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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!

Thank you

To the Editor:

With the final results of the election in, I want to express my gratitude, dedication, and humility in being elected Third District supervisor. I can truly say that this campaign has been a very positive experience. We are blessed with great communities, a beautiful environment, and lots of very talented, thoughtful and caring people.

There are too many people who powered this campaign to mention them all. We made over 5,000 phone calls and knocked on 1,200 doors. Thank you to all who called, walked, endorsed, donated, and helped in a variety of ways.

I very much appreciate the contributions that Georgeanne Croskey and John Pinches have made to this district. Supervisor Croskey stepped up and thoughtfully and energetically represented our district. I have appreciated her keeping me informed on the issues, and I hope to continue projects on which she has worked. As supervisor for three terms (12 years), Mr. Pinches left his mark in many ways that have helped make our communities better. His sense of civic duty is something to which we can all aspire.

A huge "thank you" to the voters of the Third District for participating in every step of this election. I am proud to live in a community where so many people care so much. I am humbled by the opportunity to represent our communities on the board of supervisors.

I will continue to be accessible to all, and I look forward to building stronger communities together. If you have any ideas to share, please call me at 707-513-6166 or email me at supejh2018@gmail.com.

John Haschak, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

On behalf of the members of the Willits Wild Bunch, I would like to thank all that attended our 26th annual Toy Run, last Sunday, November 25. For those of you that couldn't make it, we missed you. Please mark your calendar for next year, Sunday, November 24, 2019 for our 27th annual Toy Run. A big thank you to Medium Mike Giles for cooking the ribs, tri tip and chicken. All the food was awesome.

We would like to send out a special thank you to Little Lake Fire Department, Little Lake Grange, Willits Lions Club, Willits Rotary and all the local businesses that donated to our very successful raffle and live auction. Without the fantastic support we receive from the Willits community, the Toy Run would not happen.

Last but not least.... Thank you to Old Buzzards MC for their truckload of toys donation; Wino's Crew MC for their continued support; as well as the riders of BACA who support our run every year; Erika Bruce from Little Lake Grange who made set-up and clean-up a breeze; and Willits Weekly and The Willits News for their pre-run and post-run articles about the Toy Run.

Because of all the community support, many needy children will have a wonderful Christmas that they wouldn't have without the Willits Rotary's Children's Christmas Program. But the work is not done. Now comes the gathering and wrapping of the gifts. If you are interested in being a part of this great program, you can show up at the old Howard Memorial Hospital, daily, between the hours of 4 and 7 pm and assist in wrapping the gifts. Merry Christmas, everyone!

Richard "Pops" Venturi, for the Willits Wild Bunch

Little League registration

To the Editor:

The Willits Redwood Little League (WRL) will be opening registration for players ages 4-16 for the Spring 2019 season starting on December 1. Register now @ www.wrl.siplay.com. Registration starts December 1st, 2018. Registration ends February 1, 2019. Boys and girls, ages 4-16, are eligible to play. Registration fees are \$100 per child, and there are discounts for multiple children. All registrations now include a free trophy!

Tryouts will be on March 9-10, 2019, from 10 to 11:30 am, majors; from 12 to 1:30 pm, minors. Safety/ coaches meeting will follow tryouts both days.

We are also offering a junior/senior league this year for ages 13-16. Opening day will be April 6, 2019 at 9 am. Any questions please contact the player agent: Keliu Kirby at 530-210-8303 or keliukirby@gmail.com. Online registration only: www.wrl.siplay.com

Reminder: Little League is a volunteer-based program. There will be flyers and notices going out on our Facebook page and website for volunteers for Snack Shack, scorekeeping, team helpers, etc. If you can help, please fill out a volunteer form online at the time of registration so we can contact you. Everyone must have a background check who would like to help with the league.

To get up to date news about Willits Redwood Little League, like us on Facebook.

Terry Guerrero, WRL coach coordinator, Willits

Harvest Dinner gratitude

To the Editor:

Many thanks are due for the success of the Mendocino County Herb Guild Harvest Dinner on November 16.

Gratitude to the Willits Grange folks who have created an event venue with a vital community spirit.

We appreciate WELL which covered us for the necessary insurance.

90 percent of the food for this Harvest Dinner was donated by local farmers:

- Green Uprising Farm
- Fortunate Farm
- Yokayo Roots Farm
- New Agrarian Collective
- Tequio Farm
- Happy Day Farm
- Farm to Family
- Nurturing Seed Farm
- Anarchy Herbals
- Motherland Herb School

All of this locally sourced food was turned into a delicious sit-down dinner for 140 people by Chef Danny Becker and Chef Tanner Fry.

Kudos to them all. And a big, heartfelt thank you to the people of our community who came together to celebrate the abundance of autumn and to support the Herb Guild. The event was sold out days in advance! This kind of enthusiasm and fundraising support strengthens us in our mission to bring resident, full-circle herbalism to all of Mendocino County.

Donna d'Terra, for the Mendocino County Herb Guild

Sherwood Firewise December 13 celebration

Submitted by Sherwood Firewise Communities

The Sherwood Firewise Communities will celebrate the end of high fire season by providing cake and other refreshments on Thursday, December 13, at their monthly meeting. The refreshments and time to meet neighbors will be from 6 to 6:30 pm, and the business meeting will be from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Room.

Residents along the Sherwood Corridor will receive an update of Sherwood Firewise activities and will review the plans and available resources to prepare for a safe fire season in 2019.

Current projects under way include securing and maintaining additional firebreaks that are also passable travel routes, establishing collection points for residents in the event of fire, and building a robust early warning communication system that complements other county agency systems.

Everyone along the Sherwood Road corridor is invited to the meeting to meet neighbors and learn how they can prepare for a safer 2019.

Mendocino County Library: fine amnesty, Food for Fines, and holiday hours

Submitted by the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency

Did you find an overdue library book, DVD, or CD? Do you have late charges on your library account that are discouraging you from visiting? This December, Mendocino County Library is offering two fine-forgiveness programs to our patrons.

Mendocino County Library branches and the Bookmobile will be closed December 24 through January 1.

From December 23 through January 3, the library will be offering a fine amnesty period: all items checked in through the book drop will be exempt from fines. This will offer an opportunity to all of our patrons to return overdue items without incurring late charges.

Additionally, from December 4 through December 21, all library branches will be offering a Food for Fines period, giving patrons the opportunity to clear library fines while providing non-perishable food to community members in need.

The library will accept up to five unexpired cans of food to go towards previously incurred late fines (not valid

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Photos by Mathew Caine



Above, left: The newly rebuilt Port of Olympia puffs down the tracks, bedecked with a festive wreath. Above, right, top: The Tolentino family, enjoying the ride on the Holiday Express. Above, right: Dan Durbin, museum train expert, and Megan Dukett, program director of the Mendocino County Museum, hang out in the Engine House.

Holiday Express

Kids, train rides, Christmas fun and Santa Claus lively up the Roots yard

Kids, train rides and Santa Claus. Add some activities and lots of tasty sugary goodies, and you have a day full of family fun. The annual Roots of Motive Power Holiday Express delighted kids and parents with loads of fun, coloring, prizes, and a chance to ride the train pulled by the newly refurbished locomotive, Port of Olympia, which pulled three cars, including the ever-popular caboose.

Mathew Caine
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mathew@willitsweekly.com

The steam puffed thickly in the cool air to the sounds of the throaty high-pitched whistle as the train left the station with its load of delighted families for the two circuits around the yard.

Roots, in addition to opening their facilities four times a year to stimulate the imaginations of the young ones, is dedicated to restoring and maintaining the antiques of the steam era when work was performed by these giants of industry. Roots is a museum, but it is also a facility for bringing life back to these tons of steel, making them run as they did 50 to 100 years ago.

