," said Wilkes. "It was really going when I got there, and our crew worked hard to get it under control once units arrived and we were able to get water on it. Shelden did an amazingly heroic act that night, and it was very impressive to all of us."

While the story of the fire, Lund's rescue, and the amazement of the community quickly spread around the Facebook stratosphere where it received 1,500 likes, almost 100 comments and almost 730 shares of the original post, Wilkes called Willits Weekly from the scene to make sure that Lund could be recognized and honored for his amazing efforts that night.

"Not everyone is on social media or sees those posts," said Wilkes. "We wanted to really make sure that Shelden's actions that night were made aware to all of the town and for everyone to know what a big deal this was to all of us at the Little Lake Fire Department, and to the community as well, that here's this high school kid, risking his life to save an elderly neighbor, and then helping calmly coordinate additional help until we were able to arrive. His efforts made all the difference in the world to how that call turned out, and I want Shelden to know that I look up to him for

Wilkes was not the only one proud of Lund's actions. Lund's mother, Tiffany Powers also bestowed admiration on her son for his actions, "I am so glad he was there and at the right time to help Mary. We are so proud of him. I remember him saying, 'What if that was my grandma!?' and that had struck a chord with him, that he hoped someone else would have done the same for someone else's

"I remember thinking, I couldn't just let her be a name in the paper the next day as someone who passed away in the flames," Lund

Wilkes assured Lund that this line of thinking, and also acting, wasn't everyone's, though, and that was what made Lund such an excellent candidate for moving into the firefighting line of work. Little Lake Fire Department hosts a cadet program for firefighters aged 18 to 21, and, after Lund turns 18 in January, he hopes to apply and work his way towards becoming a firefighter. Currently, Lund enjoys working with his grandparents on their property, and running heavy equipment whenever he can.

"The level of effort and dedication even in the cadet program is extreme - we recently had 24 calls in three days and it's all just volunteer work," said Wilkes, "but there are just some people who are cut out for it and can make a career out of doing something they enjoy, and I think Lund is one of those people who might really enjoy it."

Lund excitedly accepted an application from Wilkes at the firehouse Tuesday, already wearing a Little Lake Fire Department sweatshirt he purchased recently.

COLUMN | Medicare Notes

Your Medicare Costs in 2019

By Greg Dill, Medicare regional administrator

As we head into the holiday season, I wanted to let you know how much your Medicare will cost Most people with Medicare will pay the standard

monthly premium for Medicare Part B, which will be \$135.50 next year, an increase of \$1.50 over Part B covers physician services, outpatient

hospital services, some home health services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical and health services not covered by Medicare Part A. Your Part B premium is based on your income.

People whose tax returns show income equal to or higher than \$85,000 pay higher premiums. These income-adjusted premiums apply to about 5 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries. The premiums for higher-income beneficiaries

for 2019 can be found here: https://www.cms.gov/ newsroom/fact-sheets/2019-medicare-parts-bpremiums-and-deductibles.

The annual deductible for Part B is \$185 in 2019, an increase of \$2 from 2018.

Medicare Part A covers inpatient hospital, skilled nursing, and some home health services. The vast majority of Medicare beneficiaries don't have to pay Part A premiums since they or their spouses paid Medicare payroll taxes for at least 40 quarters

The Part A inpatient hospital deductible that beneficiaries pay when admitted to the hospital will be \$1.364 in 2019, a \$24 increase over 2018.

There are two ways to get your Medicare benefits: Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

With Original Medicare, you can choose any doctor, hospital, or other healthcare provider you want, as long as they accept Medicare. When you receive medical services or goods, Medicare pays the provider directly. About 70 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries have Original Medicare.

The other way to get your benefits is Medicare Advantage, which is a form of managed care, like an HMO or PPO. Medicare Advantage is provided by private insurance companies approved by Medicare. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you generally must go to doctors and other providers in the company's network.

On the other hand, Medicare Advantage plans may offer some services – such as dental, hearing, vision, and prescription drug coverage - that Original Medicare doesn't.

Most people with Original Medicare pay a monthly Part B premium. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you may have to pay an additional monthly premium to the private insurer that covers the "100 percent" figure, acknowledging

supplemental insurance must pay deductibles, copays, and coinsurance.

