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Warnock has been serving as police chief since December of 2016, after longtime chief and current Willits City Councilmember Gerry Gonzalez retired from the department.

The announcement of Warnock's retirement came through a press release from the city on December 5.

"It's a great place to work, and I will miss everyone," Warnock said. "The police department and the city staff all work hard with not enough resources, but they are all dedicated to this city

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**Mike A'Dair**  
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The vote to do so was 3-2, with John Haschak, John McCowen and Dan Gjerde voting in the majority, and Ted Williams and Carre Brown voting in the minority.

The proposal was offered to the supervisors by county staff in response to a May 14, 2019 directive from the supervisors which directed staff to explore ways in which new cultivation might be permitted under Phase 3 of the county's cannabis program.

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Above, from left: Sophiya Muñoz, 9, of Lakeport had a great time skating at the Ukiah on Ice's Free Community Skate Day sponsored by Adventist Health Ukiah Valley and Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Willits' Grady Fonsen uses a ski walker to steady himself on the ice at the rink. A pinch on the cheek is sure to make anyone smile, even almost-too-old-for-it Connor. Below: 3-month-old Oakley Seminoff smiles from Santa's lap as the man in red gets ready to give pup Bindy, a kiss.



Community photo fundraiser earns \$800 for local groups, and hundreds come to skate for free at ice rink courtesy of Willits and Ukiah hospitals

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Above, left: Peggy Hebrard and Ellie smile with Santa Claus. Above, right: Fun on the ice! Below, left: Sam Francheschini knows what's up this year, and gave a big smile from Santa's lap. Amarah Potter gets her face painted by Ashley Rodriguez of Pretty in Paint at the Free Community Skate Day. At bottom: Sam Senerchia, center, helps two others around the rink at the Free Community Skate Day. At bottom, right: Alaska, left, and River, right, smile with Santa Claus during the Santa Photo event at J.D. Redhouse last weekend.



Mike A'Dair

The direction from the board comes at a moment when there are more than the usual number of balls affecting mental health services in the air.

According to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Advisory Board Chair Jan McGourty, who spoke to the supervisors on Tuesday, county officials and herself went to Sacramento last week to tell the state financing authority directors that Mendocino County still does not know where the proposed residential treatment facility will go.

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## Mark Barnes

Currently local residents may burn accumulated debris from 9 am until noon, with burn permits on a permissive burn day. Not a minute before nor after without receiving a citation. Resident Gary Sanderson queried the board as to why, saying this did not allow enough time to completely finish burning all the collected limbs and other debris.

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# New sounds at KLLG

**Submitted by Earlene Gleisner for KLLG Radio**

Willits Hometown radio, KLLG, has added several new shows and renamed a favorite offering.

"Shiptastic," presented by Sawyer Lovegood, will be heard at 2 to 3 pm on Thursdays and replayed from 5 to 6 pm on Saturday evenings. He plays "Remember the Revolution" music of the Sixties for your listening pleasure.

Linda Posner has been hosting her program on Sunday mornings at 10 to 10:30 am. "Word Buffet" is her offering of sayings, poems, and other stories which have been important for her in her life. It is a way to help us start our day.

Michael Foley's show is now named "Reality Check" and alternates with a show by Ukiah Morrison on Monday between 8 and 9 pm. Mike's program will still be repeated both on Tuesday mornings at 10 to 11 am and Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm.

"Kosmic Blues" has an extra presentation time on Fridays between 4 to 5 pm. Interviews with Ayana Young will now play at 7 to 8 am on Monday and will replay at 11 am to 12 pm on Wednesdays and 9 to 10 am on Saturdays.

More new programs are planned as new programmers come on board. If you are interested in learning how to have your own show, you can leave a message at 459-5554 or on the form available at our web site, [www.kllg.org](http://www.kllg.org).

Any published author who is invited in Willits and the KLLG broadcasting area is located to read selections from their book, be it poetry, fiction, non-fiction, how-to, historical, or whatever. "Author Spotlight" is still under construction. For more information, contact Earlene Gleisner at [reiki@mcn.org](mailto:reiki@mcn.org).

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McGourty told the supervisors that the CHFFA board granted a fourth extension to the 2015 grant, with the direction that they want closure on the question of where the facility will go by their next board meeting, which is scheduled for January 10, and also that they want the facility to be built on Orchard Avenue in Ukiah.

Without having a discussion on the county's attitude toward the pronouncement by the CHFFA board, the supervisors reacted as if the CHFFA statement clarified the question of where the residential treatment facility will go.

The second ball in the air is a major policy statement from the Mendocino County unit of Adventist Health which was written by unit President Jason Wells. In a December 3 letter to the board of supervisors, Wells wrote that Adventist Health is well-placed at this time to reserve 16 beds in two hospitals – in Fort Bragg and Ukiah – for mental health acute patient treatment.

"We anticipate that Adventist Health will begin management of Mendocino Coast District Hospital on January 6, 2020 and a vote will take place on March 3 that, if passes, will set in motion a 30-year lease by Adventist Health to operate Mendocino Coast District Hospital on behalf of the district," Wells wrote.

"As a 'critical access' hospital, MCDH is allowed to designate 10 beds specifically for mental health acute inpatient treatment," he continued. "This would be very similar to the psychiatric health facility planned by the Measure B committee, but would actually allow a higher level of treatment, being associated with an acute hospital.

"In all hospitals in Mendocino County, we have 24/7 hospitalists on site to care for our inpatients and many times, patients in a psychiatric health facility have medical needs as well as psychiatric needs. By having access to onsite inpatient medical physicians, we will be able to provide a more comprehensive level of care, keeping more of our residents in county for their medical care.

"Additionally," the letter continued, "transforming an existing empty wing of a hospital into a locked psychiatric unit would be considerably less expensive than either of the sites that the committee is now considering.

"We propose that the Measure B Committee consider designating funds for remodeling the part of the existing hospital to serve this purpose, in conjunction with Adventist Health providing the psychiatric services. This strategy will require the hospital to comply to the standards of the state commission that regulates hospitals, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

"In additional to adding consideration of MCHC as an inpatient psychiatric 10 bed unit, we would propose that the Measure B committee consider using the empty six-bed intensive care unit in Ukiah for additional in-county psychiatric beds. Combined, the 10 on the coast and the six in Ukiah would total the necessary 16 beds desired to minimize expensive outmigration of psychiatric care," Wells wrote.

The third ball in the air is the tentative contract for \$3.3 million with the architectural firm of Nacht and Lewis, to design the facilities for the Measure B project. The contract was approved by the supervisors on a 3-2 vote on November 19, pending approval by the Measure B Committee.

During Tuesday's meeting, Second District Supervisor John McCowen noted that the revelations of the morning had changed the terrain of the protean Measure B effort.

"If [the residential treatment facility] is going to go forward on Orchard Avenue, that blows a big hole in what we are asking Nacht and Lewis to review for \$3.3 million," McCowen said. "If it's realistic, if this offer from Adventist holds merit – and on the face of it, it's certainly worth considering because it would save a significant amount in capital costs, which could then go towards

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Quality Management District now controls hours.

To burn in Brooktrails residents now need two permits. One from the township (at no cost) and another from AQMD at a cost of \$17. The AQMD permit may be obtained online. Brooktrails needs to issue a permit so they know where the burns are, ahead of time, as the AQMD does not forward online permit information to Brooktrails. So far AQMD has given no reason for the restricted hours.

PG&E's trimming along the wires by helicopter this week was also brought up during the meeting. The trimmed branches are being left where they fall in the forests in Brooktrails. Some residents have complained that there is no apparent effort by PG&E or other agencies to remove this detritus from the tree's interiors. The major concern is that in the next dry season this debris would constitute a major fire hazard. Efforts will be made to look into this potential problem.

The Brooktrails Township Community Services District entered into a contract with Solid Wastes of Willits in 2016, later amended in 2018, to provide collection, transportation, disposal and recycling of solid waste in the township area. Mendocino County Solid Waste Management Agency has levied a surcharge on Solid Wastes of Willits forcing them to raise their fees by 4 and three-eighths percent per can or \$1.57 per can to residents. Therefore, Resolution 2019-15 accepting the increase was passed by the board.

Once again the lack of satisfactory ambulance service was discussed by the Brooktrails board. Director Tony Orth said the collective fire chiefs involved with the negotiations with the service operator are continuing. General Manager Alaniz told board members the ambulance provider Med-Star was actively participating with the concerned agencies to resolve this problem. There are currently four ambulances serving the area stretching from Laytonville to Hopland. The consensus is that more are needed immediately, and the negotiations revolve around how this can be accomplished and at what financial price tag.

Currently the Mendocino Transit Authority is reviewing its support of the Harrah Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program. The board was asked to send a letter to MTA in support of the program. The board agreed a letter would be sent, and Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea volunteered to speak at any meeting in the future to show support for this highly valued community service.

Changes are in store for the Brooktrails Board of Directors as a new president and vice-president for 2020 will soon be elected by the board from nominations submitted by board members.

The next regular Brooktrails board meeting will be held on January 14, 2020. All Brooktrails residents and interested parties are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24850 Birch Street, at 7 pm.

future operations – I think the \$3.3 million for Nacht and Lewis really is called into question. That contract was supposed help the Measure B Committee and the board decide where these facilities are going to be located, in part.

"If we're already deciding where these facilities are going to be located," McCowen continued, "we don't need the \$3.3 million on Nacht and Lewis. That could either be negotiated down considerably, or we go out with a new RFP [request for proposals]."

A fourth ball in the air was the ball that was under discussion at that moment, which was a request by Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams that the county develop an operational feasibility study for the Measure B project.

As pointed out by Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman that morning, the phrase "operational feasibility study" is a fancy way of saying "business plan." What this means is, it would be a study which would indicate how much it will cost the county to run a psychiatric health facility, a crisis residential treatment facility and a crisis stabilization unit.

In 2016, Angelo created such an assessment, prior to an election in which two precursors of Measure B, that is, measures AG and AH, failed by a very small margin.

In that study, Angelo estimated that overall costs for staffing would cost \$9.7 million a year. Angelo assumed that half of that cost would likely be reimbursed by the state and federal governments, leaving the county on the hook for \$4.85 million a year.

During discussions on Tuesday, McCowen reminded Angelo that the numbers in her 2016 study "were not universally accepted."

Williams also commented on the 2016 study, and on the need for a new study. "I think we don't want to lose the half-million dollars: we now know the location for the residential. With that checked off, it now leaves the PHF and the CSU. We see that Adventist Health might be a partner, for those types of services, at a much lower cost, and more timely: I think we want to carry that forward.