These machines were instrumental in the building of the country and in opening up the local logging industry. Some of them even helped build the Panama Canal and the World's Fair. To the serious hobbyists of Roots, they are a challenge and a joy. Talk to any of the board members or steam-certified operators, and one can easily see the knowledge they possess and their love of an opportunity to talk about and educate people about their machines.

"It's all about keeping things going," said Alan Spivak, board member for five years, "finding out what is needed, where are we going to get the funds to accomplish what we need to do. It takes a lot of time to get these projects going. That locomotive [the one running today] we had in pieces six months ago, at the end of a two-year rebuild.

"It probably cost us in the \$3,000 to \$400,000 area, plus thousands of hours of volunteer work. It's like a brand-new machine now. We expect to get another 15 years from it. The first run after rebuild was in September. The paint was still wet."

Spivak explained some of the little-known facts about the trains: "The tracks are usually slippery all the time. We grease one of the rails on all the curves. Because the wheels are fixed on the axle, going

around a curve, the outside wheels have to go further than the inside ones, so they have to slip, and the wheels wear down quickly if they're not greased."

Chris Baldo, owner of much of the Roots equipment, has three locomotives in the shop that he's working on actively and two more that are waiting in line. "We try to keep two steam locomotives working at the same time," said Spivak. "They have to be rebuilt every 15 years by federal law, whether they are used a little or continuously. We have to concentrate on those, and the other projects, like the steam shovel, get worked on as we can."

Another of Roots' current projects is the restoration of the 90-foot-long Whitefish Lake Dining Car, which came into their possession about 20 years ago and has been worked on in spurts ever since. It was from the Great Northern Railway as a showpiece for the route between Chicago and Seattle. It has leather-cowhide seats and huge Western-themed murals by Nick Eggenhofer, a famous Western illustrator from the 1950s.

"We're working on new flooring," explained Bobbie Yokum, board member. "The seats are going to be re-upholstered and some other cosmetic work done. We already replaced the windows on one side. We should have it open for viewing in September."

The car was built in 1953, and Roots is considering refurbishing the kitchen and utilizing the car as a limited restaurant. As it is too long to go on the tracks (the curves are too tight), it will remain stationary. Roots is currently trying to raise funds for that restoration project.

The Holiday Express was a great chance for Roots to share their love of steam engines with the younger generation of this town. Much to the delight of the little ones, Santa gave his reindeer the day off and arrived by small train car. Santa did his best to accommodate the kids even though there was a long line, waiting to tell him their desires for Christmas presents.

The experienced elves were very helpful in keeping things moving. Some of the children went into the adjacent museum to view the antique toy exhibit and play with the Legos (one of the family-friendly interactive parts of the exhibit). There was no shortage of activities and sights to delight and create a sense of awe and wonder.



At top: Families wait patiently for a ride on the train, pulled by the locomotive, Port of Olympia. Above, left: Two cuties sit on Santa's lap at the Roots Holiday Express event. Above, right: Santa's Helper, Michael Hammang of Roots, stands in front of a locomotive. Below: Stella Bonnet, Kathy Schuster, Bobbie Yokum and Jennifer Randrup sell wreaths to help fund Roots of Motive Power's restoration of the Whitefish Lake Dining Car.



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HOW TO
SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctor's clothes

7. NYC ballplayer

10. Flying vessels

12. Created

13. Convert

14. WWII battle

15. A cravat with wide square ends

16. Month in the Jewish calendar

17. Value

18. Brews

19. Child's eating accessory

21. Arrived extinct

22. Of the sea

27. Potato state

28. Leading man

33. Blood type

34. Oppressed

36. 'Much ___ about nothing'

37. World's longest river

38. deGrom and Sale

39. Crafty
40. At all times

41. Twins great Hunter

44. Volcanic craters

45. Outpouring

48. Where a baby sleeps

49. Dancing a Brazilian dance

50. Unhealthy

51. Manufacturers

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents harm to young

2. The Muse of history

3. Fascinated by

4. Unnilhexium

5. Honey maker

6. Soviet Socialist Republic

7. They hang out with papas

8. German river

9. Domain name

10. Type of chair

11. Fill someone with an urge

12. Sorceress
14. Unpleasant smell

17. Leg (slang)

18. Farewell

20. A life summary

23. Merchants

24. Southeastern Nigerians

25. Of I

26. Electronic countermeasures

29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)

30. A type of sister

31. Omission of a sound

32. Screaming

35. Ottoman title

36. Sour

38. Take advantage of

40. Nobleman

41. Cathode ray was one

42. Long, winding ridge

43. Muckraking journalist

44. Defunct phone company

45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)

46. Supervises flying

47. Firearms manufacturer

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

November 26 to December 2

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 172 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

November 26

12:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

12:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

1:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:39 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:54 pm: BOLTON IV, John William (42) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

7:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Monroe Street.

10:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Wood Street.

November 27

3:41 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

4:41 am: Officers responded to a report of possible shots fired in the 400 block of Coast Street.

9:03 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of Blosser Lane.

9:20 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:57 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

3:19 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

3:48 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:22 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Highway 20.

November 28

12:29 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

2:54 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:42 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of Coast Street.

11:39 am: DELBELLO, Jonathon Andrew (27) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Penn Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery), 273.6 PC (Violation of a Court Order), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

12:21 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

6:18 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

7:00 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:12 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

November 29

1:51 am: AGUILAR, Benjamin Dalton (25) of Covelo was contacted in the 100 block of Muir Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on misdemeanor charges of blood alcohol content of .08 percent or higher.

9:13 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

6:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 400 block of Camp Lane.

November 30

2:46 pm: Officers responded to a structure fire in the 100 block of Manor Way.

3:47 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

December 1

5:01 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

9:11 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:48 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

November 24 to December 3

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

11-24-18 (Muir Mill Road)

Power lines down: Little Lake Fire responded to a report of power lines down into a pump house. Upon arrival the incident was not as reported. 9 firefighters responded for service.

11-25-18 (South Main Street)

Odor investigation: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported unknown odor emanating from the sink. During investigation it was determined a mixture of cleaning chemicals had been poured down the sink causing the odor. 5 firefighters responded for service.

11-27-18 (Hillside Drive)

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to assist the current medic unit at scene with lifting a patient. The patient did not wish to be assisted. 6 firefighters responded for service.

11-29-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 40)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to reported traffic accident. Upon arrival the vehicle was off the roadway, and it was determined to be non-injury by current fire units at scene. Engine 5480 provided traffic control around the incident until the roadway was clear. 10 firefighters responded for service.

11-29-18 (Coast Street)

Medical call: upon arrival Little Lake Fire assisted the patient up off the ground. Patient denied any injuries. 6 firefighters responded for service.

11-29-18 (Elm Lane)

Medical call: upon arrival Little Lake Fire assisted the patient back into their bed. 8 firefighters responded for service.

12-1-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 37)

Traffic accident: while responding to a reported traffic accident Little Lake Fire was canceled by emergency personnel at scene. 8 firefighters responded for service.

12-1-18 (Highway 101 bypass)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle accident with fire. Upon arrival no indications of fire were observed. The occupants denied injury and fire units remained on scene awaiting the tow. 9 firefighters responded for service.

12-3-18 (School Street)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported female shortness of breath. Little Lake Fire assisted the medic unit load the patient into the ambulance for transport. 10 firefighters responded for service.



Clockwise, from above: An array of custom knives made by Erwin and Juliet Ludwig of JandE Crafts sit atop one of their magnetic wooden knife holders. A charm features a painting by Cynda Valle and says, "Well behaved women rarely make history." "Beware the Crone's Embrace" is a self-portrait of artist Cynda Valle with fellow painter Micheal Sabet. Cynda Valle, an acclaimed artist and instructor, works on one of her oil paintings. Karen Gridley's quilted fabric bags come in many colors and patterns. A half-circle magnetic wooden knife holder from JandECrafts, crafted from a redwood burl, holds a dozen high-quality, hand-forged knives. Sharron Furr of Odin's Organics holds up bags of her homemade dog treats that are locally sourced from organic vegetables, fruits and honey. Karen Gridley stands beside some of her quilted fabric crafts that will be for sale at the Willits Holiday Craft Fair.