To cover these "gaps" in Medicare, some people buy supplemental insurance called Medigap. If you have a Medigap policy, Medicare pays its share of covered costs, and then your Medigap policy pays

Original Medicare doesn't cover prescription drugs. If you want drug coverage, you can buy a separate Medicare Part D plan. Such plans are sold through private insurers approved by Medicare. You have to pay an additional monthly premium for Part D.

On average, Medicare Advantage premiums in 2019 are projected to decrease by six percent to \$28, from an average of \$29.81 in 2018. Some plans are providing new types of benefits

in 2019, including: · Adult day care services, in-home support services, caregiver support services, home-based

palliative care and therapeutic massage; and Reduced cost sharing and additional benefits

diabetes and congestive heart failure. The average monthly basic premium for Part D prescription drug plans is expected to fall from \$33.59 this year to \$32.50 next year. This is the

second year in a row that average Part D premiums

for enrollees with certain conditions, such as

And while we're talking about costs, don't forget that Medicare Open Enrollment season is here, and lasts until December 7, 2018.

have declined.

This is the time each year when you can shop around for a new Medicare Advantage health plan or Part D drug plan that better meets your health needs and pocketbook. To help you, we've developed an online

calculator that can give you an idea of how much you'll pay out-of-pocket for a Medicare Advantage plan versus Original Medicare plus a Part D plan and a Medigap plan.

You can access the calculator at https://www. medicare.gov/oopc/

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Rain Totals in Willits

Precipitation in the Willits area as of November 28 (Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

| National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station Mendocino College North County Center High Horse Willits Pine Mountain Willits Water Plant, Willits Highway 20 rainfall | 6.56" 5.21" 5.24" 1.72" 3.86" 5.74" |
|---|--|
| Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits | 6.53" |

Willits Weekly welcomes reports of rain and other weather information at willitsweekly@gmail.com.

The rest of

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the north coast area, including Fort Bragg, Westport, Little River and the village of Mendocino, and the county's inland area, including Willits, Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Potter Valley.

The county already has three MOPS teams working in the interior north county (Covelo, Laytonville, Leggett and Piercy), in the south coast (Point Arena, Gualala, Elk. Manchester and Mendocino) and in the Anderson Valley area (Comptche, Yorkville, Boonville, Philo and Navarro). The program began in December 2014.

County CEO Carmel Angelo was absent when the vote was taken at the November 28 meeting, and county Auditor Lloyd Weer voted no. All other committee members were present and voted yes. Weer did not health outcomes in the future. Sheriff comment on his vote.

The MOPS program uses two county employees per team, a mental health rehabilitation specialist and a Sheriff's Office service technician. The team responds to mental health-related calls in their service area.

According to an information sheet provided by Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director Jenine Miller: "The rehabilitation specialist takes the lead with engaging clients and working toward overcoming mental health challenges. The Sheriff's Office's services technician takes the lead in communicating with law enforcement and is the primary attendee at If you go outside the network, you may have to law enforcement area meetings regarding

> When asked if the MOPS teams had been successful in reducing mental health crises, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman said: "Absolutely. We've seen a 100 percent reduction in 911 calls in the first 12

Later Allman backed away a bit from that sometimes people who had seen the With Original Medicare, you or your MOPS team did eventually end up seeing law enforcement on a mental healthrelated issue. Nevertheless, Allman spoke glowingly of the MOPS program and seemed to be in full support of expanding it.

> Asked what it was exactly that the MOPS teams did, Miller said they were not a crisis response team. The information sheet prepared by Miller explained: "The goals of the program are to connect people in need of mental health support prior to mental health needs becoming a crisis, through support and connecting people to local resources, to reduce dependency on law enforcement and hospital emergency rooms for mental health service needs, and to reduce rates of recidivism for those with mental health needs."

week, 8 am to 6 pm. "They visit people, sometimes repeatedly," Miller said. "If someone is high level, and needs to be seen four times a week, then they will be there four times a week. A lot of the clients they see are people who are not currently receiving [mental health] services." Miller

Services Redwood Community Executive Director Camille Schraeder spoke in support of MOPS, saying, "They calm down the water."

