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The exit would not be for regular traffic, Pinches said, but for emergency vehicles only, such as fire engines and ambulances. The former Third District supervisor said it could be built very cheaply, noting Caltrans could use agency safety fund monies — which both he and board Chairman Dan Gjerde

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Auditor Michael Ash works for Christy White and Associates, a Southern California accounting firm specializing in public school audits.

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Deputies were given both a description of the suspects and the vehicle they were driving, Kendall said. They later located one package of stolen mail in the South State Street

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At top, left: Ice spikes formed on the tip of a lilac bush, jetting outward from the plant's stems. At top, right: Blackberry leaves covered in frost. Above: The morning sun, warmly glowing on the blackberry leaves, provided a stark contrast to the freezing weather and crystal-rimmed leaves. Below, left: A fruit tree leaf glistened with its frost. Below, right: This fencing almost grew its own barbed wire with the spiky frost covering every inch of the exposed metal.

As weather goes, things can change quickly, but bundling up at night, making sure your outside pipes are

Hopefully everyone will enjoy a warm and wonderful holiday and a great start to 2017. Willits Weekly is looking forward to our annual Christmas break. See you next year, with our January 12 edition!

– *Maureen Moore*



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The swearing-in at the Willits City Council meeting.

The proclamation noted Gonzalez has been “a member of the Willits Rotary Club, instructor at Mendocino College, [and] substitute teacher for Willits High School, returning to the roots

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"I wanted to share with you that it's been several weeks since the bypass has

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During a December 15 meeting, Chairwoman Molly Warner directed planning

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McCowen balks at approving pot fees

Supervisor John McCowen objected Tuesday to an array of fee adjustments to four county departments following a disagreement with Commissioner of Agriculture Chuck Morse on how to set fees for permits for cannabis cultivation.

Instead, McCowen proposed, and supervisors unanimously adopted, fee changes to three departments: Transportation, Planning and Building Services and the Sheriff's Office.

Revised changes to the fee schedule for the Department of Agriculture will be brought back to the board next year.

The difference of opinion between McCowen and Morse was over how to charge for cannabis cultivation permit applications. Morse had proposed a fee structure that assumed the average permit application would involve an estimated number of inspections, and his proposal incorporated the cost of those inspections into a single fee.

Those fees were substantial. For a Type C permit, Morse was proposing a fee of \$1,345. The county's Type 1 permit was to have been \$1,570; the Type 2 permit, \$1,675; and the Type 4 permit, \$1,725.

McCowen, however, argued there should be one fee for a basic permit that would also include the fee for an initial inspection. Subsequent inspections should have their own fees

"Everybody else shouldn't have to be paying for those other inspections," McCowen said.

First District Supervisor Carre Brown urged McCowen to give some ground, but McCowen refused. "We aren't under time pressure on this," McCowen said. "These fees don't really have to be in place until March."

Brown moved to accept the package of fee adjustments anyway, but McCowen voted against it. With the absence of Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, and with Supervisor Dan Hamburg having recused himself from issues related to marijuana, McCowen's "no" vote was enough to scuttle the motion, 2-1.

A majority of the board of supervisors is required to approve an item, and, since there are five supervisors, the number of that majority is three, even with Woodhouse absent and Hamburg having recused himself.

Moments after voting against the package of four, McCowen moved approval of all the fee changes, except for those proposed by the Agriculture

Department. His motion was approved 4-0, with Hamburg, who quickly returned to the meeting, voting in the affirmative.

Planning and Building offers major streamlining

Planning and Building Services also offered a plan to consolidate its extensive array of 360 different planning application types to a simple system involving six major planning types, with 42 subtypes to be appended to the six major types.

According to Planning Commission Services Supervisor Adrienne Thompson, who designed the new approach to fees, the proposed changes in the fee structure for Planning and Building Services would reduce a 12-page list of different application fees to a two-page list.

The fees themselves remain unchanged, but Thompson said Planning and Building would return next year to seek fee increases.