"Last, I do want to involve the Measure B Oversight Committee, but what we're talking about is exceeding the available ongoing funds of Measure B. That \$1.8 million [which is what the revenue to the county from the Measure B sales tax will be after April 2023, when it shifts from a half-cent per dollar spent, to an eighth of a cent per dollar spent] will not provide the PHF or the CSU with operating costs, either one of those.

"And so, it's a question of how much general fund can we commit to, indefinitely," Williams continued. "And that's not a decision that the Measure B Oversight Committee can answer. That's our job. We have to decide how much we are going to commit to, from here out, to provide mental health services, in the facilities that are built by Measure B funds.

"And so, maybe the report from 2016 didn't have valid numbers. We need to get those valid numbers. That's what this item is about," Williams said.

Angelo said that, given that the conclusions of her 2016 report have been called into question, she would want to hire a consultant to do the business plan. She said that she would use either a consultant who routinely does work for the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, or else would seek the services of Lee Kemper Consulting. She said that she would come back to the supervisors with a detailed description of the work involved, and a cost estimate.

The supervisors unanimously directed Angelo to undertake that work, based on the discussions that had occurred that day.

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and do a great job. In my many years of working for public agencies, Willits is by far the best place I have worked."

Warnock worked at the WPD since May of 2008, after Gonzalez asked him to come work "as an extra-help police officer," according to the press release.

He began his career in 1978 when he first worked as an officer for the San Diego Police Department.

The press release talked of Warnock's early career in law enforcement: "He worked as a police reserve while in the U.S. Navy, where he served for four years on the USS O'Callahan and traveled all over the West and South Pacific. In 1980," the press release continued, "he was hired as a regular police officer by Novato Police Department and worked there until 1991. He was a patrol officer, motorcycle traffic officer, a school resource office, and then a detective before he left."

Warnock first began working in Mendocino County in 1991, working as an attorney investigator at the Mendocino Public Defender's Office for two years before he was hired as DA inspector for the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office and served until 2000.

He then worked for the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at the Santa Rosa office where he was promoted to a supervising investigator and police manager before initially retiring from public service in December of 2007.

The press release said that there had been no recurrence of the medical issues which caused Warnock to miss many months during his tenure as Willits chief of police, stating that "he returned to work well and ready to work and remains well to this day."

Regarding his future plans, the press release said that Chief Warnock "has many hobbies and delayed home projects that he looks forward to working on. He has been married for over 37 years to his wife, Tina, and she said she looks forward to his retirement and spending more time with him."

City Manger Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra had high praise for Chief Warnock in the press release.

"Scott is a vital member of our management team and family," she said. "He balances his wealth of policing experience with warmth and humor. He has always gone above and beyond to serve the people of Willits. It will be hard to replace him."

Garrabrant-Sierra added that she would begin a recruitment process immediately to find the next Willits chief of police.

## Arts Council announces Get Arts in the Schools awards

Submitted by the Arts Council of Mendocino County

The Arts Council of Mendocino County's Get Arts in the Schools Program provides funding for professional artists to deliver arts enrichment to K-12 students at no cost to schools. This program gives children hands-on creative experiences with many kinds of art while paying local artists to share their skills. Classroom teachers also benefit.

With core funding from the Mendocino County Office of Education and the Community Foundation of Mendocino County's Hudson Family Fund and Arts Education Endowment, the Arts Council is pleased to announce this year's awards, totaling \$28,400, to pay Mendocino County artists to bring a variety of art forms to schools throughout the county.

Many of the arts projects integrate in some way with existing topics already in the students' curriculum.

This school year, students will experience mask-making with artist Alexa Armenta; understanding and writing poetry with Jasper Henderson and Hunter Gagnon; dance and creative movement expression with Mendocino Dance Project; multimedia art with Nori Dolan; explorations in combining science and art with Viviana Field; art history presentations by Gary Martin; separate information-enriched ballet and symphony performances by Mendocino Ballet and Symphony of the Redwoods; video poetry-making, clothing "upcycling" and a multimedia approach to poetry with Blake More; mosaic-making with Elizabeth Raybee; separate mural projects with Lauren Sinnott and Laura Wiecek; multiple art projects for Special Education students with Colleen Schenck; and a Carpathian Basin instrument and participatory music

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From far left: Alexis England, Valeria Smith and Stella Bonnet of Roots of Motive Power treat the attendees to sweets and cookies. Bryce, Brittney and Bruce wait patiently to see Santa at Roots of Motive Power. Willits High School seniors Emerald Waters, Micah Stamps, Lettie Sanchez and John Foucault sell goodies to help pay for a senior trip. Below, far left: The Roots Holiday Express nears the station. Below, left: Willits Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, left, shakes hands with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ron Moorhead after lighting the town's Christmas tree. Below: Chris, Mason and Jennifer Gunther look forward all year to riding the train. At bottom: A wagon full of toys is raffled off to a lucky recipient.



Photos by Mathew Caine



## Holiday Express

Roots of Motive Power treats little ones to train rides, cookies, crafts, and a visit from Santa Claus

The weather tried its level best to put a damper on this year's Holiday Express at the Roots of Motive Power. Every time the sky seemed to be clearing and blue could be seen peeking through the clouds, the rains would start up again, sometimes a drizzle and sometimes a torrent. But that did not stop the families who look forward to the event each

year, who love the power, noise and beauty of the historic steam-driven machines.

Even the wet seats on the two open cars of the diesel-powered train did not deter passengers from enjoying the short journey around the vast yard with its functional motive machinery, restored with loving care by the members of Roots.

Nor did the weather deter the guest of honor, Mr. Santa Claus of the North Pole, who made his entrance, not on his traditional sleigh, but rather riding the rails into the Roots barn next to the Mendocino County Museum. There he greeted his many adoring fans, many of whom waited in a line of as many as 50 people, eager to have a personal moment with the bearded, rotund, red-clad man of legend.

Hoping to have their desires fulfilled, the kids (and some adults) approached Santa, sat at his side or on his lap, and imparted their Christmas wishes to him. Santa, being the patient and jolly gentleman that he is, listened, posed for photos taken by the families and a few qualified elves, and gave the kids hope that their requests would be fulfilled. Hopefully, their parents were listening. Sometimes Santa needs some cooperation.

Inside the barn, across from Santa and his elves, snacks, cakes, and cookies were available for free from the food elves of Roots. They also offered a raffle with a chance to win a wagon full of toys, stuffed animals and games. Next to them, the senior class of Willits High School sold hot dogs, hot chocolate, water, and chocolate bars to help finance their senior trip this year to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk. The money received will also finance senior class sweatshirts and senior gifts. A piano singer, Greg Colossale, crooned Christmas-themed melodies to the crowd of families waiting to see Santa.

For kids wishing to take part in more creative pursuits, the Mendocino County Museum had its doors open and, in addition to perusing the permanent and current art exhibits, they could create Christmas tree ornaments.

Later, in the early evening, once Santa had started on his journey back to the North Pole, the trains had been put to bed, and the festivities at Roots of Motive Power had wound down, the City of Willits and the Willits Chamber of Commerce presented their annual tree-lighting ceremony, next to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in front of the museum. This year, the ceremony was accompanied by Richard Jeske and Jacqueline Morninglight who sang familiar Christmas songs under the dry eaves of the museum's front porch.

The group of about 20 brave souls attending the tree-lighting waited out the intermittent downpours, along with the musicians. When the time was right, and the rain relented, the umbrella-clutching group, led by Chamber of

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Far left: Sarah and her son, Jupiter, tell Santa what they want for Christmas. At left: A rare moment of sunshine is quite welcome. Below, left: The kids love to play on Santa's sleigh. Below: Connor, Nicole, Colter and Sage Basler enjoy a free train trip.

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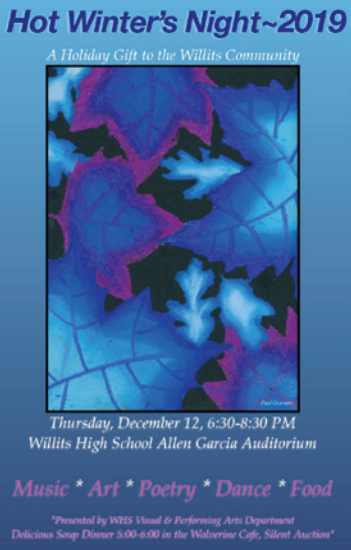
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**Twinkle Thursdays:** Thursdays through December 19. Stores open every Thursday until 8 pm with specials. Look for lit-up Mason jars.

**Senior Center Christmas Store:** **The Willits** Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Their annual Christmas Store runs through December 14, 9 am to 4 pm. New items put out regularly. Christmas décor and wrapping items, candles, ornaments, holiday cards, wreaths, advent scenes, See's Candies and more. Half-price from December 12 to 14. All proceeds go to senior center programs. Info: 459-6826.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Winter market at the Little Lake Grange, 271 School Street. Thursday, December 12, 3 to 5:30 pm. Veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, savory and sweet baked goods, including pies and handcrafted bread. More: gift items, 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, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

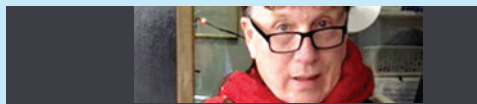
**A Hot Winter's Night:** "You are cordially invited to attend the 16th annual 'Hot Winter's Night' extravaganza, Thursday, December 12, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Willits High School. Please join us for an evening of Art, Music, Dance, Poetry, & Drama! The leadership class is hosting a delicious soup dinner fundraiser from 6 to 6 pm in the Wolverine Café. Enjoy free, scrumptious sweet treats during intermissions as well as a silent auction." Info: Meghan Doorty: 459-7700, ext. 1536 or meghandoorty@willitsunified.com or Carolyn Bakewell: 459-7700, ext. 1533 or carolynbakewell@willitsunified.com.



Friday, December 13

**New Art at Savings Bank of Mendocino:** Local artist Judy Chance Hope will be showing new paintings at Savings Bank of Mendocino, 145 South Main Street, open Monday through

AT THE MOVIES



‘A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood’

**The Story:** A drama and celebration of Mr. Rogers, an American hero to children. This fictionalized story is built around the real-life friendship of Fred Rogers and a well-known writer at Esquire Magazine, Tom Junod. The writer, (named "Lloyd Vogel" for the movie), is notoriously tough and cynical. He is assigned to interview Mr. Rogers for a short piece about American heroes. But Vogel the cynic is in pain. He is suffering. He is self-righteous and explosively angry. His is an anger born of emotional blows he suffered as a boy. In the course of his interviews, Vogel is transformed, saved even, by the kindness and humility of Mr. Rogers. That's the truth, that's the story – but it's not a spoiler.