Fifth District Representative to the committee Ross Liberty said he was reluctant to vote in support of the recommendation, unless there was some way to gauge whether or not the MOPS program had been successful in the past and whether the addition of two more teams would significantly improve mental Allman said that he had statistics that would show what the MOPS team had done in the past. Allman said he would supply that information to the committee.

The information sheet provided by Miller indicated the number of clients that all three MOPS teams had seen in the four months between July and October 2018. The numbers were: July: 48; August: 59; September: 57; and October: 56. This means that, on average, from July through October, each team was seeing about 19

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Advisory Board Chair Jan McGourty moved that the committee recommend to the board of supervisors that funding be allocated and that the MOPS program be reviewed after six months

Weer asks for executive director

County Auditor and Measure B Committee member Llovd Weer reported that to date the Measure B Committee account has received revenues of \$3,117,756, and has spent \$199,048. Interest of \$3,400 has accrued to the account. Weer said the fund balance in the account is \$2,922,108.

Weer also suggested the committee create a budget for itself, and ask the board of supervisors to fund the committee Weer distributed a recommended budget stressing that it was provisional and subject to discussion and amendment. The total budget for the committee was \$79,500, including \$50,000 to pay for an executive director. Weer said he thought the committee needed such a position.

"It would be a go-to person who would do the business of this committee." Weer explained. "He would be the point person for the public to contact, instead of having people having to come to us, and having to deal with 11 different opinions."

Chair Tom Allman said that Weer's proposal would be on the agenda for next The MOPS teams work four days a month's Measure B Committee meeting



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At left: The Harrah Senior Center was busy on Thanksgiving day, feeding 515 people. Above: Parlin Forks Conservation Camp crew members Eric Jefferson, Jason Moyer, Gabriel Guitterez, Jack Wright, Doug Voshal, Derrick Borva, and Umberto Rico volunteered to help with the Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year.

Below: John Wagenet, member of the Willits Community Services Board of Directors, Jim Marill, WCS director; Virginia Jorge, president of the Harrah Center Board of Directors, volunteer Tracy Sierras, and Michael McDonald, WCS warehouse associate, look happy about the turnout for the 2018 Thanksgiving dinner.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Giving Thanks

Willits Community Services annual free Thanksgiving dinner feeds 515 at the Senior Center

different types of people, from conservative long-time residents, to seasonal transients, to the working class, teachers, laborers, clerks, doctors, artists - and sometimes even helpful convicts. This is never more evident than at the Willits Community Services and Food Bank's annual Thanksgiving Feast, which for some years now has been staged at the Harrah Senior

The bright orange

Mathew Caine jumpsuits of the

inmate crew of the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp - helping as kitchen crew for the dinner they'd cooked – were in striking contrast with the traditional red and green Christmas outfits worn by some of the volunteers and attendees. In the true spirit of Thanksgiving, everybody mixed, conversed, smiled and ate together. The Parlin Forks crew remained in the kitchen, attending to their duties in preparing and distributing the food, until near the end, when they got to sit down and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, too.

Virginia Jorge, president of the Harrah Senior Center Board of Directors, likes getting different people together and considers that the No. 1 purpose of the yearly repast. "We usually feed around 500 people [515 this year at final count]," Jorge said; "some years over 800 including the Meals on Wheels that go out to the shut-ins. We do this every year to get the community together.

"I love to see the ritzy ladies like Edie Ceccarelli, who used to come here with her diamonds and pearls and sit with a table of 'dread heads.' They had wonderful conversations. We don't allow people to come in and get meals to go. This is to have people come in and get the community talking and interrelating.

"No matter what walk of life, we come at it from the idea that that we should be

The town of Willits is truly a melting pot of cordial with each other, and everybody give thanks in their own way for how lucky we are. We're thankful that we can have people come who would not get Thanksgiving

Three transient workers, Alvero, Amaya and Gder, were happy to be able to enjoy a meal with Willits residents. "We are travelling in your beautiful country," said Alvero. "We love the beautiful parks, the redwoods, your beautiful town. Some people in the street invited us to come to this dinner."

There were an ample number of volunteers for the event, even more than had signed up. They just kept showing up and offering to help, just to be a part of the town. Dahvi Hooper, doing her first year as volunteer coordinator, was grateful for the help.