Photo by Jenny Senter



December 7, 8 & 9 at J.D. Redhouse
SANTA PHOTO TIME!
Fri: 5 to 7 pm, Sat & Sun: 12 to 2 pm



Maureen Moore pho•tog•ra•phress 707-972-7047

One-of-a-Kind

Willits Holiday Craft Fair features unique gifts made by local artists and artisans

So many artists and yes, you will have time to visit them all! The 32nd annual Willits Holiday Craft Fair, sponsored by the Willits Center for the Arts, will be held at both the Willits Community Center and in the upstairs gallery at the Willits Center for the Arts for three days, Friday, December 7, Saturday, December 8, and Sunday, December 9.

You will see some of your favorite artisans and marvel at some of the new vendors that are sure to please. Jewelry, ceramics, clothing, hats, candles, cards, wood cutting boards, fabric bags and potholders, paintings, photography, body products, garlic braids, dolls, quilts, cacao food products, and so much more! Your holiday shopping will be a breeze to complete!

Cynda Valle, an acclaimed oil painter, will be in the Upstairs Gallery at the art center. Valle, a well-known artist and instructor, with an extensive national exhibition record, has been an artist for over 30 years and is a former Willits resident and Mendocino College instructor. She currently resides in South Pasadena with a studio at the Los Angeles Brewery, but will be in town for a week in order to exhibit her work at the fair. She will be in the upstairs gallery demonstrating her painting, along with selling her prints and jewelry.

She says she's looking forward to catching up with all of her "Willits pals" and meeting new people at her booth. Hot off her easel is "Beware the Crone's Embrace," a self-portrait with "Cynda Mary's School of Art" (social division) alum and fellow painter Micheal Sabet.

Valle encourages you to, "Come by, say 'hi,' and please support living artists this holiday season – the dead ones don't need it!" She goes on to say her art is, "The perfect gift for every girl / woman on your list, and a timely reminder for women to speak up!"

Karen Gridley will be there with her popular tote bags, purses, cosmetic kits and potholders made from carefully-selected, beautifully crafted quilted fabrics. She has been creating her hand-crafted items for over 27 years, but continues to update her offerings, which this year will include new designs and novelty potholders.

Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, who grew up in Germany, has been involved with medicinal plants and herbs most of his life. He shares that "Germany is a country that has a tradition of respecting and integrating herbal remedies into modern medical approaches to illness and disease." Ronnefeldt will have on hand his full range of products, including herbal salves that soothe arthritic aches and pains and ease skin conditions, and tinctures that strengthen memory and aid bone strength.

Misty Blough, creator of MistyMade Soy Candles, will be on hand with her candles, each hand-poured with love in the heart of Mendocino County. Made with 100 percent soy, cotton wicks, and phthalate-free fragrances infused with essential oils, you will find that these candles burn clean, are long-lasting, are nontoxic, biodegradable, environmentally safe, water soluble, and a renewable resource. She will also be selling succulents she has

Read the rest of Artisans Over on Page 13



Thursday, December 6

Senior Center Christmas Store: The Willits Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, invites everyone to their annual Christmas Store which runs through Saturday, December 8, from 10 am to 2 pm daily. "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. For information: 459-6826.

Willits Farmers Market: The market is now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, December 6, 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, carols, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"Promise of Paradise": In celebration and acknowledgement of the people who launched this watershed movement in local history a half-century ago, KZYX Radio 91.5 FM is now airing "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendocino County," every Thursday at 3:30 pm. The locally produced weekly program showcases the first-hand stories of dozens of the Mendocino County residents who came to the area with that storied wave of dreamers and builders.

Thursday Twinkle Sip & Shop: Participating Main Street stores open until 8 pm every Thursday night during holiday season, with special deals and drinks. Look for lit-up Mason jars. Check downtown merchants' Facebook and Instagram pages for details.

'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever': 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. The hilarious and heart-felt holiday comedy at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). 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 rehearsals into chaos. Through December 16, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets \$15 to \$20, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapartickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at door until sold out.

Friday, December 7

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, Saturday and Sunday, December 7 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 join in the fun! Pets, husbands, kids and friends welcome! ♥



Pearl Harbor Remembrance: on Friday, December 7, at 8 am, the American Legion Post 174 will conduct a brief Flag Raising Ceremony in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, to honor and remember the 2,403 American citizens who were killed in the Japanese surprise

attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1931. Babcock Park (in front of the old Howard Hospital on Main Street.

WCA 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 from the Willits Charter School Culinary Program at 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 Barrett." Delicious soup dinner fundraiser from 5 to 6:30 pm in the Wolverine Cafe. Free sweet treats during intermission. Sober Grad homemade candy sales to raise funds for their graduation night party. 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. 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.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Friday, December 7, 7 pm. See December 6 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

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, Saturday and Sunday, December 7 through 9! Saturday,

December 8's event will be from 12 to 2 pm. See Friday, December 7 listing for details

WCA Holiday Craft Fair: Willits Community Center and Willits Center for the Arts. Saturday, December 8. See December 7 listing for details. Look for Sober Grad homemade candy sales to raise funds for their graduation night party.

What's Happening Around Town



Holiday Shopping Bazaar: Leopold Collective, 109 North Main Street offers a chance to enjoy music, food and crafts and to do your holiday shopping. December 8 and December 22, 11 am to 6:30 pm. Delicious treats and refreshments by ToLove Cookery. Info and to reserve vending spaces: 240-477-0629.

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 by local businesses. Santa will be at the bazaar from 11 am to 2 pm to pose with your family for Christmas photos for only \$5. "It's a great way to 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, 707-357-6469. Brookside Elementary School, 20 Spruce Street. Look for Sober Grad homemade candy sales to raise funds for their graduation night party.

Downtown Scavenger Hunt: "Join some of our local businesses in a family fun-filled Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, December 8. Over \$150 in gift certificates! Scavenger hunt clue list available at J.D. Redhouse after 11 am, Start finding one item in each store based on the clue provided. Your form must be turned in by 5 pm on December 8. No purchase necessary. All clues and rules, as well as a complete list of participating businesses, will be available at J.D. Redhouse on the day of the event.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Saturday, December 8, 7 pm. See December 6 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Crosby Tyler: Saturday, December 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 South Main Street.



Sunday, December 9

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, Saturday and Sunday, December 7 through 9! Sunday, December 9's event will be from 12 to 2 pm. See Friday, December 7 listing for details

WCA Holiday Craft Fair: Willits Community Center and Willits Center for the Arts. Sunday, December 9. See December 7 listing for details.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Sunday, December 9, 2 pm. See December 6 listing for details.

31st Annual Willits Community Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 9, 6 to 9 pm. "Everyone is invited to come share an evening of music and song. Performances by: Emaland Choral, Willits Charter School, Trillium, St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Ed Reinhart, Inland Valley Women's Chorus, and many more! Hot apple cider and cookies served after the program." Contact Roni McFadden for information. 707-391-5461. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 265 Margie Drive.



Tuesday, December 11

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 are all three films: "Creed II," "Ralph Breaks the Internet," and "Instant Family." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Holiday Make and Take Craft Nights: The Willits Library in partnership with the Mendocino County Library will host Holiday Make 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.

Open Studio Empowerment Event: Gratitude Gathering, December 11, 6 to 8 pm, Cultivate Wellness Studio, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, room #4. "We are grateful for you, our clients and friends, and we want to give you a specials galore: all 'Organic Remedies' are on sale, books, tinctures and more. We will share our brand-new session offers for 2019, intentions, meditations and poetry!" Free admission, RSVP Michelle 707-972-1601 or Claudia 707-371-6013.