New fees

The Sheriff's Office proposed hikes to the following fees. (In what follows, the current fee is listed first, the proposed fee second.) Clearance letter without notary certification: \$1 / \$40; clearance letter with notary certification: \$3 / \$60; fingerprints, printed card, per card: \$5 / \$20; fingerprints, Livescan, per person: \$12 / \$30; License to Carry a Concealed Firearm: \$45 / \$100; fee to amend, modify or replace a License to Carry a Concealed Firearm: \$10 / \$20; Outdoor festival permit: \$30 / \$50.

The Department of Transportation proposed the following added fees: minor pavement patch repair (up to 50 square feet): \$0 / \$150; major pavement patch repair (more than 50 square feet): \$0 / \$400; additional permit inspection, more than three, per hour rate: \$0 / \$75; and minor miscellaneous permit: \$0 / \$225.

The DOT actually lowered its fees for road vacation petitions. The existing fee (for up to 10 properties) was \$3,753; the new proposed fee was \$3,500. For summary vacation permits, the fee drops from \$3,753 to \$2,800.

For the County Surveyor's Office (a division of Transportation), new fees would be: for research assistance, per hour: \$0 / \$50; for a GIS map, per hour plus printing fee: \$0 / \$50; for printing fees, per page: \$2.50 / \$3.50; for a DVD of official records: \$0 / \$27; and postage and handling fee for maps and DVDs (each item): \$0 / \$5.

Emerald Cup draws 30,000 Experts warn excessive regulations may encourage black market

By Jane Fletcher

State officials and cannabis activists at the 13th annual Emerald Cup in Santa Rosa called for solidarity among farmers, environmentally sound agricultural practices, and caution in creating onerous regulations.

An estimated crowd of 30,000 poured into the Sonoma County Fairgrounds December 10 and 11 to celebrate the fall cannabis harvest. Many sampled tinctures, salves, edibles and buds in the 215 prescription area; viewed the latest trimming, irrigation, soil and farming technologies; snapped photos of the world's largest joint; and packed 100 educational panels and workshops.

"Pay your taxes," said Fiona Ma, chairwoman of the California State Board of Equalization, at the Government Officials panel December 10. "We are more than happy to help you comply."

Ma urged the audience to follow local and state compliance regulations, get seller's permits, and "put money away" all year to pay income and sales taxes. "If we do come and audit, and you are collecting but haven't been remitting, it is very serious."

At the same panel, California District 2 Assemblyman Jim Wood, an author of the Medical Marijuana Safety and Regulation Act, advised the audience to beware of consultants who promise they can procure state licenses for medical or recreational cannabis businesses. He implored entrepreneurs to ask such consultants three questions: What qualifies you to be an advisor? How long have you been in California? And do you have three references I can talk to?

The chief of the state's new Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation, Lori Ajax, said her agency does not want to "over-regulate" and that business owners should not to assume the bureau has all the answers. "We need your help and feedback and comments," Ajax said.

Brian R. Leahy, director of the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, advised cannabis entrepreneurs to learn the rules and regulations that apply to operating a legal business in California.

"The California Environmental Protection Agency is now in your life," Leahy said.

Mendocino County Supervisor John McCowen attended the government panel and told state officials during the Q&A period that if state and local cannabis regulations are too onerous, "People will stay outside of the system."

Casey O'Neill of Happy Day Farm in Laytonville asked farmers at a community organizing panel to get active, make their voices heard at county government meetings, and be ready to compromise where they can.

"If you are not at the table, you

are on it," O'Neill said. Workshops also focused on plant genomes; pest and mold management; soil building; "rescheduling," or removing cannabis from the Bureau of Narcotics Schedule 1 substances list; branding and marketing; and terpenes – the enzymes that give plants their smells and flavors.

To ensure cannabis retains its terpene varieties and strength – which panelists said can give products a strong market edge – Samantha Miller of Pure Analytics and Josh Wurzer of SC Labs recommended growers cure plants in cool temperatures, keep curing humidity low, and dry plants gently.

At a Sunday breakfast for members of the California Growers Association, CGA Executive Director Hezekiah Allen called on his 900-member organization to pressure state legislators to remove what he termed the new state "harvest tax" contained in the new state medical and recreational regulations, effective January 1, 2018.