Ursula Partch helped organize the kitchen. "I have the best crew ever," she said. "Eight men, all in orange. They know what they're doing. They're strong. They're young. They listen to me. I'm very happy with their help. We also had a lot of help from the 4-H. They've been here all morning, since 7 am. They did all the pies."

Jim Marill, director of Willits Community Services, echoes Jorge's sentiments. "This is probably the smoothest event I've experienced. It's because of Parlin Fork. They came, picked up the food, took it out to their camp, and prepared it. Here they are serving, and they'll take everything back at the end. Besides that, I just love the fact that we can integrate populations like that. They're having a great time."

When the inmates are not helping with the Thanksgiving meal, they are fighting fires or performing other tasks that help communities. "We work at Parlin Fork Conservation Camp where they are inmate firefighters," explained Officer Dan Tangren. "We worked at the Mendocino Complex

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Above, left: Kitty Fisher and Pearl Marill pose as the Parlin Forks kitchen crew looks on. Above, right: Grace Aguilar and Ava Mucke were just two of the Willits 4-H members who volunteered at the Community Thanksgiving dinner this year. Not pictured: Kaleb Whitehust, Namid David, Cheyenne Dusky, Catie Spackman and Collin

Spackman of Willits 4-H. Below: The Community





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dinners as

they leave the kitchen.





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FANTASTIC BEASTS 2

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

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Commercial Street

1:23 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

4:09 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:32 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 West Valley

November 18

12:14 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street

4:31 pm: Officers responded to a suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

6:13 pm: Officers responded to a possible shooting in the area in the 3000 block of Primrose Drive.

10:32 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Marcela

10:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Mendocino Avenue.

November 19

10:02 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

12:49 pm: Officers responded to an unwanted subject in the 200 block of North Main Street.

11:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

11:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

November 20

12:43 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

4:00 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

Hearst Willits Road. 11:20 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Hazel

12:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of

2:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

Creekside Court.

5:44 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:17 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

7:00 pm: Officers responded to a structure fire in the 100 block of Mill Creek

Toy Run

Food Donors Ann Alumbaugh: Spinach Salad and Twice-Baked Potatoes

Mike Tobin: Chili Jolene Carrillo: Pasta Salad Sandy Turner & Laura Deffendall: Chicken Noodles and Scalloped Potatoes Tom Herman: Lasagna

Gerry Gonzalez: Lasagna Santa Calderon: Enchiladas Louis and Adam Celaya: Casserole

Tim King: Casserole

Margie Handley:

Mike: Tri Tip, Ribs

and Chicken

Garlic Bread Rachel Schmidbauer: Potato Salad Judy M: Casserole Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra: Mac & Cheese Jeanne King: Baked Beans Allison Findley: Casserole

Above: The King Snakes play on the Grange stage.

10:32 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue

November 21

12:05 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

7:46 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:55 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Franklin

3:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Creekside

November 22

7:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Alice Drive.

9:13 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Alice Drive.

November 23

12:40 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

7:17 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street

8:39 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:50 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

4:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:59 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

November 24

9:24 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of Sanhedrin Circle.

12:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street. 6:34 pm: Officers initiated a theft

10:52 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street 7:22 pm: Officers initiated a missing

> East Mendocino Avenue. 11:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South

person investigation in the 100 block of

11:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South

November 25

12:08 am: PHILLIPS III, Rickey Wayne (26) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 (felony Violation of Probation).

3:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of School Street

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Toy Run

provide an entertaining and colorfully worded auction of items, generously provided by local merchants, Willits Furniture, Willits Power, Mendo Mill and others. Prior to auctioning off a beautifully embroidered black jacket embroidered with Vietnam War remembrances, Venturi asked if there were any Vietnam veterans in the room. He ended up buying that item himself to give to a lucky veteran friend.

The Willits Wild Bunch can always be counted on to find the true spirit of community, and the Toy Run allows members to selflessly give to the people of the community. Within their seemingly rough biker exteriors beat hearts of giving, and they always seem to bring out the best in everyone around them.





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and had crews come back last night from the Camp fire in Paradise. We had crews down south in Los Angeles. It's been a busy year.