**My Thoughts:** This is a drama about kindness and forgiveness. The acting is great. I was deeply and sincerely touched by the moral personage evinced in Tom Hanks' portrayal of Fred Rogers. He was a man who loved children so deeply that he gave over his life to reducing their pains, confusions, fears. I believe that Rogers' vocation was and still is a gift to us all.

**Parents:** This is a drama about adults confronting childhood pain and the struggle of being adults, a story of guilt and forgiveness. Though it features Mr. Rogers, still, it's not for children.

**Special Note:** Unfortunately, the Noyo Theatre is forced by contractual obligations to carry 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood' for one week only. Its final showing will be on Thursday. Check out the movie on video, it's well worth your time.

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

What's Happening Around Town

Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm, Friday, 9 am to 6 pm. Exhibit runs Friday, December 13 through Tuesday, December 31.

**Art Workshop:** Paper Ornaments: Friday, December 13, 11 am to 12 pm. Make unique ornaments to decorate your home, tree, or to give as gifts. Supplies provided. Ages 4 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

**Munchies and Music:** "The Joint @ Northspur Brewing presents Munchies & Music - Friday Nights @ Northspur. A Zocalo production. Featuring The Schindels (The Train Singer and The Singing Conductor)." 6 to 10 pm.

Starting Friday, December 13. 101 North Main Street.

**Christmas in the Park:** "Join us as we celebrate the reason for the season! We will be lighting a 20 foot tall Christmas tree that will stay in the park for the remainder of the holiday season. There will also be warm goodies and a live band!" Friday, December 13, 7 pm, Bud Snyder Park, 111 East Commercial Street. Hosted by Calvary Chapel Willits.

**Shanachie Pub:** The Ferocious Fan, "blues singed rock n' roll band from San Francisco." Friday, December 13, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, December 14

**Wreaths Across America:** Saturday, December 14, starts at 9 am, at the Willits Cemetery, 1200 Highway 20, and continues to Little Lake and Sherwood cemeteries. "The countdown begins! Let's cover every single veteran grave this year! Please sponsor a wreath!" Info at: <https://wreathsaacrossamerica.org/pages/41833/overview/?relatedId=15557>

**33rd Annual Willits Holiday Craft Fair:** Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Saturday, December 14: 10 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, December 15: 10 am to 4 pm. The Kids Craft Fair is upstairs in the Willits Art Center, 10:30 am to 3 pm on Saturday: An opportunity to buy handmade, creative and reasonably priced crafts from young craftspeople, and also features "Enchanted Elf Crafts" for making crafts, too. Live music at the Community Center, featuring talented local musicians: Saturday: 10 am: Twining Time; 12 pm: Richard Tootreesse and Jacqueline Morninglight; 2 pm: BubbleGun; 4 pm: Emandal Choir; and 5 pm: Cosmic Family Band. Sunday: 10 am: Dorian May; 12 pm: Greg Schindel; 1 pm: Mitchell Holman; and 2 pm: Kyle Madrigal. Plus food and goodies from the Willits Charter School's Culinary Program. Benefits the Willits Art Center.



Gift of Winter Holiday Stories

**December 14**  
Saturday, December 14, 3 to 4 pm. Winter is a time to come together and tell stories. Join Linda Pack and local actor R. Bobby as they share tales to warm your heart and get into the holiday spirit. Christmas Classics & Mendocino Memories will be performed and will include reminiscences from early Mendocino County Christmases, interwoven with cherished classic holiday tales. Stories include the famous newspaper editorial "Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus," O. Henry's tender and moving tale "The Gift of the Magi," a complete reading of Dylan Thomas' mid-20th-century masterpiece, "A Child's Christmas in Wales," and Clement Moore's beloved "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Presented by the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency.

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Senior Center Lunch

**Week of December 16 through December 20**  
**Monday:** Chicken Tenders  
**Tuesday:** Chili Mac Tacos  
**Wednesday:** Fish Tacos  
**Thursday:** Spinach Lasagna  
**Friday:** Pot Roast  
Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older, \$6.50 per meal, under 55, \$8 per meal. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert and drink. (Salad Bar available all year). 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Wrestling Tournament:** The Willits Grapplin Pack, a local wrestling club, is hosting their first Willits tournament of the year at Baechtel Grove Middle School gym, 1150 Magnolia Avenue, Saturday, December 14, 10 am to 2 pm. All proceeds from concessions go to Jordan Burns and his family to help with costs from his accident. Info: Shannon Folsom, 530-263-6321.

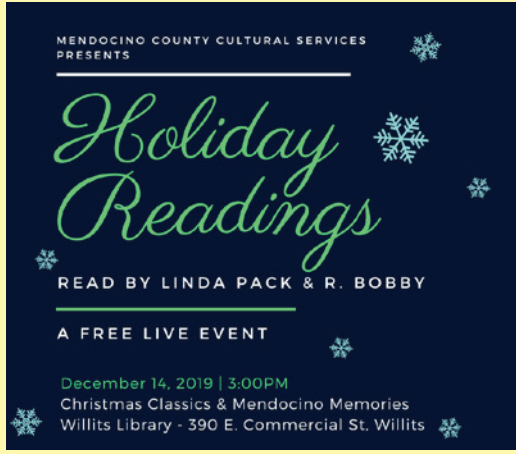
**Holiday Bazaar:** Brookside Elementary School, 20 Spruce Street. Saturday, December 14, 10 am to 3 pm. Pictures with Santa, 11 am to 1 pm. 50/50 raffle. Prizes from local vendors. Info: 707-272-9319, brooksidept@willitsunified.com.

**Sit-N-Sew:** Saturday, December 14, 1 to 5 pm, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Drop-in and enjoy the company. Bring your sewing project to work on, sewing machine, and tools." Every second Saturday. Info: Rachel 707-354-0605.

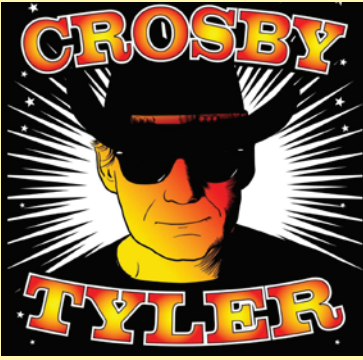
**Gift of Winter Holiday Stories:** Saturday, December 14, 3 to 4 pm. Winter is a time to come together and tell stories. Join Linda Pack and local actor R. Bobby as they share tales to warm your heart and get into the holiday spirit. Christmas Classics & Mendocino Memories will be performed and will include reminiscences from early Mendocino County Christmases, interwoven with cherished classic holiday tales. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

**Christmas Party:** John's Place, 377 South Main Street. Saturday, December 14, 6 pm. Potluck – bring your best dish. Free music and pool. Gift Exchange: "If you want to be included in the gift exchange, bring a gift of \$20 value." Men should bring gifts for men, and women should bring gifts for women. Everyone welcome.

**"Den of Thieves" staged reading:** Willits Community Theatre's "semi-staged reading" of the 2002 comedy, written by Stephen Adly Guirgis and directed by Mathew Caine. Saturday December 14, 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 15, 2 pm. Tickets \$5; available only at the door. Tells the story of a heist gone terribly wrong, with hilarious results. With Devin Skaggs, Jeff Shipp, Elizabeth Dellett, Phaedra Swearingen, Joey Duenas, Ben Strasser and Rod Grainger. Contains adult language and themes.



**Shanachie Pub:** Crosby Tyler, "Blend backporch-bluegrass with Delta blues and add a keen sense of social commentary." Saturday, December 14, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



Sunday, December 15

**33rd Annual Willits Holiday Craft Fair:** Sunday, December 15: 10 am to 4 pm. See December 14 listing for details.

**"Den of Thieves" staged reading:** Sunday, December 15, 2 pm. See December 14 listing for details.

Tuesday, December 17

**Tightwad Tuesdays:** Select films in their 2nd or subsequent weeks are discounted to \$6 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are "Frozen II" and "Knives Out." Visit [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com), call 459-6696 or check the ad in Willits Weekly for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

**Workshops:** Holiday Fortune Tellers: Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 to 6:30 pm and Friday, December 20, 11 am to 12 pm. Create an origami style craft that gives holiday greetings and good wishes. Supplies provided. Ages 4 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Wednesday, December 18

**Eckhart Tolle Class:** at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Wednesday, December 18, 5 to 7 pm; showing the video "Freedom From the False Self" which comes from Eckhart teachings and is not normally available to the general public." Info: Andrea, 707-513-8139. Free event.

Thursday, December 19

**Willits Farmers Market:** at the Little Lake Grange for the winter, 291 School Street. Thursday, December 19, 3 to 5:30 pm. See Thursday, December 12 listing for details.

**Twinkle Thursdays** Thursdays through December 19. Stores open every Thursday until 8 pm with specials. Look for lit-up Mason jars.



**Shanachie Pub:** Peter Jong Chang, "all original fusion and instrumental styles with elements of rock, jazz, funk, soul, and reggae." Thursday, December 19, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Friday, December 20

**Art Workshop:** Holiday Fortune Tellers: December 20, 11 am to 12 pm. See December 17 listing for details.

**Holiday Bazaar:** "Leopold Collective is excited to present our second Holiday Bazaar. It is going to be a little different this year, rather than three weekends we are going to have a two-day event. Friday, December 20, 3 to 8 pm; and Saturday, December 21, 11 am to 5 pm. The Bazaar is going to be festive, and full of holiday spirit to celebrate the winter solstice, and the holidays." Crafts, music, food, and arts. 109 North Main Street.

**Holiday Lights: A Winter Wonderland: The Frank R. Howard Foundation and Adventist Health Howard Memorial invite you to attend the third annual Holiday Lights extravaganza, at the Commonwealth Garden, across from the hospital. "Add some sparkle to your holiday season. Festive holiday snacks from Roots Restaurant. Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa or hot apple cider as you stroll through the enchanted winter wonderland." Friday, December 20 to Sunday, December 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Benefits the Willits Food Bank.**

**Shanachie Pub:** Snaps for Sinners, "a saucy swing ensemble hellbent on making people dance and have a good time." Friday, December 20, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, December 21

**Holiday Bazaar:** Saturday, December 21, 11 am to 5 pm. See the December 20 listing for details.

**Holiday Lights: A Winter Wonderland:** Saturday, December 21. See December 20 listing for details.

**25th Annual Winter Solstice Spiral Dance:** Saturday, December 21, 7 pm, Little Lake Grange 291 School Street. "Welcome the Sun's return with our traditional storytelling of a midwinter tale, candle lighting, and song, followed by the Spiral Dance. The spark of Yule turns our hearts to gratitude in the cold & dark. Let us celebrate our interconnectedness and relationship to all Beings, the cycles and seasons. Seed sharing! Bring acorns! A Benefit for the Grange. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Sliding scale donation \$5 to \$10, kids free. Come warm your heart and fill your soul at the community hearth!"