Family Christmas Festival: Agape Bible Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue. Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Crafts, fun family pictures, caroling, bonfire and roasted marshmallows. Weather permitting, the event will be held outside. Dress in warm winter clothes. 459-1905.

Thursday, December 13

Twelve Days of Christmas Specials: Start looking for fun store deals daily leading up to Christmas beginning Thursday,

December 13. Participating stores: Willits Power, Moon Lady, Monkey Wrench, Buttercrums, Off the Cuff, JD Redhouse, Re-Evolution, Cat's Meow, Mazahar, Tango, Mirror, Mirror, The Book Juggler, and more. Check out each store's Facebook and Instagram for details. "Support the businesses in your community by shopping locally this holiday season."

"The Cannabis Hour": "Do You Have a Clue? What's in Mendocino County's cannabis ordinance? Can you guess which regulations cultivators hate the most?" Attorney Hannah L. Nelson, who probably knows more about this county's cannabis ordinance than anyone on the planet, will unravel

some of its mysteries on the Cannabis Hour, Thursday, December 13, 11 am on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at <http://jukebox.kzyx.org/>.

Willits Farmers Market: The market is now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, December 13, 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.

Sherwood Corridor Celebration: The Sherwood Firewise Communities will celebrate the end of high fire season with cake and other refreshments, Thursday, December 13, 6 to 6:30 pm at their monthly business meeting, 6:30 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Room. Residents along the Sherwood Corridor will receive an update of SFC activities, review plans to prepare for a safe fire season in 2019.

Thursday Twinkle Sip & Shop: Participating Main Street stores open until 8 pm every Thursday night during holiday season, with special deals and drinks. Look for lit-up Mason jars. Check downtown merchants' Facebook and Instagram pages for details.



"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Thursday, December 13, 7 pm. See December 6 listing for details.

Willits Weekly's 6th annual Cookie Party: 6 to 8 pm at Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli. Come sample cookies and vote for your favorite in the People's Choice category or sign up to bake and hopefully win one of the perpetual tacky trophies for "Best Decorated," "Judge's Choice" or "People's Choice" titles. Baking and tasting is free, request an entry form at willitsweekly@gmail.com or check out Willits Weekly's Facebook page and event page "Willits Weekly Cookie Party" for more information. Questions: 972-7047.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Friday, December 14, 7 pm. See December 6 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Los Troubadours: Friday, December 14, 9 pm. "Traditional Covers & Original Songs in French, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian." 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, December 15

Holiday Lights: "The third Annual Holiday Lights, hosted by the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Saturday, December 15 to Monday, December 17, 5:30 to 8 pm. "This holiday event is for the whole community. Add some sparkle to your holiday season and watch your children's faces light up for magical holiday light displays throughout the Commonwealth Garden. Bundle up and enjoy some festive holiday snacks from Roots Restaurant and warm up



A Gift of Vintage Stories

December 20
"A Gift of Vintage Stories" is "An Evening of Holiday Classic Tales." Thursday, December 20, 7 to 8 pm, at the Mendocino County Museum. Create a magical holiday memory with your loved ones. Gather friends, family, and neighbors to experience beloved holiday tales like "The Gift of the Magi" and "A Child's Christmas in Wales" read by performing artists Linda Pack and R. Bobby. Free to the public at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street. "Tis the Season to gather together and listen to holiday stories!"

Celebration for Sherwood Corridor Residents

December 13
The Sherwood Firewise Communities (SFC) will celebrate the end of high fire season by providing cake and other refreshments on Thursday, December 13, 6 to 6:30 pm at the Brooktrails Community Room. Residents along the Sherwood Corridor will receive an update of SFC activities and will review plans and available resources to prepare for a safe fire season in 2019. Current projects under way include securing and maintaining additional firebreaks that are also passable travel routes, establishing collection points for residents in the event of fire, and building a robust early warning communication system that complements other county agency systems. Everyone along the Sherwood Road Corridor is invited.



Donations, Wrapping and Drop off!

Monday-Friday
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
Open at 11:00 a.m.



with a cup of hot cocoa or hot apple cider as you stroll through the enchanted winter wonderland." Across from the Adventist Health Frank R. Howard Hospital. Proceeds will benefit The Caring Kitchen.

Meet Santa: Saturday, December 15, 10 am to 2 pm at the Little Lake Health Center, 45 Hazel Street. Bring your kids down to talk to Santa and join the elves for some face painting and holiday crafts. With special guests: Little Lake Fire Department and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. 456-9600, littlelakehealthcenter.org.

Cloud Crest, The Palaces Tour: Live at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am to 12 pm. A traveling songwriter duo from Olympia, Washington.

KLLG Programmer Training: Saturday, December 15, 1 to 5 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "This is the first step to being a Programmer: FCC rules, introduction to the studio and its equipment, introduction to Audacity Software, and an opportunity to discuss your program idea with our Programming Manager, Michael Foley."

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Saturday, December 15, 7 pm. See December 6 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Emerald City: Saturday, December 15, 9 pm. "Emerald

City is three local musicians playing original music, a blend of classic and contemporary rock with hints r & b, folk, gospel and reggae." 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, December 16

Holiday Lights: "The third Annual Holiday Lights, hosted by the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Sunday, December 16. See listing Saturday, December 15 for details.

Holiday Concert: Jazz Up Your Holidays: The Dorian May Quartet in concert featuring Dorian May on piano, Dorothea May on bass, Francis Vanek on sax, and Jazz singer Sharon Garner. Sunday, December 16, 4 to 6 pm. Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church. Corner of Main and Commercial Streets. A benefit for Willits Daily Bread who provides free meals to anyone Monday through Thursday. \$10 donation requested.

Lord's Prayer: Dances of Universal Peace invites you to experience the Lord's Prayer in its original language: Aramaic. "Each line is taught and translated into its authentic mystical meaning. A deep and powerful transmission of the message of the Christ." Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 4, Sunday, December 16, 5 to 7 pm.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Final performance of the run today: Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Sunday, December 16, 2 pm. See December 6 listing for details.

AT THE MOVIES



'Instant Family'

The Story: Very funny situation comedy with dramatic edges involving foster care families and emotionally bruised children. Husband Pete (Mark Wahlberg) and wife Ellie (Rose Byrne) become foster parents to three siblings whose real mama is a druggie-slash-alcoholic serving time in prison. Bad past events have hurt the children, and when they are adopted, some quite predictable chaos occurs. Of course, love, laughter and honesty carry the day, and heartwarming family unity triumphs.

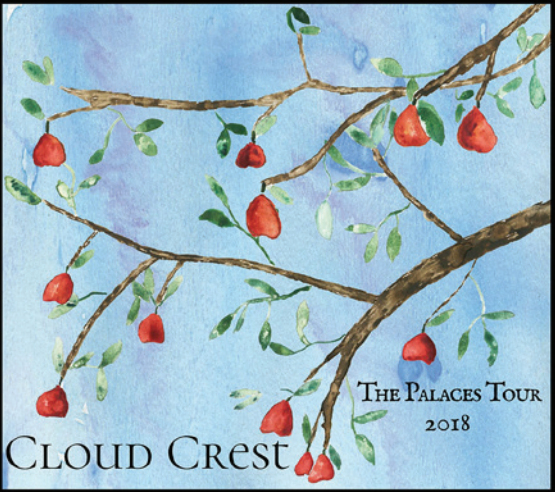
My Thoughts: I laughed a ton. I admit that I cried real tears at the end. Wahlberg is solid. Rose Byrne constantly surprises me. Isabella Moner who plays adopted 15-year-old Lizzy is a great discovery, and the camera loves her. In supporting roles as social workers, the tag team of Octavia Spencer and Tig Notaro are brilliantly funny. Special shout-out to veteran actress Margo Martindale who plays Wahlberg's mother—she's an explosion. This flick champions kindness and emotional commitment. I loved it.