The taxes include a state excise tax on cultivation of \$9.25 per ounce of marijuana flowers and \$2.75 per ounce of marijuana leaves. All retail sales, medical and non-medical, will be subject to a 15 percent excise tax in addition to regular state sales tax.

"What happens if you have a test and can't sell [your product]?" Allen said of the harvest tax. "There's no state refund if you can't."

The CGA is recommending the Legislature replace the harvest tax with a distribution tax; replace the leaf tax with a product tax; impose a tiered-tax rate; and establish a tax exemption for cottage cultivators growing up to 25 mature plants for outdoor cultivation or 500 square feet or less of total canopy for indoor cultivation, at one location.

According to Allen, the Legislature can change the new tax provisions, but they must receive calls and comments immediately in order to make changes by March, after which changes are nearly impossible to make.

"They need to know the ag community can't bear this tax," Allen said.

Like many speakers at the Emerald Cup, Allen extolled the marketing and branding value of appellations, the labels that link agricultural products to the geographic locations where they are grown.

But Allen had one caveat.

"No more bickering over which county grows the best. No more indoor versus outdoor. The urban-rural divide must end. Country mice, get comfortable in the cities.

"This isn't just about bottom line and gross dollars," Allen said. "This is about people like you. This is about towering redwoods. This is about sustaining agriculture and the places that we care about."

Jane Fletcher is host of 'The Cannabis Hour' on KZYX.



Above: Rachel Belvin tallies votes for People's Choice. Below: The Judge's Choice award features a mini-cookie sheet, and the People's Choice award features a golden whisk. Each perpetual trophy bears the names of winners past. The new winners' names were added at the end of this year's event.



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Above, from left: Rachel Belvin stands with People's Choice winners Healing Central Chiropractic's River, Izzy, Alaska and Shawna. Bakers and winners pose together, including from left: Jody Johnston, Kathryn Sterngold, Cat Lobere, John Pilatti, Carrie Oliver, Shawna Handschug, Alaska, River and Izzy Perry. Judge's Choice winner John Pilatti poses with Rachel Belvin and his trophy.

Cookie Party

Willits Weekly's fourth annual holiday event provided sweets and merriment to all

Two cookies reigned supreme at the 4th annual Willits Weekly cookie party, held Friday, December 16 at Ardella's Downtown Diner.

Out of nine entries, esteemed judges – Tam Adams of Emandal, Jessica Logan Koehler of Headquarters, and Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman – selected John Pilatti's Sea Salt Caramel Shortbread as their winner. The tasting is completed blind, and the judges are sequestered away in the nearby salon to taste, sample, debate and decide which cookie will bear the title of Judge's Choice and earn their baker bragging rights – and a trophy – for the coming year.

"The recipe said 'if you make these for a contest, you will win!'" noted John Pilatti's wife, Robin. "I thought, how can we not make these?"

It's up to the people to pick their favorite, too: Each person who attended the party received a ballot, and once all the entries were tasted, they voted for their favorite and dropped the ballot into the bin, where it awaited tallying at the end of the night.

Willits Weekly's Rachel Belvin shouldered the task

– Maureen Moore

At left: Willits Weekly's Jennifer Poole, Rachel Belvin and Maureen Moore. Some of the bakers who attended the 2016 competition, including, from left: Jody Johnston and her dark chocolate truffles. Cat Lobere of Ruthie's Doll Museum & Tea Room and her three entries, including Rose Pistachio Baklava, Persimmon Whiskey Tea Bread and German Butter Cookie. Lisa Davis of Scoops Deli with her chocolate chip cookies. Kathryn Sterngold and her lemon shortbread.



Above: Maureen Moore, Tom Allman and Danya Davis at the party. Above: Willits Weekly's cookie party was held at 'Ardella's After Dark.' At bottom: Esteemed judges, from left: Tam Adams, Jessica Logan Koehler and Tom Allman.



Mendocino County Sheriff's Report

December 7

Kelli Weaver, 43, of Willits, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on December 7 on suspicion of felony domestic violence battery after officers were called to a home in the 26700 block of North Highway 101.