**Shanachie Pub:** Greg Colossale, "serving up some heavy funk, driving rock blues,

and soul packed fusion at the infamous Hammond B3." Saturday, December 21, 8 pm at Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, December 22

**Christmas Cookie Exchange Party:** Sunday, December 22, 1 pm, Social Hall of the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. "Come one, come all and bring 3 dozen cookies all the same variety (basically one batch) and a tray or plate to collect the cookies, that way, you will end up with a variety of Christmas cookies. Please tell us if you plan on attending so that we know how to set up the tables and chairs in the Social Hall: 459-2855."



**Prayer in Aramaic:** "At this darkest time of the year, we invoke the Light of Creation in movement & chanting the Lord's Prayer in its original language of Aramaic. In translation, we discover the cosmic, enlightened and powerful message of the spirit of Christ." The Muse, 30 East San Francisco Street, Sunday, December 22, 3 to 5pm. 459-9085.

**Holiday Lights: A Winter Wonderland:** Sunday, December 22. See December 20 listing for details.

Grapplin Pack Wrestling Tournament

December 14

The Willits Grapplin Pack, a local youth wrestling club, is hosting their first Willits tournament of the year at Baechtel Grove Middle School gym, 1150 Magnolia Street, Saturday, December 14, 10 am to 2 pm. All proceeds from concessions go to Jordan Burns and his family to help with costs from his accident. The Grapplin Pack meets practices four days a week at the Seventh Day Adventist Church from 5 to 7 pm. They have already signed up 99 kids from 4 years old to teens. Info: Shannon Folsom, 530-263-6321.

Wreaths Across America

December 14

Willits 4H is currently rallying wreath sponsorships for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at our local cemeteries on Saturday, December 14. Every year the Willits 4H Club assists the local American Legion Post 174 in honoring the fallen veterans and covering each Willits veteran grave with a wreath. Starts at 9 am at the Willits Cemetery, 1200 Highway 20, and then moves on to the Little Lake and Sherwood cemeteries to cover those veteran graves as well. Please join us; everyone is welcome! If you'd like to sponsor a wreath(s) please visit <https://wreathsaacrossamerica.org/pages/41833/overview/?relatedId=15557>

December 20th & 21st



Saturday, December 21 at 7 pm

doors open 6:45  
Little Lake Grange  
291 School Street, Willits

Bring seeds for exchange, acorns for the Oak Granary  
Come early and make an evergreen garland  
Suggested donation: \$5 to 10, children free!  
Benefit for the Grange

Come Warm Your Heart and Fill Your Soul  
at the Community Hearth as  
We Welcome the Sun's Return!

Ongoing Events

**Munchies and Music:** Friday Nights at Northspur Brewing Company, 101 North Main Street. 6 to 10 pm. With Greg and Malaki Schindel.

**"Art Expo":** featuring drawings and paintings by Alma Soleada. Re-Evolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Avenue. 11 am to 6 pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

**"Close to Home":** Local artist Linda Corben's paintings inspired by the natural world, now featured at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Through December 31.

**Friday Night Live:** Vendors, food and entertainment. 1722 South Main Street (Evergreen Shopping Center), 5 to 8 pm.

**Linda Posner's "Word Buffet":** KLLG-LP, 97.9, "Poems and Sayings to Start Your Day." Sunday, 10 to 10:30 am.

**Meatless Mondays:** at Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive. "Serving delicious plant-based options every Monday," 7 am to 5 pm.

**Collective Care:** A Holistic Support Group: Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am. 44650 Highway 101, Laytonville. Holistic community support and information. Children welcome. By donation. [www.ninesistersbotanicals.com](http://www.ninesistersbotanicals.com).

**Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr:** Radio active blues programming for tragically hip and twisted, Fridays, 9 pm to midnight. 97.9 FM, KLLG.

**Willits International Folk Dancing:** Class meets every Thursday, 7 to 8 pm. Willits Charter High School. New dances taught 7 to 8 pm. \$0 - \$5 sliding scale. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

**Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club:** Mondays, 7 pm, upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sliding scale \$0 to \$5/class. 707-484-3385 for info.

**Little John's Place:** Every Thursday Pool Tournament, 6 pm, \$5 buy-in. "We'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer." Saturday nights. Free Pool 9 pm to 12 am during December. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/

**Free Herb Talks:** by the Mendocino Herb Guild. Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Willits Farmers Market, indoors for the winter at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**Roots Engine House Tours:** Docent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more – up close.

**Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm, 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 I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Winter Market at the Little Lake Grange, 271 School Street, from 3 to 5:30 pm, on Thursday, November 7. The last of the summer veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, 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, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Emandal Choral:** The Choral 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.

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

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

**Willits Library Activities:** Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4 pm "Wiggle Time" (Explore movement and self-expression); Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 to 4); 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); Fridays: 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Dance Workout" (Fun, upbeat dance); Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Write Live" (We provide a prompt and a space to create writing); 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. 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.

**Drop-In Knitting Circle:** Saturdays 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.

**Soroptimist International of Willits:** Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month 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.

**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; Teenagers to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: "Mendocino Sheriff's Activities League" on Facebook or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mondays, 7 pm: "Monday Blues & Beyond" with Blue Luke & Special Guests. Tuesdays, 8 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.

New Art at Savings Bank of Mendocino

Opens December 13

Local artist Judy Chance Hope shows new paintings at Savings Bank of Mendocino, 145 South Main Street, open Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm, Friday, 9 am to 6 pm. Exhibit runs Friday, December 13 through Tuesday, December 31.





Above, from left: Gloria Hood's beautiful handcrafted angels. Star Mandala blankets by Nancy Butler on display at the crafts faire. Beautifully crafted rolling pins and wooden boxes by Johnson Woodworks. Marvelous macramé and driftwood wall hangings by Martha Hill. At right: Brightly colored rugs hand woven by Helen Oglesby using repurposed and recycled materials. Far right: Timothy Ceratto displays his jewelry..

## SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

**Agape Bible Church**  
290 S. Lenore Ave.  
Willits, CA 95490  
Where love is first  
and the Bible is central.  
Sunday Services:  
9:15 a.m. - Bible Class,  
adult & children  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Awana: Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.  
Info? 707-459-1905  
www.agapebiblechurch.com

**Amazing Grace  
Assembly of God Church**  
803 Coast Street  
P.O. Box 489, Willits  
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Burton Jernigan  
Information: 456-9668  
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
265 Margie Drive  
Willits, CA 95490  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
Sacrament Meeting  
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom**  
• Sound of Soul events  
• Membership Discussions  
• Spiritual Discussions  
• ECK Light & Sound Services  
More information?  
Call 707-456-9934  
www.eckankar.org

**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  
459-3106

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
61 W. San Francisco Ave.  
Willits, CA 95490  
Father Aaron Bandman  
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/ Communion  
& 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 School  
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 Service - 10:45 a.m.  
4th Sabbath of every month  
family potluck at the school.  
22751 Bray Road, Willits

**Willits United Methodist**  
A Christ centered, progressive church  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
286 School St. (at Pine)  
Rev. Rosemary Landry, pastor  
Worship Celebration  
Sundays - 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.  
459-2855  
Facebook: www.facebook.com

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districts in which new cultivation of pot would be allowed under Phase 3. The zoning districts are rangeland, of which there are more than 700,000 acres in Mendocino County, and rural communities.

In addition, staff is recommending that the area allowances for cultivation be changed to match those of the state. In practice, that would mean that the county's small outdoor permits would go from a maximum of 2,500 square feet to 10,000 square feet, that the county's medium-sized outdoor permit go from a maximum of 5,000 square feet to a maximum of 1 acre, and that the medium indoor permit go from a maximum of 5,000 square feet to a maximum of 22,000 square feet.

Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services Chief Planner Julia Acker Krog told the supervisors she would recommend that the county's large cultivation permits, which currently top off at 10,000 square feet, be likewise expanded in Phase 3 to match the state's area limits, but she added that the state has not yet finalized those determinations.

The publication of the staff proposal, which occurred last Thursday, brought out a large number of members of the public to the board meeting, and those members spoke quite passionately about what they wanted to see for Phase 3.

David Drell of the Willits Environmental Center said the move was like adding fuel onto a fire. "Recently more than 22,000 scientists from 153 countries published a report in the journal Bioscience which begins with the following paragraph.

"Scientists have a moral obligation to clearly warn humanity of any catastrophic threat and to tell it like it is. On the basis of this obligation, we declare clearly and unequivocally, that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency. Our house is on fire."

Drell then continued: "And the public, along with responsible policy makers, like this board, should be responding to this emergency by shifting from business as usual, toward quenching the fire and making changes to avoid further damage.

"The staff proposal before you makes neither of these changes, but clings to the vision of a boom-and-bust economy, and throws more fuel on our burning house. Providing an economic incentive to develop more of the 8,000-plus remote rangeland parcels, with ever-larger cannabis cultivation sites, with all the associated building and infrastructure and driving, throws fuel on the fire.

"Putting extra burdens on emergency services, already overstretched to the breaking point by servicing existing development, throws fuel on the fire," Drell said.

"As a biologist, I know of only one example of something that wants to grow forever, and that is cancer. Cancer, as we all know, grows until it consumes its host, and then it dies," Drell continued. "The wine grape industry thought it could grow forever, and now it is suffering from the inevitable bust. The board of supervisors would not be exercising good judgment to set the cannabis industry up for a similar fate. Leave the ordinance alone for a few years, and see what happens, before moving ever-closer to the Measure AF vision of Mendocino County, a vision that was soundly rejected by the voters."

Monique Ramirez, a cannabis advocate from the Round Valley area, said, "We should allow rangeland opportunities in our area for people that are new, but we would like to see it remain at

10,000 square feet, especially because that's what legacy cultivators [those cultivators who have either secured, or applied for, a Phase 1 permit] are allowed to do.

"We're not in favor of allowing a 1 acre permit for new applications at this time. Maybe in the future, when interstate commerce has opened up, and there are other opportunities. Right now, we should be reserving the amount of cultivation that is conducted in our county to the legacy cultivators that are still yet to be permitted and those that will hopefully have a path forward with the amnesty concept discussed at the last board of supervisors meeting on that specific topic. That's what we should be focusing our energy on: bringing in the legacy people before seeing existing cultivators that are already in our program, or new people come in and expand beyond the 10,000 square feet," Ramirez said.