Parents: There are several non-explicit references to sex abuse of children, and there is a plot point involving teen sexting. Neither of which I would want to explain to small children. I think teens and up.

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



Live at Brickhouse Coffee
Willits, CA



Cloud Crest is a traveling songwriter duo from Olympia, WA. Check them out at cloudcrestmusic.com



Senior Center Lunch

Week of December 10 through December 14

Monday: Vegetable Lasagna

Tuesday: Steak Fajitas

Wednesday: Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy
Thursday: Steamed Lemon Pepper Tilapia

Friday: Asian Sticky Chicken Drumsticks

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Holiday Concert: Jazz Up Your Holidays

December 16

The "Jazz Up Your Holidays" Holiday Fundraising Concert features The Dorian May Quartet in concert with some outrageously good Christmas music. Featuring Dorian May on piano, Dorothea May on bass, Francis Vanek on sax, and jazz singer Sharon Garner. They will fill your hearts with some jazzy holiday cheer. A benefit for Willits Daily Bread. Provides free meals to anyone Monday through Thursday. Sunday, December 16, 4 to 6 pm. Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church. Corner of Main and Commercial streets. \$10 donation requested. The church is completely wheelchair accessible.

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: 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.



This Week at KLLG

"Talk About It," hosted by Papa Joe, Live Wednesdays 4 to 5 pm. Willits building inspectors will be on December 12 and Cici Wlniger with Howard Hospital on December 19.

KLLG's 2nd Annual Children's Christmas Party: Tuesday December 18, 2 to 5 pm. Santa and his favorite elf will be in the station. Bring your own camera.

Programmer Training, Saturday, December 15, 1 to 5 pm. This is the first step to being a Programmer: FCC rules, introduction to the studio and its equipment, introduction to Audacity Software, and an opportunity to discuss your program idea with our Programming Manager, Michael Foley.



Celebration for Sherwood Corridor Residents

December 13
The Sherwood Firewise Communities (SFC) will celebrate the end of high fire season by providing cake and other refreshments on Thursday, December 13, 6 to 6:30 pm at the Brooktrails Community Room. Residents along the Sherwood Corridor will receive an update of SFC activities and will review plans and available resources to prepare for a safe fire season in 2019. Current projects under way include securing and maintaining additional firebreaks that are also passable travel routes, establishing collection points for residents in the event of fire, and building a robust early warning communication system that complements other county agency systems. Everyone along the Sherwood Road Corridor is invited.



Taylor Pardue

Wrestling | Taylor Pardue 16, Junior

How Long Playing the Sport: This is her second year.

Love of the Sport: "It's fun to do. I really bond with other people."

Other Sports Played: Cheerleading and swimming

Taylor wrestled three matches on Friday on her way to the gold. She improved with every match and is a positive role model for our team.

– Submitted by Head Wrestling Coach Brian Bowles

Wrestling | Ryan Rodriguez 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: Seven years

Love of the Sport: "It makes you think and challenge yourself."

Other Sports Played: None

Ryan pinned every opponent on his way to the gold. His positive work ethic and tenacious attitude shows me that he is a true Wolverine wrestler.

– Submitted by Head Wrestling Coach Brian Bowles



Ryan Rodriguez

Darling Puppies

A new bunch of darling puppies have arrived! They are a Doberman/McNab mix, and way cute but very hard to tell apart! There are three males and four females that have received most of their puppy shots, and as soon as they are spayed/neutered they will be set to go! At 9 weeks old they are everything you would want in a puppy – sweet, cute, and a laugh a minute!

Their names are Cherry, Juniper, Laurel, and Cypress for the girls and Myrtle, Buckeye, and Cedar for the boys! Don't worry, you can change the names! The best way to distinguish who's who is in person, so come on down to meet them!

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: mendohumaneociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

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Don't you want to be the house on the block with the singing dog?! Winston is a 2-year-old neutered male, mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 70 pounds.

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.



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Singer Willie Nelson to receive award at 15th annual Emerald Cup

By Jane Fletcher

Singer/songwriter Willie Nelson will be on hand to receive an award at this year's 15th Annual Emerald Cup in Santa Rosa on Sunday, December 16. The 2018 Cup will mark Nelson's first-ever appearance at a large-scale cannabis event.

"We have a great deal of respect and admiration for Willie, who is graciously allowing the Cup to honor future individuals with an award that will remain in his name," said Laytonville's Tim Blake, founder and producer of the Cup. "An unwavering ability to stand true in his beliefs and refusal to accept society's rigid set of rules are only part of what makes Willie the perfect individual to be recognized as a hero to the cannabis world."

Past award honorees include: Pebbles Trippet, Eddy Lepp, Valerie Corral, Jack Herer, Ed Rosenthal, Tony Serra, Dennis Peron, Debby Goldsberry, Martin Lee, Mikki Norris, Chris Conrad, Fred Garner, Dale Geringer and Steph Sherer.

Co-hosting this year's celebration will be Ngai Bealum, American comedian, musician, writer, actor, activist, juggler and publisher. Ngai co-hosted "Cannabis Planet" and published West Coast Cannabis Magazine, and most recently appeared on Netflix's cannabis cooking contest show, "Cooking on High."

Musical acts on Saturday, December 15 include: Gogol Bordello, Protoje, Chali 2NA, Cut Chemist, New Orleans' Dirty Dozen Brass Band, and Nattali Rize, as well as Rising Appalachia, indie hip-hop artist Lyrics Born, and Mike Love.

On Sunday, December 16, bands featured are: Big Gigantic, STS9, Margo Price, Antibalas, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, the Funky METERS, Los Angeles-based soul ensemble The Elevators, and Brooklyn-based afrobeat band Antibalas.

Away from the party circuit, dozens of industry experts, artists and educators will address emerging issues, among them: Dr. Bonnie Goldstein; Lori Ajax, chief of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation; and Emerald Triangle activists Casey

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O'Neill, Swami Chaitanya and Nikko Lastreto, Kristin Nevedal, Hezekiah Allen, Genine Coleman, and many more.

The Cup's annual cannabis competition spans multiple categories, among them flowers, concentrates, edibles, CO2 cartridges, topicals and a range of CBD categories.

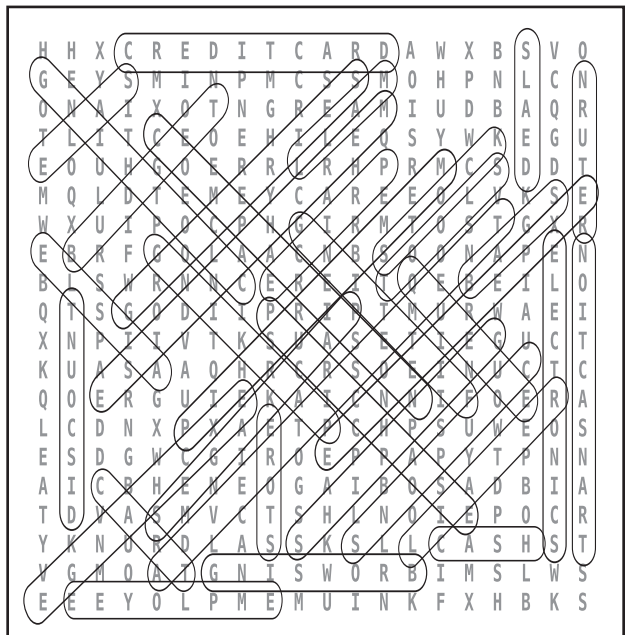
Tickets are available for purchase through the Emerald Cup website, as well as ticket retailer Eventbrite. Weekend passes start at \$120, and attendees must be over the age of 21.