Weaver alleged punched her 67-year-old husband in the face and scratched him during an argument.

Weaver was booked into county jail. Bail was set at \$25,000.

December 9

Jimmy Hendry, 67, of Willits, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on December 9 after officers responded to a reported domestic violence incident at a home in the 26700 block of Sherwood Road.

Hendry's 72-year-old wife alleged she had been assaulted during the Thanksgiving weekend, and later threatened with bodily harm if she reported the incident to law enforcement.

Hendry was arrested on suspicion

of domestic violence battery and threatening or dissuading a victim.

December 14

Devin Nielson, 34, of Laytonville, was arrested December 14 by sheriff's deputies on suspicion of vandalizing a vehicle, following an argument with a woman at a home in the 2000 block of Goose Road.

Nielson was booked into Mendocino County Jail. Bail was set at \$15,000.

December 15

Chad Mabery, 29, of Willits, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on December 15 after officers were dispatched to a disturbance at a home in the 27900 block of Poppy Drive.

Although Mabery was on probation,

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How To Sudoku:

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

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- One a day keeps the doctor away
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- Noticing
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- 'The Crow' actress __ Ling
- Not good
- Measures gold
- TV network
- Wasting
- Money in Ghana
- Young girls' association
- Title of respect
- High schoolers take this test
- Crunches federal numbers
- Wild or sweet cherry
- Celestial bodies
- Fruit of the oak tree
- Royal Navy ship during WWII
- Of cherished symbols
- Satisfy
- 5th. day (abbr.)
- Swiss river

CLUES DOWN

- Seafood
- Incan god of mountains
- Ritz LA neighborhood __ Air
- Line that connect points of equal pressure
- Audience-only remarks
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Pointed top
- Lavender
- Linear unit
- Knifes
- 2016 World Series champs

CLUES ACROSS


- A way to arrange
- Talk
- Serving no purpose
- Container
- Breathes new life into
- Beloved dog Rin Tin __
- A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- Yemen capital
- Sacred book of Judaism
- Make a mistake
- Wrestlers wrestle here
- Respiratory issue
- In league
- Resinous insect secretion
- Unhappy
- Turbulent area of a river
- Neglectful
- Sours
- Calendar month (abbr.)
- Grooves
- Sony Pictures Television
- Monetary units
- Command right
- 1,000 cubic feet
- Expression of triumph
- Dinner jacket
- The first two

Help with adoption fees

at Humane Society shelter

Willits Realtor Bill Barksdale is offering to pay \$50 of the adoption fees for up to 10 pets adopted from the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County through the end of the year. "I hope this helps some of the little ones find forever homes for the holidays!" Barksdale said. When you go to the shelter to adopt, 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley (just off Highway 101), let them know you would like the \$50 adoption credit from Bill Barksdale at Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty. The HSIMC shelter is open from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday.

HSIMC also has a "Home for the Holidays Adoption Special" through January 15, with discounted adoption fees: \$50 for cats; \$125 for dogs; \$175 for puppies; and \$50 for senior dogs. All animals are altered, microchipped and vaccinated. For more information, visit www.mendohumanesociety.com or call 485-0123.



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Big Boy

Big Boy was very nervous when he was first brought to the shelter with his siblings. With time and patience, though, this 3-year-old Chihuahua mix has begun to come out of his shell and show off his fun-loving personality. Big Boy gets along with other small dogs and loves attention from people, though he would do best in a home with children over the age of 5. This little guy needs someone who can help him learn some basic behavioral training, including potty-training. For more information on Big Boy or other adoptable animals, call the Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County at 707-485-0123, visit www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, open from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday.

Goofy Lincoln

Lincoln is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 52 pounds. When Lincoln first arrived at the shelter, he was a bit shy, but he's not shy anymore! In fact, he is quite the entertaining goofball. He loves toys and tennis balls and playing fetch, and enjoyed himself immensely with the photographer and volunteer at his photo shoot. Lincoln is toy-motivated, which means this smart, sweet boy is a dog who might like toys more than treats during training. He's also very agile and athletic and would love to be your exercise buddy.