"I'm here to support the expansion," said Potter Valley cannabis cultivator Dylan McGinty. "It just seems like, as an agricultural crop, no other product is held back to a limit of what they can grow.... As a farmer, we're limited to success by plot-size, you know. I don't think [there's] any other thing [where] you say, you can only be this successful, because you can only grow this much. If a business is successful, and if a person has figured out how to be successful and how to keep that business successful, there shouldn't be any limitation, on size, or anything else....

"I just think, as an agricultural or a commercial crop," McGinty continued, "we just need to have the same respect as anything else. You know, there's no limitation on walnuts, grapes, strawberries, or any other crops that's grown. We can't even compete with neighboring counties. There's Lake County, and Humboldt. So, if we could be treated like any other farmer, that would be great," McGinty said.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak told the board members that he was looking at an array of issues associated with cannabis, and that this offering by the Planning Department was sort of the last straw. "It's crazy-making," Haschak said.

"I certainly have concerns about expanding in the rural residential," Haschak said. "I live in a rural residential area. I've seen just a tremendous amount of growth of traffic and everything else associated with businesses coming into a rural residential area. Indoor grow: if we expand that, how does that fit into our environmental policy, the MCCAAC [Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee] and what they're doing? Rangeland. You know we heard from the sheriff, we heard from the Farm Bureau, they have real concerns about the environmental and enforcement policies. How do we catch up with our [Phase 1] ordinance? We have all these people who are applying, but who haven't been able to get through the system yet. And now we want to throw in a major change to our ordinance. The piecemeal approach to the general plan. It's all crazy-making, I think.

"We've got the staff with this plan. We've got the amnesty that we just talked about the other week. We've got the ad hoc committee that Supervisor McCowen and I are on, and we just had our first meeting, with staff, and we are looking at a lot of changes - and those don't all jibe."

Haschak moved that this latest Phase 3 staff proposal be forwarded to the cannabis cultivation ad hoc committee for its consideration, along with the other items mentioned above. His motion was approved 3-2, with Brown and Williams voting no.

## Supes OK housing element update

On a 4-1 vote, the board of supervisors on Tuesday approved an amendment to the 2009 Mendocino County General Plan comprising the plan's housing element update for the years 2019 through 2027.

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Supervisor Ted Williams cast the lone dissenting vote.

The housing element sets target numbers for Mendocino County and the four other jurisdictions in the county for the hypothetical construction of new homes over the next eight years. The other jurisdictions are the cities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Willits and Point Arena.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development requires that the housing elements for each county be updated every eight years. The HCD does not require that the target number of housing units actually be built, only that each jurisdiction demonstrate that it has adequate available parcels to meet the target number and adequate programs in place to assist with that level of development.

According to a staff report for the update of the housing element, "Government Code Section 65583(a)(3) requires local governments to prepare an inventory of land suitable for residential development, including vacant sites and sites having the potential for redevelopment, and an analysis of the relationship of zoning and public facilities and services to these sites.

The inventory of land suitable for residential development shall be used to identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period.

"For its 2019-2027 Housing Element Update," the report continued, "the county has determined that it maintains an ample supply of land suitable for residential development to meet its assigned RHNA [Regional Housing Needs Assessment].... Presently, the county does not require any changes to existing land use or zoning designations with this Housing Element update.

"Additionally, the county must identify programs that will allow it to implement the stated policies and achieve the stated goals and objectives. Programs must include specific action steps the locality will take to implement its policies and achieve its goals and objectives. The programs proposed and reviewed can be found in Chapter 5.1 of the 2019-2027 Housing Element Update and are designed to improve the efficiency and equity of housing production," the staff memo stated.

In Table 5-1-1, which was presented in a visual Power Point presentation to the supervisors, the types of new housing which are desired are broken down into housing that is appropriate for four levels of income.

For "very low income" people, Point Arena should construct three units over the next eight years, Willits ought to be able to build 34 units, Fort Bragg should have the capacity to build 60, Ukiah likewise 86, and Mendocino County ought to be able to build 291 units of housing.

For the "low income" sector of the county's population, Point Arena needs to be able to build one unit of housing over the next eight years; Willits should build 25 units; Fort Bragg 31; Ukiah 72 units; and Mendocino County should be able to build 179 units.

For people who make a moderate income, Point Arena ought to be able to build three units over the next eight years; Willits ought to be able to build 17 units; Fort Bragg 23 units, Ukiah 49 units and the

county should be able to facilitate the construction of 177 units.

In the above moderate income category, Point Arena is tasked with being able to build two units; Willits with 35; Fort Bragg, 23; Ukiah, 32 units, and the county ought to be able to build 702 units.

Looking down the columns means that this new housing element sets as a target that Point Arena could build a total of nine units; Willits could build 111 units; Fort Bragg could build 137, Ukiah could build 239 and the county could hypothetically facilitate the construction of 1,349 units.

Looking across the columns shows that, for all jurisdictions, including the cities and the county, 474 units of very low income housing could be built over the next eight years, together with 308 units of low income housing, 269 units of moderate income housing and 794 units of housing for people of above average income; for a total of 1,845 units.

Table 5-2-22 on page 50 of the new, draft housing element shows that the target numbers are not that far out from previous trends. For example, between 2008 and 2019, the county as a whole (including the four cities) went from 39,563 housing units to 40,760. That's an increase of 1,197 units or about a 3 percent increase.

Assuming a 3 percent increase for the next eight-year period would leave the county with potentially being able to build 1,223 new units. The target number is 1,845; which is a 4.5 percent increase over 2019 housing totals.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams said that the idea that the county was going to build 1,845 units of housing was unrealistic. "Somewhere in the plan, can we document that, although these are potential - we're meeting the state's requirement of identifying what parcels could be developed to meet the housing needs of our county - that, the amount of regulation has driven the price up to a point where people can't actually afford it?

"Because," Supervisor Williams continued, "looking at this, you would think, 'Wow! We have a plan. We're going to house our population.' Actually we're not, because it doesn't come close - the numbers don't work. Can we at least make a comment or push back on the state, for them putting us through this exercise, that, besides meeting a compliance requirement, we're not really providing any additional housing?"

Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz explained why the new housing targets were pretty meaningless. "The state doesn't care about the cost," Schultz said. "They want us to try to build 1,349 units. The big issue on these housing elements is the inventory. After that, it's us getting together and getting money to subsidize these housing units.

"Last night I called Ryan LaRue [Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation development director], and I said Ryan, we have to do this many low and this many very low.... I said, What's it costing right now for a two-bedroom, very low and low [housing unit]? It's about \$100,000 a door in our county right now. We need \$45 million to build these very low, and low, units. That's what's stopping housing all over the state. Not just here. It's happening in southern California, too. They don't care about cost," Schultz said.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen offered pages of corrections to the document, removing single words here and there, and adding clarifying words and phrases throughout. At length the draft document was approved on a 4-1 vote.

the same things we hear with this one. Assurances that we won't be impacted by the economy; well, we heard that last time. The bond money will fix the schools. Well, we heard that last time as well, and here we are again, going to vote on a new bond issue. When will it be enough?

Looking at the Willits Unified School District website it states they have 1,550 students and receive roughly \$12,392 per student for a total of approximately \$19,207,600. The school district website also asserts that the total district revenue is \$23.1 million. So it appears they do have some additional funding sources for students as well, like maybe the revenue from the last bond measure.

We all have to live within our budgets; shouldn't the school district as well? Deferring maintenance to pay for other programs, then looking at the taxpayer to bail them out does not demonstrate good fiscal responsibility. We are seeing this similar issue with other industries.

Consider what your vote will be for when the new bond measure appears on the ballot. Will it really help? Does this just allow the school district to continue on the same path of fiscal mismanagement, and continually look for another bond measure when the district incurs money issues in the future?

Dale Briggs, Willits

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## Congrats Evelyn Persico turns 80

It was a "Persico Party" indeed last Saturday at the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Parish Hall when friends and family gathered from far and wide to celebrate the 80th birthday of Willits' Evelyn Persico. Folks traveled from Florida, Montague, Santa Cruz and Chico to attend, and all of Persico's five children and 10 grandchildren and five (out of seven) great-grandchildren were in attendance. Willits' supercentenarian and Persico cousin, 111-year-old Edie Ceccarelli, also came to celebrate with Persico at the gathering.



Above: Family of birthday girl Evelyn Persico gathered for a giant group photo including, back row: Brendan Graves, Ashley Persico, Taylor Day, Kenny Persico, Justin Graves, Michael Lopez, Kathy Graves, Paige Persico (behind), Casey Persico (in front), Danielle Shuster, Melissa Shuster, Levi Persico, Darin Day and Jerome Lopez. Middle row: Easton Graves, Veronica Graves, Kaydance Lopez, Edie Ceccarelli, Evelyn Persico, Lee Persico, Hailee Lopez holding Oaklee Graves, Kamran Lopez, and Jill Persico. Front row: Tracy Shuster, Liz Day, Michael Persico and Chuck Persico.

At left: Evelyn Persico, left, and family friend Tracy Evans, right, both celebrated a birthday on December 7.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Above: Members of the local wrestling club, Willits Grapplin Pack, smile for a team photo along with their coaches.

Photo by Jordan Eads

## Willits Grapplin Pack to host wrestling tournament Saturday at Baechtel Grove gym

Willits Grapplin Pack, a local youth wrestling club, is hosting its first tournament this Saturday, December 14 from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Baechtel Grove Middle School gym. This is one of three tournaments the club and Coach Wayne Shull will host this season. The tournaments are open to the public, and proceeds from the concessions will go to Jordan Burns and family to help with costs incurred from his accident.

Children from age 4 up to teenagers make up the Willits Grapplin Pack. So far this year

there are 99 members. The wrestling club practices four days a week at the Seventh Day Adventist Church School gym, 22751 Bray Road, from 5 to 7 pm.

Feel free to attend a practice if you are interested. Please call board member Shannon Folsom for more information: 530-263-6321, or visit "Willits Grapplin Pack Wrestling" on Facebook.

— Submitted by Willits Grapplin Pack

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## Last call for Soroptimist 2020 phone book

Time is running out! The Soroptimist Community Phone Book is still accepting changes to your phone listing for the 2020 edition.

If you need changes to your landline, cell phone number, email, home address, or mailing address, now is the time to let Soroptimist know your needs. Since the book is published in January, we need your changes by December 20. You can email changes to: Willitsphonebook@gmail.com or siwillits@soroptimist.net or mail them to: P.O. Box 311, Willits, CA 95490.

Or you can call Loraine Patton, the phone book chair, directly at 459-1606.

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— Submitted by Soroptimists International of Willits



The rest of Roots | From Page 5

Commerce Executive Director Ron Moorhead and Willits Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, made their way to the tree. Moorhead said as few words as possible in the rain, thanking the people for braving the elements and directing the museum to light the tree.