Festival Details

The 15th Annual Emerald Cup is set for Saturday, December 15 and Sunday December 16 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, in Santa Rosa. Doors open at 10 am. Admission varies; a weekend pass starts at \$120. 21+ only. Tickets: <https://emeraldcup2018.eventbrite.com>.

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Jane Fletcher hosts "The Cannabis Hour" every other Thursday at 11 am, on KZYX Radio/Mendocino County Public Broadcasting. Fletcher is the author of five books, including "Women Gone Wild," a memoir about moving to Mendocino County.



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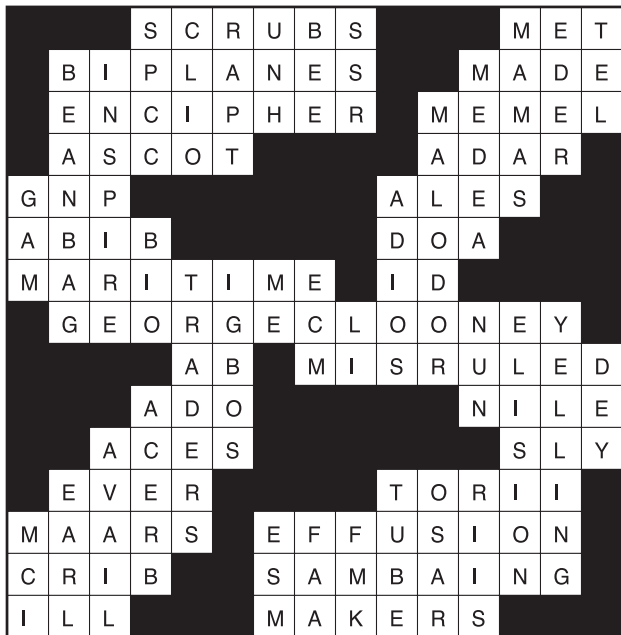
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Above, from left: Christopher Martin sips his champagne. Board member Kitty Norris, at right, and Theater Manager Chrystina Patterson work the box office. Producer of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Mike A'Dair and Bill Barksdale pose together at the Willits Community Theatre Gala.



At right, from top: WCT's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Creek Norris smiles for the camera. Theater supporters mingle near the concession stand at the WCT Gala. Mike A'Dair speaks about WCT's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Creek Norris. Brian Weller clinks champagne glasses with a friend at the WCT Gala.

Photos by Mathew Caine

WCT Gala

Willits Community Theatre thanks its supporters and honors Creek Norris

Tucked in an alley behind the Shanachie Pub, is one of the creative gems of Willits. The building, previously used as a Volkswagen repair shop, has been occupied for the last 43 years by the Willits Community Theatre, which has been producing quality plays and, in more recent years, musical concerts for the people of the town, many of whom have participated in the productions.

This night, the Willits Community Theatre Gala on Saturday night, was all about community, those who help on stage, behind the scenes, or add their financial support in keeping the doors open. The small lobby was filled with people, many of them major sponsors, who had come to honor the latest recipient of the WCT's Lifetime Achievement Award, Creek Norris, and to see the latest production, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson.

Norris, the current president of the WCT board of directors, spoke about the other recipients of the award in the past and their value to the theater. He has known and worked with most of them during his tenure.

"This is the 20th Lifetime Achievement Award they have given out," Norris said. "I've actually worked with 16 of them, all good friends of mine and all my mentors. They brought me along. I started in the mailroom and eventually ended up president of the board."

House Producer Mike A'Dair, one of the founders of WCT, gave the award and statuette to Norris. "I'm proud to give the Lifetime Service Award to Creek Norris. Creek is a man of action, a fixer, a repairman, a troubleshooter, a take-charge guy who, along with his wife, Kitty Norris, has produced nearly 80 music concerts as fundraisers for WCT since 2010.

"As part of the requirements for producing these concerts," A'Dair continued, "Creek has taught himself how to be a sound engineer and has spent over \$2,000 of his own money on sound equipment. He videos all the shows and keeps them in his magic archive. Creek is also the poster designer for the theater. He has personally designed the posters for the last 27 of our Main Stage shows.

"He took a leading role in the painting of the playhouse in the summer of 2013. It was typical of Creek that he rented, at his own expense, the cherry picker that allowed him to paint the upper reaches of the playhouse. He stretched the 5 gallons of lime green paint to the utmost, even watering it down with another gallon of almost lime green paint.

"Being a dedicated supporter of the theater," A'Dair said, "has pushed Creek into some roles that he didn't want and that he never expected that he would ever assume. Creek became a board member in 2013, and he laid back in silence for a couple of years, hardly saying a word. Then he became the vice president in 2015 because, as we all know, you don't have to talk if you're vice president.

But after the departure of our former president, Jennifer O'Brien, Creek became the president of the board, and as president, he's been a steady and clarifying influence.

"Soundman, poster man, playhouse painter, troubleshooter, diplomat, board officer, board president, seeker of truth and problem solver," A'Dair concluded. "He's been an essential member of the community theater for most of the past decade. We are honored and pleased to present him with this beautiful Lifetime Service Award."

After receiving the award, Norris thanked A'Dair for mentoring him, thanked Chrystina Patterson for her excellent work as managing director, and thanked the donors for their contributions in keeping the doors of the theater open. Then it was time for the play.

Despite the intricacies and problems inherent in producing a play with about 20 kids ranging from 4 years of age to mid-teens, director Robert Ford seems to have a knack for bringing out stellar performances from the young thespians.

The plot: It is time for the yearly Christmas pageant, and the usual experienced director has broken her leg and has insisted that one of the mothers take over – who is less than thrilled at the prospect. To complicate matters further, the ruffian Herdman kids, all six of them, have decided to join the cast this year, mostly for the free food. They quickly take over and grab the most important roles. Pandemonium ensues hilariously.

All the kids bring their individual and distinct personalities, creating a production full of humor and warmth. Especially noteworthy is the performance of Sylvia Wartell, who plays the eldest Herdman girl. She brings life and personality to the role and almost has the audience rooting for her. Kaya Butler, 4-year-old angel portrayer, melted hearts in the audience.

Also worthy of mention, is the set design by Steve Marston, that did a reveal from the interior of a home to the church in minutes through the use of multi-jointed flats. Kevin Moore's lighting was, as usual, spot on.

Willits Community Theatre is an asset to the town. It is a place where actors, directors, lighting people and musicians can share their talents with the community. Next year will bring a music concert by Scottish group, The Fire, in January. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" runs December 6 through December 16, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 pm, and some Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

The next Main Stage play is "Clue, the Musical" – with audience participation. "Clue, the Musical" will play February 8 through 24 next year. Tickets for upcoming shows – see www.wct@willitsonline.com for more info – can be purchased through www.BrownPaperTickets.com, or call WCT at 459-0895.



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Above: The first snow on the mountains this season. A view of Darby Peak, Impassable Rock and Mount Sanhedrin looking east, from the home of John Wagenet, 6/10s of a mile up Sherwood Road. Wagenet took the photo on Sunday December 2 at about 3 pm.

Snowy Mountains and Wet Weather

As November 2018 ended, extensive snow dropped over California's Sierra Nevada, providing the first significant snowfall of the winter for much of the region.

Mountain snowpack provides about 30 percent of the yearly fresh water supply for California.

This season has started slowly. As of November 15, California had below normal snow water equivalent, a measurement of how much water you would get if all of the snow melted at once.

On November 30, Yosemite National Park finally received its first major winter snow, totaling about 27 inches in some areas. Several ski resorts around Lake Tahoe reported more than a foot of snowfall on December 2.

Currently, California's average snowfall stands at 5.7

inches, or about 20 percent of the state's total on April 1, the official end of the rain and snow season, but 108 percent of state normal for this date.