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the district's financial situation is sound. He noted 2015/16 general fund revenues exceeded expenses by about \$2 million, and district reserves – which are required by the state to be at least 3 percent of annual expenditures – are currently around 7 percent.

Ash did comment on a couple of "findings" from the 2015/16 audit, but said they were "more on the minor side compared to what we see in other districts."

"There's no funding impact to these findings, and nothing that would cause me too much concern," he added.

One finding involved some "cash receiving issues" from the Associated Student Body. WUSD Superintendent Mark Westerberg said these were mostly due to problems with keeping track of and reporting cash revenue in the athletics departments properly, and had been noted on previous audits.

Both Westerberg and Ash, who had spoken prior to the meeting about the problem, said they were confident it had been fixed with recent changes to athletics in the district.

"Part of the reason we put together an athletic budget was to resolve this issue," said Westerberg. "So now when we have athletic expenses, they're run through the district office, through purchase orders. So, we have internal controls for that [now]."

Board President Christopher Neary said having the auditor attend a meeting

to discuss the budget had not occurred in recent years, and called it "a good practice."

"I think it's important the board and the public be able to once a year have a chance to ask, 'Are these numbers real?'"

Concern over accurate budget analysis has been an issue between the board and the Willits Teachers Association for the last several months.

As in previous meetings, WTA President John Haschak spoke out strongly about the inaccuracy of the large deficits projected last spring when WTA negotiations were taking place, noting the discrepancy between those projections and the surplus the 2015/16 audit showed.

"It pisses me off, really, that our negotiations got tanked last spring because of numbers and a situation that was painted that wasn't correct," he said. "It was a disservice to our district all around. And I think the board really needs to be aware of that and responsible for that."

Trustees Georgeanne Croskey and Alex Bowlds agreed with Neary about striving for more accuracy in future budget projections.

"I realize the WTA is not always going to agree with how we're spending the money," said Croskey, "but I would like there to be confidence that our budget does reflect what we truly have."

Haschak also asked why projections for revenue in future years were going down significantly despite the passage

of Proposition 55 in November, which will provide school districts funding in California in the future.

The interim report claims revenues are expected to drop by around \$3 million from last year, to \$18.8 million this fiscal year, and then decrease to about \$18.1 million for the following two years.

WUSD Superintendent Mark Westerberg argued the current projections were correct, given they could not include unpredictable one-time revenues (of which they received a fair amount of last year) and potential benefits from an improving economy, but could only include known factors, such as spending increases for a rising California minimum wage, facility repairs and other items.

"What we know at this point is that we're going to be spending more over the next couple years, and we don't know about any one-time revenue," he said. "There's a whole bunch of issues. But we know we can do business like we're doing business right now for the next two years without having an issue. Now, if we get more money, it makes it easier."

By approving the first interim report, the WUSD board asserted its confidence the district would meet its financial needs through the 2018/19 school year based on current projections. Ash also gave a favorable assessment of this report.

"Your first interim looks very normal

to me," he said. "You're filing anticipated positive for your first interim, which is great. That's what you want to see. You're deficit spending-projected, but not at a huge amount. Your reserve levels are adequate. From what I've seen, your financial position looks pretty solid."


Ash did advise trustees to be cautious and continue to keep reserves up in the event of "fiscal downturns" in the economy. He said 7 percent was a fairly standard amount for districts in the state to have, though there was quite a bit of fluctuation.

He also warned the district should continue to anticipate costs being shifted from the California Public Employee Retirement System and the California State Teachers Retirement System to local school districts like theirs due to inadequate funding at the "plan" level.

"It's going to cost quite a bit more to employ people as these next years go on, and as those [employer] contribution rates go up.... So, that's just one big issue that's facing everyone statewide that everyone's talking about."

When asked to compare the WUSD's fiscal practices to others he had audited, Ash said, "I would say you're definitely in the top 25 percent of all the [school] districts that I look at."

Also at the meeting, Neary was elected board president for another year. The vote was 4-1, with Trustee Laurie Harris opposed.