Roots of Motive Power "is an 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," according to their website. Many of the members take part in courses designed to instruct them in the ways and operation of steam- and diesel-driven historical conveyances and working implements. Some even go on to learn how to operate the steam engines, steam shovels, mining and logging utilities, and other historical apparatuses in the Roots collection.

"I never thought that I would ever operate a locomotive," said Mike Meyer, who came to Roots about 15 years ago. "Before I knew it, I became a brakeman, then a conductor." For some, operating the huge machinery is a lifelong dream. For others, the love of controlling the immense, heavy steam machinery has grown on them.

Roots invites the public to their facilities several times during the year. On the Fourth of July of each year, as part of the Willits Frontier Days Festival, Roots participates in the parade, steams up selected pieces of machinery, and gives tours of the facility and free diesel train rides around the track.

The major steam-up event every year is the two-day Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival in September. Roots volunteers aim to getting every piece of operable equipment under power that weekend, including free train rides powered by steam locomotives. The Early Day Gas Engine Society sets up at the Rec Grove across the street, and Roots hosts its annual Roots Appreciation BBQ and raffle on Saturday, and in recent years, steamroller lithographic printing on Sunday.

Various classes are available throughout the year to active members of Roots: Steam Engineering and Operating Safety Class and Railroad Operation and Safety Class are two among them.

Roots of Motive Power, at 420 East Commercial Street, is one of the gems of the Willits area, encapsulating a sense of wonder, power and history. For further information, visit: [www.rootsofmotivepower.com](http://www.rootsofmotivepower.com).



The "Grand Canyon of the Eel River," from Dos Rios to the Humboldt Redwoods, is the most rugged landscape within the 196-mile Eel River system.

## Wildlands Conservancy launches bid to acquire more of the 'Grand Canyon of the Eel River'

Submitted by The Wildlands Conservancy

The Wildlands Conservancy has launched a two-phase acquisition to preserve the historic Dean Witter Lone Pine Ranch, a 30,000-acre property that includes 20 miles of the "Grand Canyon of the Eel River."

The property includes fantastic geology, a major carbon sequestration opportunity with 86 million board feet of fir, pine and oaks, a herd of Roosevelt elk, and significant wetlands.

The Wildlands Conservancy used private donations to purchase 3,000 acres of the Lone Pine fronting 3.5 miles of the Eel River. This acquisition secured a two-year option to purchase the remaining 27,000 acres for \$25 million.

"This is a rare opportunity to preserve some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the country," says David Myers, The Wildlands Conservancy's executive director. "We hope donors will consider the Grand Canyon of the Eel River as a legacy project to protect a national park quality landscape, writing a new chapter of American conservation history."

The Lone Pine acquisition is part of The Wildlands Conservancy's Eel River Emerald Necklace conservation project, which links a system of preserves spanning the Grand Canyon of the Eel to the estuary. The Lone Pine is a day's paddling journey downstream from The Wildlands Conservancy's Spyrock Preserve, which has five miles of frontage on the Eel. It's 80 miles upstream from The Wildland Conservancy's Eel River Estuary Preserve on the Pacific Ocean.

"This historic conservation purchase will ensure permanent protection for one of the most wild and scenic river stretches in the western United States," said Peter Galvin, co-founder and director of programs for the Center for Biological Diversity. "The Grand Canyon of the Eel River is home to dozens of

endangered species and rare wildlife. The Wildlands Conservancy's heroic and visionary efforts to restore the Eel River and California's wildlands will be appreciated by generations to come."

A new law championed by Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) will create the Great Redwoods Trail, following the route of the abandoned Northwestern Pacific Railroad and linking these preserves for world-class paddling and bicycling.

"This is a huge win for everyone," says McGuire. "TWC's purchase will help create entry to the 300-mile Great Redwood Trail as it expands into the Eel River Canyon and allows access to the river. This part of the Eel is one of the most spectacular areas in California and this project takes us one step closer to preserving it for all time."

The Wildlands Conservancy owns and operates California's largest nonprofit nature preserve system, including the 93,000-acre Wind Wolves Preserve in Kern County, the largest nonprofit preserve in the west. Open to the public free of charge, these preserves offer free hiking, camping, and access to nature. The Wildlands Conservancy recently led the campaign to have land it donated to the U.S. Interior Department designated as the 1.6 million-acre Mojave Trails National Monument, the largest national monument in the lower 48 states.

Now growing faster than the California State Park System, The Wildlands Conservancy acquired four nature preserves over the past year. These include Santa Margarita River Trails Preserve along five miles of oak-shaded trails next to the Santa Margarita River in San Diego County; a mile of majestic coastline and redwood forest at Seawood Cape Preserve in Humboldt County; and a mile of the West Walker River at Aspen Glen Reserve in Mono County.

More information is available at: [www.wildlandsconservancy.org](http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org).



Above, left: About 20 people brave the rain in order to watch the tree-lighting ceremony outside the Mendocino County Museum.

Above: Engineer / Conductor Kyle Stockman prepares to depart the station.

At left, above: A young girl waits patiently while the train takes on water.

At left: Logan, Scarlett and Cedar enjoy a windy and wet ride.

At bottom: Shane Grupp, Owen Pierce and George Park enjoy the view from the front of the caboose.

Photos by Mathew Caine

## The rest of Council | From Page 4

experience with Ferenc Tobak and Lilla Serlegi.

Teachers consistently give rave reviews about the artists who visit their classrooms. Feedback from last year's Get Arts in the Schools Program included: "Song and dance combined with our curriculum benefit the whole child!" "The music and instruments were wonderful! Thank you!" "We love this poetry program, and so do the kids." "This made me more aware of students' talents and emotions. Please continue, as it gives students a new voice and medium to express themselves." "I was inspired to always set a high standard for the students." "We created poem videos. Also, we published a poetry book. I learned a great art lesson to teach fractions. The poetry lessons gave me great ideas too." "Great project! Thank you!" "We love guest artists!" "Keep paying artists well. Please keep being involved in our communities."

The students themselves felt the same way: "I learned that I can draw better than I thought." "I was proud of my poem because it said what was in my head." "Art is very cool." "I learned that everyone knows how to draw, if you can believe in yourself to not let yourself down." "I learned that yellow mixed with red is orange. I liked doing art." "I like art because it's fun, and you can never usually get it wrong." "I love art! I want to be an artist when I grow up."

General donations are welcome to support the Get Arts in the Schools Program. Donations (marked "GASP") may be sent to 309 East Perkins Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. More information and news about this program may be found on the Arts Council's website at [www.ArtsMendocino.org](http://www.ArtsMendocino.org) (Programs tab), or by contacting the Arts Council Executive Director Alyssum Wier [atdirector@artsmendocino.org](mailto:atdirector@artsmendocino.org) or 707-463-2727.

## The rest of Kure | From Page 3

"When we opened the first store," said Green, "we went by 'Kure Wellness Center' because back then it was all about medical marijuana. Then I went by 'Kure Wellness.' Now I just use 'Kure.' We still have the medical aspect to our business, but it is not our emphasis and we don't really do any wellness services."

Green and Landry's inventory has products for many purposes, and they love to show off their wares, even to the uninitiated. "These are all our cannabis-infused chocolates," said Green. "They're 100 milligrams per package, 10 milligrams per piece, mainly for people who might have lung issues and can't smoke. They would much rather take an edible and just have their body feel the effect. Every consumer has a different tolerance as to the amount they need to take for the desired effect."

In addition to cannabis-infused chocolates, Kure also carries cookies and vegan hand-crafted gummies. "We have varieties," added Green, "that are sativa and some varieties for people who may not want to get psychoactively stoned and may just want some inflammation or pain relief [from CBD]. We have indica varieties for people who may want to sleep."

Green explained the difference between indica and sativa. "I like to associate sativa," he explained, "with more of a daytime, sunny, active, energetic, uplifting feeling that will allow you to accomplish things during the day. Indica is more body-heavy, laid back, sleeper, might actually make you sleep. CBD varieties have no psychoactive properties, they are strictly medicinal."

Additionally, vaping cartridges, concentrates, topicals, hybrids, and a myriad of other fully quality-tested products are available at Kure in Willits. For information, visit <https://kuremendocino.com> or contact [kurewellnessgroup@gmail.com](mailto:kurewellnessgroup@gmail.com) or 459-4200.



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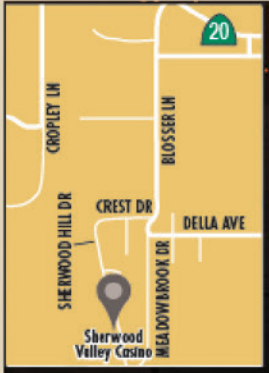
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## Adventist Health Howard Memorial makes the holidays fun

Adventist Health Howard Memorial employees sported their ugliest sweaters during their Annual Holiday Brunch on December 5. The celebration took place in Roots, which had been decorated to fit the holiday spirit – tinsel and all. Brunch-goers enjoyed a feast of sweet crepes, croissant sandwiches, doughnuts, and traditional breakfast staples like eggs and fresh fruit.

Staff hung their homemade Christmas ornaments on the tree, to await judging from a group of expert crafters with an eye for the whimsical craft. The competition didn't end there. Things got ugly when the ugliest of the ugly sweaters entered the ugly sweater competition.

The Annual Holiday Brunch is just one of the many ways Adventist Health Howard Memorial comes together as a family and makes work fun.

– Submitted by Adventist Health



Below, from left: Maria and Kathy worked the line at Roots restaurant, offering eggs, potatoes and sausage as options to enjoy during breakfast. Sylvia Clark made sure to point out how delicious the pumpkin muffins were, encouraging all to enjoy a taste. Brady Heiken shows off two berry crepes, topped with whipped cream, made special for the holiday brunch.



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On Ground meetings 2/8, 3/7, 4/4, and 5/2 from 12:30-3:20PM in room 8020

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Late Start 2/8/20 – 5/22/19

On Ground meetings 2/22,3/21, 4/18, and 5/16 from 9AM-11:50AM in room 8010

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- Former OSS
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- LOTR actor McKellen
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- Petty quarreling
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- Pro wrestler Randy
- Indicates spelling mistake
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- Politician
- Servant
- Said to facilitate concentration
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- A type of pie
- State of southwestern India
- Principal member of Norse religion
- Counterspy
- Wellness practice
- \_\_\_de-sac: dead end street
- Used to cook
- Type of hospital
- Direct message

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

December 2 to December 8

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **122 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

December 2

7:45 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Gregory Lane and issued a warning.

11:21 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

1:08 pm: NEAGLE, Richard Jay (39) was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

5:16 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

December 3

8:52 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of South Main Street.