High pressure building into the area will bring mainly clear and dry conditions though Friday, according to the National Weather Service. Several winter weather systems will bring periods of rain and mountain snow over the weekend and into early next week.

Although Mendocino County's burn ban has been lifted, CalFire reminds residents to use caution while conducting debris or agricultural burns. During a November 30 rainstorm, more than 37 acres were charred when embers from a debris burn along Eastside Potter Valley Road set nearby grass on fire.

– Dan McKee

The rest of Artisans

cultivated and planted in reclaimed planters. Both are great options for gift-giving this holiday season.

Don't forget a person's best friend when holiday shopping! Shannon Furr, herbalist and owner of Odin's Organics, will be at the Craft Fair with her organic dog treats. These treats, made by Furr locally at the Little Lake Grange commercial kitchen, are made from locally sourced organic vegetables, fruits and honey. Her bestselling treat, Pumpkin Cranberry, is good for dogs with inflammatory issues and gut problems. The treats come in three different sizes and are so fresh that they need to be kept in the refrigerator after opening.

Furr has just purchased a freeze dryer so that she can add locally raised game treats to her lineup. These new treats are made from local rabbits, bison, turkey and chicken. Shelf life for these freeze-dried treats will be 20 years! She won't have these new items at this fair, but watch for them in the future at your local farmers market.

Puzzling over gifts for the holidays? Jacki Pealatero, of Picaro Gordo, will once again be showcasing her hand-cut wooden puzzles, ornaments, and portraits of animals. If you don't see the animal you want for sale, just ask Pealatero to create a custom design.

The Garlic People will return with their organic garlands, wreaths and Christmas ornaments. All the ingredients are grown on their Trinity County property. Co-owner Colleen Ferrara shared that new items this year include chili garlands, ornamental corn swags, and two varieties of organic garlic.

Erwin and Juliet Ludwig of Ukiah combined their talents and initials to create JandE Crafts, a unique business that specializes in creating their signature magnetic wooden knife holders. The rarity of magnetic wood products has led to them branching out to creating redwood burl cutting boards and boxes, craft handles, and mosaic pins for high-quality steel

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National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station	9.16"
as of 12/5/2018 at 12 pm	
Mendocino College North County Center	8.85"
as of 12/5/2018 at 12 pm	
High Horse Willits	10.53"
as of 12/5/2018 at 12 pm	
Highway 20, Willits	10.28"
as of 12/5/2018 at 12 pm	
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits	8.28"
as of 12/4/2018 at 11 pm	

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South Main Street.

11:42 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of North Main Street.

12:04 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

3:07 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

3:30 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

3:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Sanhedrin Circle.

December 2

7:03 pm: WILLIAMS Jr., William (26) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation)

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Above, from left: Chamber volunteer Genevieve Van Meter spins the door prize raffle barrel at the Willits Chamber of Commerce mixer Saturday night. Lisa Davis of Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli catered the mixer which included a lovely tray of nuts, meats, cheeses and veggies. Gerry and Barbie Gonzalez visit with a chamber mixer attendee and his furry friend, left. Already making things happen from her new office, new chamber coordinator, Lila Van Meter, right, and her daughter and chamber volunteer Genevieve, center, meet with Jessica Pena of ABC Willits who is interested in having some of her clients become possible chamber volunteers. At left, from top: Nils Rule-Gustafson smiles with wife Lila Van Meter, and Lila's daughter, Genevieve at the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Van Meter speaks with Pena about volunteer opportunities. Frankie J was one of the performers at Saturday's mixer. Below: Nothing like a quick group photo of Willits Chamber of Commerce mixer attendees, and a few visiting elves, too.



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Having the understanding of the digital importance needed to help propel businesses forward, Van Meter looks to inspire and educate Willits' local businesses to widen their customer base by starting to build and maintain and online presence. Van Meter is continuing her work with the West County as a specialty advisor, and her involvement with Leadership Mendocino to maintain her networking and connections with other business professionals and to allow her to keep tabs on new opportunities and resources that become available to help businesses succeed in the changing times.

Changing times also brings forth the controversy of the cannabis industry, an industry which Van Meter supports to be included in the Willits business realm.

"Two of the biggest challenges I see for Willits are the bypass, obviously, but also the cannabis industry," said Van Meter. "Many of those who have been in the industry in the past have basically been running their own independent small business already for years, and maybe with the change of things, they can take those entrepreneurial skills and open other businesses in town."

Van Meter also asked the chamber board of her directors about her ability to reach out and recruit legally operating businesses in the cannabis industry, and they said she could. Van Meter also sees this as a way to help drive incoming business, tourism and revenue for the city and helping it evolve into another way to support Willits' business industry.

Educating businesses on the value and importance of the chamber is another goal for Van Meter, who aims to take an inclusive and all-encompassing approach to moving Main Street and other Willits businesses forward, together.

"I want to help the businesses come together and have the chamber be an advocate for them towards the city," explained Van Meter. "We can get ideas and plans going, and then I can help make the process of getting the city's approval, permits, and other factors flow."

Starting up new traditions – Willits Light Parade? The Great Race? – bringing back old favorites – Kinetic Carnival? Two-day Memorial Day Car and Bike Show? – and looking for feedback and input from the community is all on her mind.

"I made a post on Facebook asking if anyone would be interested in trying to do a Willits version of the Ukiah Light Parade," said Van

Meter, "We had 300 likes and 60 to 70 positive comments pretty quickly. We had people who were offering to help and volunteer and offering suggestions for improvements, too."

Van Meter is also looking into moving the Tree Lighting ceremony back to the Babcock Park, from the current location in front of the Mendocino County Museum. This year's tree lighting was held during the evening hours on December 1, and with the help of the City of Willits, one of the larger trees was strung with lights and created a large, impressive illumination in comparison to the smaller tree that is usually lit. A small crowd gathered to watch the lighting before moseying down to the chamber office where a small mixer was held.

Lisa Davis and Nellie Larsen of Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli catered the event with around 20 or so community members in attendance. The slightly lower turnout was a bit of a benefit of those who did brave the cold to come; the odds increased to win the half-a-dozen door prizes available, which included a wreath from Scoops, two bottles of wine, gift certificates to local restaurants including Lumberjacks, Old Mission Pizza and more.

To learn more about the chamber or to get involved with local projects, contact Van Meter at 459-7910.

Ongoing Events

"Being Still" Art Show: Paintings by Judy Chance Hope at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Exhibit through December 31.

Prints Art Opening: Local artist Jazz-minh Moore shows her prints at ReEvolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Street. Works range from portraits to non-figurative collages and tiny musician drawings. Exhibit through December 31. www.jazzminh.com.

Vintage Toys Exhibit: The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys. Runs through March 18, 2019. Explore toys of the past. Open Wednesday through Sunday. 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-2736.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring ID. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Howard Memorial Hospital: Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591

Willits Farmers Market: Now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, winter hours: 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.

Emandal Chorale: The Chorale is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4:15 pm, "The Storyteller"; fun interactive stories. Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group," and 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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

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

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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

Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 7 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

Howard Foundation announces 2018 nursing scholarship winners



Scholarship winner Lauren Kornegay.

Hospital, the Frank R. Howard Foundation, and the A.B. Gustander Masonic Scholarship Fund.

This year's recipients, who each received a scholarship in the amount of \$2,250, are Lauren Kornegay and Anthony De Los Santos.

The scholarship program is available to both first- and second-year students of the Mendocino College Nursing Program. Upon graduation, recipients agree to work at the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital for a period of 12 months.

Additional information and scholarship applications can be found at www.howardfoundation.org/scholarships.



Scholarship winner Anthony De Los Santos.

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she'd be presenting copies of the proclamation at the Wreaths Across America ceremony in Willits, where her dad and her kids are also participating in the effort to place wreaths on all local veterans' graves.