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At top, left: Jubilee Shenise and Kendra Mottern. At top, right: Mason gets into the song. Below: All the classes gathered at the end for a group performance of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."



Above: Jonas Swarengin jingles along as he sings. Below: Cristian "The Grinch" Castro had the crowd laughing with his performance on stage during the show.



Second-Grade Songs of Winter

Brookside School holds annual performance

Friends and family filled the auditorium at Brookside School on Friday, December 16 to enjoy songs sung by the second-grade students.

Cyndy Sales accompanied the classes on piano, and Room 27 teacher Sandra Lucier gave the introduction and welcome to the crowd.

The show started with "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" sung by Mrs. Saperstein's Room 28. Then, "Up on the Housetop," "Silver Bells" and "Feliz Navidad," followed by Miss Julie's Room 5 and Mrs. Lucier's Room 27.

"Sleigh Ride," "You're a Mean One, Mister Grinch" and "Jingle Bell Rock" were next, and were sung by Mrs. Bowles' Room 6 and Mrs. Nunez Ward's Room 12.

The event ended in a finale performance by all the second-grade students, who sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" together as a group.

— Maureen Moore



Above: Brodey Lamprich received flowers from her parents after her performance. A group of singers gets ready to walk to the stage, including, from left: Isabella Leal, Maddison Yadon, Thomas Hinton, and Cristian Castro. Below, left: Carmine, at left, Zoey Fisher and Ava Arkelian sing on stage. Below, right: Cyndy Sales accompanies singers on piano.



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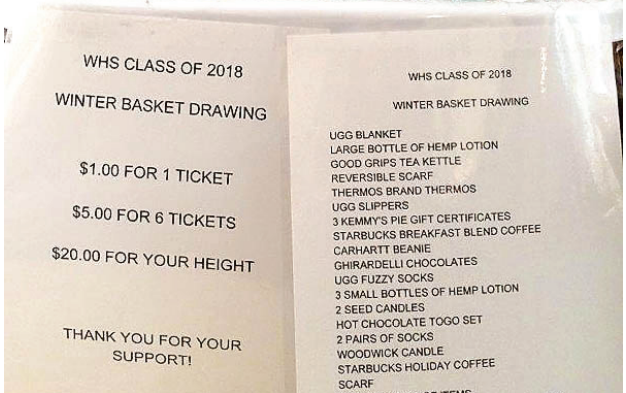
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"Thank you to all the businesses that donated," says the Class of 2018: "Moon Lady, ER Energy, Kemmy's Pies, Monkey Wrench, Willits Power, and Tango! Thank you for your support!"

Raffle tickets are \$1, \$5 for six tickets, and \$20 "for your height" in tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn sometime early next year. If interested in buying tickets, contact Morgan Riley at 707-272-1049.

CONGRATS | Happy 1st Birthday | December 20, 2016



Sam Munderloh

Happy first birthday! Mommy and daddy love you so very much!



CONGRATS | Happy 1st Birthday | December 19, 2016

Alaska Perry Handshug

First teeth, first curls, she's crawling around. Alaska is growing by leaps and bounds. She's cute and sweet and so much fun. Our little princess is turning 1! We love you so much!

— Mom, Dad, River and Crickett

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Thursday, December 22

Skunk Train's "Magical Christmas Train": Last two days: December 22 and December 23, a 90-minute train ride through a storybook wonderland, cookies, hot chocolate in a souvenir mug, and a personal visit with Santa Claus himself. "Come dressed in your Christmas morning pajamas, if you'd like, and join us in carols and reindeer games!" Info or reservations: 964-6371, or visit www.skunktrain.com/christmas.html for more info and tickets: \$44 for ages 13 and up; \$34 for ages 2 -12; free for children under 2; \$10 for dogs. As of press time, tickets still available for 10:30 am and 1, 3:30 and 6 pm trips for both days; but reservations are always recommended.