9:18 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:29 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:12 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

3:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East San Francisco Avenue.

3:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of South Main Street.

December 4

2:55 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 600 block of Hawthorne Lane.

9:23 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

2:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

5:50 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 500 block of Della Avenue.



Debra Cooper Munsonchezik of Willits.

December 5

1:42 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

8:09 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 700 block of South Main Street.

10:06 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1000 block of East Hill Road.

11:01 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.

4:18 pm: MUNSONCHEZIK, Debra Cooper (66) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. She was arrested on felony charges of burglary.

6:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

10:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street.

December 6

9:23 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 21000 block of Meadowbrook Drive.

1:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 21000 block of Meadowbrook Drive.

December 7

2:12 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

10:06 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue.



Lars David Schwindt of Ukiah.

December 8

11:20 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

1:50 pm: SCHWINDT, Lars David (54) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street following a report

of an assault. He was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Assault and Battery), and on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm and elder or dependent adult abuse resulting in great bodily harm or death.

Adventist Health donates \$10,000 to kick off Winter Fund Drive for Willits, Ukiah food banks

Submitted by Cici Winiger, for Adventist Health

the spirit of the holiday season and giving back, Adventist Health Ukiah Valley and Adventist Health Howard Memorial are donating \$10,000 to the Ukiah Food Bank and Willits Food Bank/Community Services to kick off this year's Winter Fund Drive, an annual campaign that is one of the biggest fundraisers for both local food banks.

"As a healthcare organization, we believe supporting efforts to address food insecurity is a natural fit for us. Access to nutritious and healthy food play an important role in the healing process and preventing chronic health issues," shares Jason Wells, president for Adventist Health Howard Memorial and Adventist Health Ukiah Valley.

"More importantly, chronic stress can affect mental and physical health. And not knowing where your next meal is coming from can be stressful. That's why we want to support the Ukiah Food Bank and Willits Food Bank who work tirelessly to provide resources to those who need it most. It's important to us to give back to make sure families are provided so it's one less thing they have to worry about," he explains.

"We're so grateful to Adventist Health for kicking us off to a good start for fundraising. They've supported us year after year and their commitment to our communities is very inspiring," shares Jacque Williams, director for the Ukiah Food Bank.

"While the economy has improved in the last couple of years, the needs of some of our neighbors still remain. Higher employment, and salaries are positive indicators, but they do not impact our seniors, the disabled and working families struggling with the high cost of living," Williams explains.

"They're not starving, it's not that kind of thing. But it is an uncertainty of where their next meal might come from. It's about the seniors or those unable to work that are on fixed incomes. So they don't have to decide if they can eat or buy their medicine. They're able to afford their medicine and food because we're able to help," adds Ruthanne Volz, director for the Willits Food Bank.

By the end of 2019, the Ukiah Food Bank will distribute over 552,000 pounds of food, which represents 460,216 meals. They distribute an average of 39 pounds of food a

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Above, from left: Yummy appetizers for the Small Works show, which include gluten-free and vegetarian options along with a variety of beverages, are supplied by the artists and WCA volunteers. Amanda Franco, left, and Jessie Rees admire Bobbie Yokum's large framed felted art pieces. "They're gorgeous!" both exclaimed. These colorful, hand-blown glass balls by Kale Haschak are made for hanging on a Christmas tree or as a decoration for all seasons. Below: People enjoy looking at the art made by local creatives and talking with one another at the opening of Small Works Saturday night.



Photos by Ree Slocum



Small Works

Art center shows off a varied collection of original works by members just in time for holiday gifts

In spite of Saturday night's chilly rain, people came out and attended the opening for the popular annual Members Small Works Show at the Willits Center for the Arts. They were the first to view the two

galleries full of inspired art by new and favorite WCA artist members.

Folks attending were delighted to see the original works that aren't available anywhere else at this time of year.

The local artists in this showing are from Laytonville, Redwood Valley, Ukiah and Willits

Bobbie Yokum, who's known for making beautiful art quilts, took the idea of using small pieces of fabric and applied that to her newest passion. She's making collages from "Postage stamps!" she exclaimed to curious people who were looking closely at them.

She has a few framed pieces on the second gallery's wall as well as matted ones in the bin under her work. Yokum enjoys making the little scenes that include people, animals, landscapes or simple colorful abstracts.

Mimi Booth loves working in ceramics and photography. Her patterned sushi plates, which included chopsticks, sold immediately. She also has four beautiful photographic images printed on metal. David Weitzman's passion for trees always stuns the crowd with his framed, multi-layered creations. His pines in snow scene is a delightful twist on the theme.

Karen Mangan is inspired by landscapes and likes to paint from her experiences. She uses her own photographs as references for her paintings. "That's Mammoth Lake. That's a place I can paint over and over again because the light changes with beautiful reflections," she said.

Daphne Gillen from Redwood Valley has shown her whimsical ceramic creations in galleries in the county, Bay Area, and

East Coast. She enjoys working within a challenge, even if it's her own. For this show Gillen used the opportunity to make a series of ceramic perfume bottles and small vases.

"My friend Diane [Clifton] had to fill her kiln for her next firing so she asked me to make things four inches tall," Gillen said. Her four-inch pieces are high-fired, some colorfully glazed and a few with one of Clifton's earthy glazes.

Taking books and making three-dimensional sculptures is artist Laura Wiecek's specialty. She has a delightful way to cut or fold book pages, making something else entirely. She relayed a story about a little girl that came up to her at a show, "She said, 'My dad wants to talk to you about your work.' I said, 'Absolutely!' So I got up and she says, 'He wants to know why somebody would do this to a book.' And I said, 'Cuz it's fun. Cuz you can!'" Wiecek and others laughed.

In case you missed the opening, you still have plenty of time to browse the two galleries full of thoughtfully made, imaginative and affordable original art from over 30 artists. The pieces, some made exclusively for this show, will delight just the right people on your gift list, which could include you. Small Works runs through Sunday, December 29.

Proceeds help support the artists and WCA. It's another creative way to "support local." The advantage of purchasing something at the gallery during Small Works is that you can take them with you. "A few years ago, we decided to do that for this show. It's the holiday season and people can easily send things in the mail in time for holiday celebrations," WCA Curator Gary Martin said.

The Willits Center for the Arts, located at 71 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesdays through Sundays 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org.



Above: Catherine Decker's delicate, yet durable, beaded jewelry and floral art delight people by their beauty and affordability. At right, above: Keith Baker enjoys two of Mathew Caine's atmospheric mushroom photographs at the Small Works opening. At right: In the foreground are Mimi Booth's ceramic sushi plates with chopsticks and ceramic holders; behind Booth's work are mugs and heart shaped bowls by ceramic instructor Nancy New.





From far left: Rich helps Kassidy into her skates before she hits the ice. Rob Winger shows off skates, one size too small it turns out, for his son Chase. Skaters were welcome to use the PVC walkers to help steady themselves while they got the hang of things on the ice.

Photos by Maureen Moore

## Adventist Health hosts free Community Skate Day

On Sunday, December 8, over 1,000 community members joined Adventist Health for a free day on the ice in downtown Ukiah. Not only was there ice skating, but a giant tent next to the rink overflowed with holiday cheer. Guests enjoyed festival balloon art, holiday-themed face painting, ornament making, and a hot cocoa bar that brought out the kid in everyone.

"Being the presenting sponsor for Ukiah on Ice gives us the opportunity to host a free community day on the ice. It's one of our favorite events, because it gives us the opportunity to give back to our community, and we of course enjoy seeing families make memories together," commented Erica Tyner, marketing manager for Adventist Health.

Ukiah on Ice will be open through January 5, offering county residents a fun and safe winter activity that the entire family can enjoy. For more schedule details and other information, visit <https://www.cityofukiah.com/ukiah-on-ice/>.

– Submitted by Adventist Health



At left: The Hot Cocoa Bar at the Free Community Skate Day was hopping with topping options galore to finish off cups of cocoa. At left, below: Willits resident, Aria Sommers-Gade, 4, gets her groove on, dancing to the music while she waits in line for balloon animals.

Below: Members of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors club smile with Santa Claus at the end of their fundraising day. Below, right: Skyler Faye Rainer checks out one of the presents, with some help from Santa.



At left: Arkellian sisters Stella, left, Charlotte and Eva, right, smile with Santa Claus at J.D. Redhouse. Above, left: Racer Vigil reads his Christmas list with Santa Claus. Above, right: The shirt instructing all to "Santa Floss like a Boss" met such approval with Santa, it needed its own photo moment.

## Smile with Santa!

Photography fundraiser earns \$800 for local groups

For the eighth year, Santa Claus came to town to help participate in a series of fundraisers in the community. Photographer Maureen Moore donates half of the proceeds from each day's shoot, and this year was no different. Friday, December 6 benefited the Willits 4-H Swine group who received a check for \$180; Saturday, December 7 benefited the Willits Frontier Days Juniors program who received a check for \$300; and Sunday, December 8 benefited the Soroptimist International of Willits organization who received a check for \$320.

Hundreds of families, siblings, friends, dogs – and even a guinea pig – came to give Santa a hug, share their Christmas lists and smile for the camera. Moore gave a heartfelt thank you to all the helpers from the organizations who kept things rolling each day; to Santa for being so wonderful; to Ashton Bloomquist and the crew of J.D. Redhouse for hosting the event every year; and to all who showed up, and waited!, to see Santa Claus.

See you all next year!

At far left: Neveah Leon cozies up to Santa Claus. At left: Even Squeakers the Guinea Pig got to pose with Santa Claus.

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Above, left: Balloon artist Ken Burton made many fun creations for attendees at the Free Community Skate Day at Ukiah on Ice last Sunday. At left: Tiffany Dunlap, right, of Tiffany's Family Circus painted faces young and old during the Free Community Skate Day, including many Grinches, and a few reindeer, too.

Below, right: Peppermints were popular additions to the cups of hot chocolate at the Hot Cocoa Bar at the ice rink.

At right: Issac Silva gets a little ribbing from Santa regarding the items on his Christmas list.

At far right: Soroptimist International of Willits members, Vicki Ham, left, Loraine Patton, and Susan Soss, right, smile with Santa at the end of their fundraiser day.



At top: The ice was full of skaters of every age and skill during the Free Community Skate Day at Ukiah On Ice, providing free skating, drinks, fun and more by Adventist Health Howard Memorial and Adventist Health Ukiah Valley last Sunday in Ukiah.

Above: A cup of hot chocolate and a festive facepainting was everything needed for a fun and holiday-filled Sunday at the Free Community Skate Day.