"The inmates volunteered to come up and do this event," Officer Tangren continued. Their idea was to be able to repay the community a little bit and let the community know that they are there for them and they are happy to volunteer their time. These are all non-violent inmates, people who have made mistakes that they are paying for. They're screened really well before they are able to come out to fire camp. It's a highly sought-after assignment, so we get the cream of the crop. The crew we have out here are good

According to the California Department of Corrections website: "The primary mission of the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp is a collaborative partnership between California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Cal Fire. Services provided by the conservation camps amount to millions of dollars in value to the state. Community work projects associated with the camps save thousands of dollars for municipal, county, state and federal agencies, including schools, parks, cemeteries and public recreation areas."

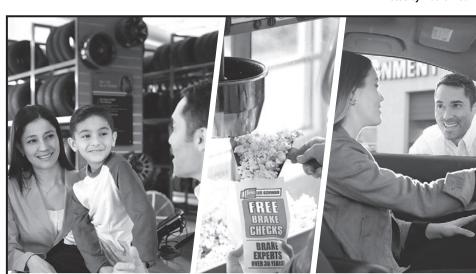
The Parlin Forks Conservation Camp was founded in 1949, and is located inside Jackson State Demonstration Forest, off Highway 20 about 11 miles east of Fort Bragg. Visit www. cdcr.ca.gov/Conservation Camps/Camps/Parlin Fork/index.html for more information.

Thanksgiving is a time for all residents to enjoy each other's company, to find out more about the people with whom they share commerce, recreation, government and space The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner was an excellent way for people who would not normally sit down for dinner together to find out who else inhabits the area and possibly make new friends



At top: The Thanksgiving dinner provided families with a get-together/volunteer opportunity: Patsy Broeske and Levon Weighall from Willits, and Jan, Don, Beverly, Gavin and Logan Urquhart from Compton. Above: Alvero, Amaya and Gder travelling through from Chile were happy to experience an American Thanksgiving.

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FRIDAYS, & **SATURDAYS**

(Ticket Drawings)

5PM-10:PM

Drawings every 1/2 hour for \$100 in free play and a grand prize entry for the **Grand Prize Drawing**

MONDAYS Newsletter **Offers**

Player's Club Members that receive a monthly free play mail offer in the mail will be able to receive their free play once a week Sunday-Saturday.

TUESDAY



Player's Club members will be able to redeem their points for \$50,000 Tiny Home Treasures entries for 5x the entries!

kday entries are 100 points each. On Tuesdays they will

WEDNESDAYS

Roosters and

8AM-12PM 6PM-10PM

EARN 50 POINTS ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD AND RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY (ONCE PER SESSION)

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 9AM-1PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 1PM) **\$50 CASH**

7PM-11PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 11PM) \$75 CASH



12PM \$100 FREE PLAY 1PM \$125 FREE PLAY

2PM \$150 FREE PLAY 3PM **\$175 CASH**

(2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH)

\$125 FREE PLAY 8PM \$150 FREE PLAY 9PM \$175 FREE PLAY **10PM** \$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)

7PM

Cash for each game winner. (Up to 3 Cards per guest per game.)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 100 points (throughout the day) to recerive a bingo card for the 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games. Bingo at 7P for \$125 Cash and 8P for \$150 in Cash, the 9P game \$175 Cash and \$300 in Cash for the 10P game, (Second Chance \$100 Cash

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 1P, 2P, 3P, 8P, 9P, 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended. If two customers claim the win together the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 3P and 10P, there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 3P game and \$100 Cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games

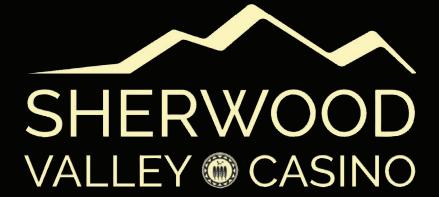
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TICKET DRAWINGS EVERY 30-MINUTES FROM 7PM-11:30PM FOR \$200 IN FREE PLAY

If name is drawn more than one time for the \$200 in free play Player's Club member will receive a one time offer of \$25 in free play.

Everyone is eligible at Midnight to win the \$2,019 in cash.





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