Willits Farmers Market: Holiday season market offers Christmas wreaths from Mujeres Unidas and many gift opportunities including hand-knit gloves, scarves and hats; handmade jam, John Ford beef roasts for your holiday dinner, farm fresh eggs and local sausage for Christmas breakfast, artisan and fair trade chocolates and sweet & savory baked goods, local honey, fine balsamic vinegars, spices, soaps, lotions and lip balms, winter veggies, the new edition of Willits Weekly (how about a gift subscription?), live music and more. December 22 is the last market before the winter break. 3 to 5:30 pm. Little Lake Grange Hall, 291 School Street.

A Benefit for Standing Rock: "Together We Stand" fundraiser to help the protesters for Native American rights in North Dakota. Music by Richard Jeske and Friends, Verne Morninglight and Chris Cichacki. Poetry will be shared by W. J. Ray, Linda Noel, Dan Roberts and Mary Norbert Korte. Thursday, December 22 at Brickhouse Coffee. Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$10 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Info: Chris Cichacki, 459-1099.

Friday, December 23

Holiday Bake Sale: The annual Harrah Senior Center bake sale will begin on Friday, December 23, 8 am until all the baked goods are gone. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826

Skunk Train's "Magical Christmas Train": Last Christmas train of the year! See December 22 listing for more information.

Shanachie Pub: "Three Dudes Rockin' It Out!" Three local musicians will be rockin' it out in a fundraiser for the family of Shelley Falkenberg-Young, who recently passed leaving two children and many loved



Senior Center Lunch

Week of December 26 through December 30

Monday: Center Closed

Tuesday: Lima Beans with Cornbread

Wednesday: Roast Beef

Thursday: Chile Cheese Dog

Friday: Roast Turkey

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Note: Harrah Senior Center will be closed for the holidays on Monday, December 26 and again on Monday, January 2.

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What's Happening Around Town

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Saturday, December 24

Free Christmas Eve Lunch in the Park: A free sack lunch on Saturday, December 24 at 1 pm, City Park on Commercial Street.

First Day of Hanukkah: "Shalom!" The holiday called the Jewish "Festival of Lights" will begin at sunset on Saturday, December 24, 4:56 pm.

Christmas Eve at Episcopal Church: Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church holds a Family Service Christmas Eve. All are welcome! The doors will be open at 4:30 pm for informal carol singing in the church, and the service will begin at 5 pm and end around 6:15. Included will be a pageant performed by all the children present who wish to take part. There are no spoken lines to remember. Children who would like to take part in the pageant should come between 4:30 and 5 pm to get instructions. Saturday, December 24, 5 pm, the corner of Commercial Street and Main Street.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at St. John Lutheran Church: "Come and join us in celebrating the birth of Christ!" This traditional service with local musicians will take place on Saturday, December 24, 7 pm. 24 Mill Creek Drive, 459-2988. For info: contact Tami Rempel, 459-8654.

Sunday, December 25
Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 29

Public Radio Cannabis Hour: A look back over some of the big cannabis news events in Mendocino County and California in 2016, with talk about what's to come in 2017. Host Jane Futcher's guest will be California Growers Association Executive Director Hezekiah Allen, a third-generation cannabis farmer and environmentalist who's now a lobbyist in Sacramento with his eyes on events in Mendocino County, the state and beyond. On the Cannabis Hour,

Thursday, December 29, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5 FM in Willits.

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve Bingo Harrah Senior Center: A "Happy New Year Bingo and Dinner Party" is the New Year's Eve celebration at Harrah Senior Center. There's a \$20 buy-in for Bingo cards and a buffet style meal featuring turkey, ham, roast beef and all the trimmings. The evening ends with the Times Square Ball Drop at 9 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm, and dinner starts at 5 pm. Saturday, December 31 at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

For more information contact Lucy Stanley: 459-6826.