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# Ed Schmidbauer

Longtime Willits resident Edward Joseph Schmidbauer passed away peacefully surrounded by family in his home on November 17, 2019. Ed was born in Willits, June 18, 1933 to George and Josephine Schmidbauer. He married Erylne Fullerton in 1967 and they raised four children together on the Schmidbauer Ranch just south of Willits.



Ed graduated Willits High School in 1951 and was drafted into the Army in 1954. After completing his military service in 1958, Ed's adventurous spirit led him to Australia where he stayed for over a year. During his time abroad, he also made stops in New Zealand, Fiji, Italy, France, and Germany.

After returning from his travels Ed attended hospitality management school in San Francisco before returning to Willits to help his parents with the Schmidbauer Ranch. He worked at Remco Hydraulics, where he was employed for 37 years making many lifelong friends.

After marrying Erylne, Ed dedicated his time to his family and was active in the community in 4-H, Horsemen's Association, and youth sports. Ed had an incredible work ethic and enjoyed working on the ranch, fishing, hunting, river rafting, traveling, and telling stories.

Ed will be remembered as an incredible and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Ed is survived by his loving wife Erylne Schmidbauer of 52 years, daughter and son-in-law Andrea and Britt Beene; daughter Lisa Burgess; daughter Lynda Schmidbauer; son and daughter-in-law Hardy and Lilli Schmidbauer; and 13 grandchildren: Stetson and Lance Burgess, Ryan LaCount, Cassie, Clayton, Courtney, and Cooper Beene, Mariah Ochoa, Sam, Dean and Sadie Schmidbauer, and Wyatt and Kelsey Escobedo. He also leaves behind his brother and sister in law George and Peggy Schmidbauer, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Trent and Florence Fullerton.

A celebration of life is planned for December 22 at the Redwood Valley Community Church at 2 pm. The family requests donations to be made to Phoenix Hospice Care of Willits, 100 Sanhedrin Circle, Willits, CA 95490.



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# Furry Friends

## Happy Duke

Meet Duke! Duke came to the shelter via several rescuers and good Samaritans after he was found recently by one of the fire crews working on a local fire in the forest nearby. He was starving and needed medical help to begin the road back. He is slowly gaining weight and regaining his health so he will be looking for a family that can help him on this journey.

This sweet affectionate guy is a Shepherd mix and appears to be about 4 to 5 years old. Duke has been living in foster care with nothing but positive feedback! Duke is a big, goofy, handsome, ball of love! After everything he's been through, he's still a happy boy that loves trusts people and gets along with other animals. Duke would love nothing more than to have his own "forever" home. Are you it?

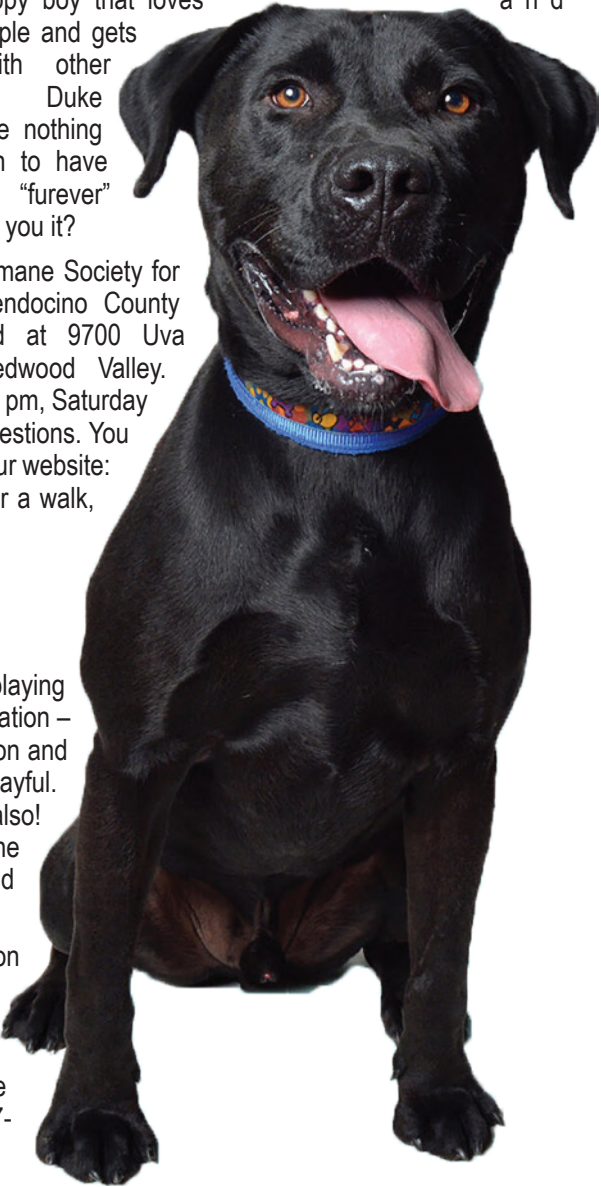
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Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

## Strong Taco

This hunk of handsome is a tennis ball aficionado, and he loves playing chase/fetch. Taco knows "Sit," and would like to continue his education – ask us about canine training classes in Ukiah! During his evaluation and meet & greet, Taco met a neutered male dog guest and was very playful. This dude is strong, and will need a guardian who is strong also! Taco loves attention from people and is his happiest self when he is spending time with someone getting petted. Taco is a 4-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 95 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 online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.



# Amazing Athletes

of Willits High School

## Wrestling | Ariel Reyes, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: "This is my second year."

Breakfast of Champions: Nice cup of chai tea

Love of the Sport: "Gives me a form of therapy ... relieves my stress, and I can come together with my team."

Other Sports Played: Golf

Ariel's goal for the tournament was to go undefeated. Being on the lighter side of her weight class, it was an ambitious goal. But she did it! She went undefeated, and I am absolutely proud of her.

– Submitted by Wrestling Coach Dana Karkar



## Varsity Basketball | Martin Coughlin, 16, Junior

How Long Playing the Sport: Since second grade

Breakfast of Champions: Waffles with peanut butter and honey every morning

Love of the Sport: "It's fast and quick—a constantly going game, never slows down. And I can be aggressive with it."

Other Sports Played: Baseball

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– Submitted by Basketball Coach Tim Conrad



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At left: Robert Pinoli, Mendocino College board president, left, Kiersten Simpson Cole, scholarship recipient, and Marilyn Harden, MC Foundation board president.

# Mendocino College Scholarship Application period is now open

Submitted by the Mendocino College Foundation

The Mendocino College Foundation is excited to announce that the open enrollment period for the Mendocino College Scholarship Application program has begun. The open application period is from December 2, 2019 through March 2, 2020.

The scholarship program is a web-based scholarship application process. Students simply go online and apply

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The system is streamlined and gives students the ability to apply from their smart phones, tablets and laptops. The process is simple for students and those writing letters of recommendation. For more information about scholarships at Mendocino College, please contact Eliza Fields at 707-467-1018.

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month, 19 pounds of which is fresh produce.

"We have seen an increase of 23 percent in clients this year. The need is bigger than ever. So any support can go a long way," Williams adds.

"We have been serving those in need in our community for years. And it is through the support of local organizations and community members that we have been able to continue this work. We're truly blessed to live in such a giving community," shares Volz.

Donation bins for canned food

To take their giving program further, both hospitals are inviting the community to support their efforts by donating to the Holiday Food Drive. Beginning December 1, the hospital will be collecting non-perishable food items to be delivered to the local food banks.

Donation bins will be in various areas of both hospitals. Items most needed include: canned vegetables and fruit, such as peaches, yams, beans, chili and soups. Canned meat is a good source of protein, such as tuna and chicken.

"Peanut butter is the most requested and most used. So we can never have too much peanut butter," adds Williams.

"The holidays are all about love and sharing, and our team is passionate about caring for our community. I'm proud of our 1,200 team members for their dedication and heart for service," concludes CEO Wells.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Holiday Food drive will be accepted until December 31. Drop off donations are located at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, 275 Hospital Drive in Ukiah, or Adventist Health Howard Memorial at 1 Marcela Drive in Willits.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial and Adventist Health Ukiah Valley are part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of 35,000 includes associates, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. Together, we are transforming the American healthcare experience with an innovative, yet timeless, whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing.

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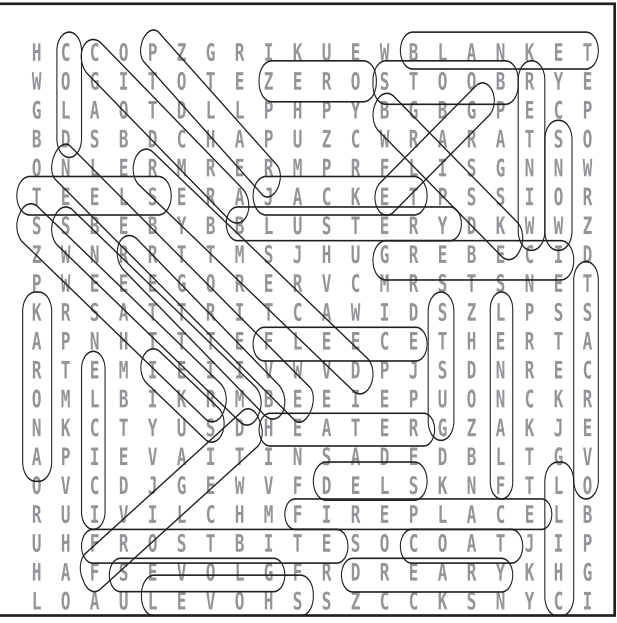
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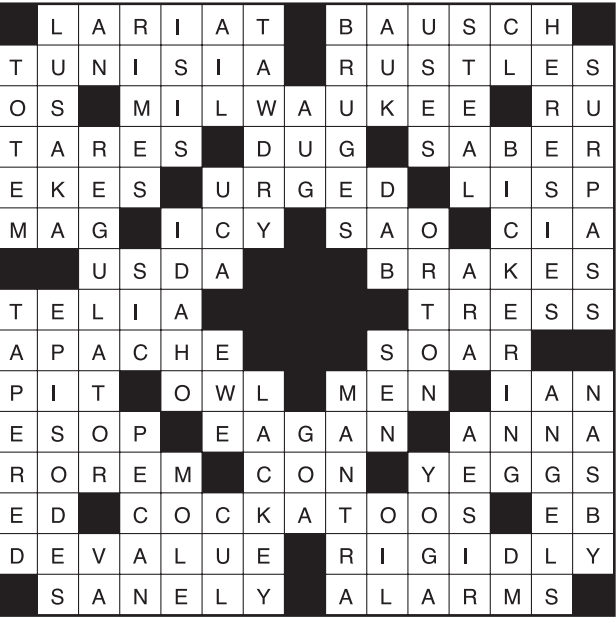
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