Wreaths Across America Day will be held for the fifth year in Mendocino County as an undertaking of 4-H Clubs across the county, including the Ukiah Shamrock, Redwood Valley-Calpella, Potter Valley, Fort Bragg, Mendocino Spartans, Round Valley, and Willits 4-H Clubs; the Willits FFA Chapter, the Hopland American Legion Post 529; and Covelo American Legion Hall Post 759.

"If you haven't had a chance to participate in them, they are a really wonderful ceremony," Chair Crowsley said. "You can sponsor wreaths to let people go and put them on, or you can go to the ceremony and place wreaths on graves."

"I think we've all enjoyed the 4-Hers and their stories about veterans and how they've served that have appeared in the local media the last few weeks," Supervisor Brown commented. "It just warms my heart. These 4-Hers and others work really, really hard on Wreaths Across America, and if you haven't been up to any local cemeteries, just to see, there are just wreaths all over honoring our veterans."

In Willits, a ceremony will begin at 9 am at the Willits Cemetery, located at 1200 Highway 20, followed by the placement of wreaths at all three cemeteries in the Cemetery District of the Redwoods. Anyone who would like to attend the ceremony is welcome. Together, the Willits Cemetery, Little Lake Cemetery and Sherwood Cemetery are where 504 local veterans are laid to rest.

In 2017, there were approximately 300 wreaths placed at Willits cemeteries, leaving 204 without a veterans' wreath. This year, Wreaths' organizers hope to cover every veteran's grave.

"WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is a national nonprofit organization founded in 2007 with a mission to "Remember, Honor, Teach," the proclamation reads, "and continue to expand their annual wreath-laying ceremony first begun at Arlington National Cemetery by Maine businessman, Morrill Worcester, in 1992; and

"WHEREAS, the National Wreaths Across America program is to spread their message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms; and

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General manager for KZYX Radio resigns

Submitted by KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM

KZYX general manager Jeffrey Parker offered his resignation to the KZYX Board of Directors at the board's November 28 meeting. Parker has served as the public radio station's general manager for two years.

KZYX Board President John Azzaro commented in accepting Parker's resignation: "We wish to offer Jeff our sincere thanks for his passion and dedication to KZYX and community radio during his time here. We are especially grateful for his commitment to helping us over the coming weeks as we transition into the next chapter of the grand KZYX adventure."

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served as general manager of KZYX for two years," Parker said, "and I believe more than ever in the crucial roles being served by public broadcasting in Mendocino County."

"We've made a lot of progress during the time I've been here, strengthening KZYX's visibility and adding to our stature as an on-air service provider. That said, I feel that now is an appropriate time for a change of leadership for the station and a change of direction professionally for me."

During his tenure at KZYX, Parker has overseen significant improvements in the station's ability to serve the Mendocino County community. He helped create a partnership with Fort Bragg wireless provider, Further Reach, that increased the station's bandwidth and made wireless internet available to a significant population in Anderson Valley. He developed a mutually beneficial, ongoing training and production relationship with Mendocino Community College in Ukiah, and established a new satellite broadcast studio in the Fort Bragg Senior Center. Additionally, Parker worked extensively to forge crucial partnerships with Mendocino County firefighters and law enforcement agencies to enhance the station's already substantial emergency broadcast capabilities.

Now coming up on its 30th anniversary, listener-supported KZYX broadcasts music, news, sports and public affairs programming across the length and breadth of Mendocino County, northern Sonoma County, and into Lake County.

As the region's primary NPR affiliate, KZYX is preparing for a festive year, celebrating that milestone anniversary with a series of events beginning in the spring. The station recently made news with the inauguration of the weekly series, "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendocino County." A much-anticipated expanded news staff is also in the works.

Parker's resignation will be effective January 1, 2019. Tom Dow, vice president of the KZYX board, has agreed to serve as interim general manager, without compensation, while the KZYX board conducts a search for a new permanent general manager. Parker will stay to offer Dow his experience and expertise during this period of transition.

Dow has been on the KZYX board since May. In addition to his leadership role at KZYX, he is active in the Community Foundation of Mendocino County and is on the Mendocino College Foundation Board. He serves on the steering committee for Rural Health Rocks, a fundraising project which works to bring family medicine residents to our county. He has also served as president and board member of the Alaska Visitors Association and on the boards of the Alaska Native Tourism Association and the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation.

of Mendocino truly appreciates the participation of the local 4-H Clubs and the Willits FFA Chapter, the American Legion Post 529, and Covelo American Legion Post 759 in the national movement to teach all generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms along with demonstrating to our veterans and their families – that we will not forget."

For more information about supporting Wreaths Across America in Willits, contact Natalie Spackman, Willits 4-H Club, 707-841-7214, willits4hclub@gmail.com or Kelley Brackett, Willits FFA, 707-722-0871, willits4hclub@gmail.com.

For more information on the national program, visit www.wreathsassamerica.org.

PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 15, 2018 AS National Wreaths Across America Day In Mendocino County

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Above, from left: Previous year Cookie Party winners, Lisa von Schlegell the 2015 Judges Choice winner, left, and Kathryn Sterngold the 2015 People's Choice winner, right, pose with Rachel Belvin, center. The coveted perpetual tacky trophies include the names of previous winners. John Pilatti, the 2016 Judge's Choice winner and his entry.

Cookie Party Time Again!

Willits Weekly will host 6th annual Cookie Party on Friday, December 14 at Scoops

The best brittle? The most decadent dessert? The cutest cookie? Friday, December 14 will be the chance to showcase the skills of your spatula during Willits Weekly's annual Cookie Party contest.

Individuals and businesses are welcome to participate in the event that will be held at Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli from 6 to 8 pm – bakers and tasters will both be needed – and both are free!

If you might be interested in BAKING, here's the quick breakdown:

1. No cost to enter.
2. Entry form here: www.willitsweekly.com/WW-Cookie-Entry.docx.
3. Set up by 5:30 pm at Scoops. We are suggesting a quantity of 5 to 6 dozen bite-sized pieces. Does not have to be cookies; sweets of all kinds are accepted.
4. Decorations up to you – small spots on tables, no need for huge displays.
5. 5 to 6 dozen bite-sized pieces need to be provided.
6. Judges' Choice and People's Choice will be judged solely on the criteria of "Which cookie do you want to eat the whole plate of?" Official judges' tasting will be done blind at the beginning of the event. Please have three excellent specimens of your entry or entries set aside for delivery to the official judges.
7. Best Decorated award is based on appearance only.
8. You're welcome to bake, drop off, and run, but if you win, we'd love to have you pop back by for a photo.
9. Bakers may enter several varieties if they wish.
10. Tamara Adams is not allowed to enter her contest-obliterating "Crack Bars" this year.

If you might be interested in TASTING, here's the quick breakdown:

1. No cost to taste.
2. Come to Scoops between 6 and 7:30 pm.
3. Consume many cookies.
4. Cast a vote for People's Choice and/or Best Decorated.
5. Soak in the festivities.

People's Choice votes will be counted at the end of the night. Winners of both categories will be announced at the end of the night. Any questions, please email maureengetsmailed@gmail.com or call 972-7047.

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Above: Winners at the 2017 Willits Weekly cookie party included Tam Adams, back left, winner of the People's Choice award for her "Crack Bars"; Alicia Logan, back right, winner of the Judges' Choice award for her "Ooey Goey Rocky Road Cookies"; and Abigail Sherf, who won the first-ever award for "Prettiest Cookie" for her "Chocolate Chip Cookies."

Above, right: Willits Weekly's Danya Davis and Maureen Moore show off Davis' Frosted Cranberry Shortbread entry into the 2017 contest at Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli.

At right: People's Choice winners in 2013, Lisa Reed, left, and Kylie Reed, center, pose with 2013 Judge's Choice winner Tamara Adams.

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