New Year's Eve at the Grange: Dance in the New Year with SambaDa and Pura Vida! A benefit for the Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture and our local KLLG, low-power, FM radio. "Based in the rich musical traditions of Brazil, SambaDa also references salsa and cumbia, and blends them playfully with funk and reggae beats – a unique musical sound with a universal appeal. Pura Vida Orquesta, a mainstay in the Portland, Oregon Latin music scene, is an 8 to 10 piece Latin band that plays Salsa, Timba, Cumbia, Cha Cha Cha, Latin Jazz, Merengue, Bachata, and Latin Funk. Saturday, December 31. Doors open at 6. Music starts at 7. Dinner and drinks available for purchase. Tickets available locally at J.D. Redhouse and online at www.eventbrite.com. Though absolutely not required: partygoer Brazilians and celebratory Brazilian wannabees dress in white New Year's Eve.

New Year's Eve at Brooktrails Lodge: "Ode to a Gangster," a Gibson House Mystery Theatre Dinner and Dance, at the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch Street. "Enjoy the Big Band Jazz music of Sharon Garner, the Dorian May Trio, Francis Yanek & Eric Zissa on horns. Saturday, December 31, 6:30 to 12:30. "Dress in your best '20s attire!" 21+ (full bar). Tickets, \$90, available in advance at the Lodge, include dinner, with a choice of entrees: Prime Rib, Shrimp & Crab Stuffed Ravioli, Lemon Chicken, or vegetarian option, plus champagne toast, desserts/coffee and prizes. Overnight accommodations available. Info: 459-1596.

New Year's Eve at Shanachie Pub: It's happening again, the annual New Year's

Eve party at Shanachie Pub, Saturday, December 31. Two bands will be playing: Schindig, and Pick & Pull. "Schindig is a band of homegrown Mendocino country boys playing a unique, eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, blues, with a jolt of world music. Pick and Pull has become local favorites at the pub with their "Old Time High Octane Acoustic Hillbilly Dance Music!" Pick & Pull's members include: Fred on the upright bass fiddle; Keith on guitar, mandolin, banjo and vocals; Scotty on harmonica, washboard, guitar and vocals. This is New Year's Eve festivities include a complimentary champagne toast at midnight, and party favors.

Sunday, January 1, 2017
Happy New Year's Day!

Free Yoga on New Year's Day: Our Yoga Center is offering a schedule of free yoga and movement classes from 9 am to 5 pm on New Year's Day, January 1, 2017. Our Yoga Center, 1726 South Main Street. Info and class schedule: www.ouryogacenter.com or 841-6100. See article on page 10 for more details.

Tuesday, January 3

Avenues to Wellness Event: Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, MA, will deliver a lecture on the subject "Dreams: Uncovering Their Meaning in Your Life." He describes dreams as a form of inner communication, as a language that one may use to guide oneself in life's choices. Tuesday, January 3, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 456-9676. See article on page 14 for more details.

Friday, January 6

Willits High School Girls Basketball Home Game: Willits versus Fort Bragg. Girls Junior Varsity game begins at 6 pm (coach Daniel Mendoza); Girls Varsity game begins at 7:30 pm (coach Paul Riley). Willits High School Gymnasium.

Tuesday, January 10

Willits High School Girls Basketball Home Game: Willits versus Kelseyville. Girls Junior Varsity game begins at 5:30 pm (coach Daniel Mendoza); Girls Varsity game begins at 7 pm (coach Paul Riley). Willits High School Gymnasium.



Thursday, January 12

Willits High School Booster Club Meeting: The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, January 12, at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at Willits High School.



Crowd Funding for Toxic Algae Study

Eel River Recovery Project is seeking funds to monitor poisonous cyanobacteria infestation in the Eel River. The Recovery Project has set up a crowd funding campaign at: www.experiment.com (enter "Eel River" in the search box), or go to: www.eelriverrecovery.org for a link. ERRP is hoping to raise \$5,000 by January 13, 2017. Info: 707-223-7200.

'1,000 Books Before Kindergarten'

A preschool initiative at the Willits Branch Library, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" is a multiyear project to encourage parents to read books aloud to their younger children before they enter school. Experts say reaching this goal will help children entering kindergarten learn to read independently. Register for the program at the Willits Branch Library to receive your "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Log." Then, you and your child read aloud together at least 15 minutes every day and check off each book as it's completed. Library "Story Time" counts, too. Your child will receive a prize from the library at the completion of each set of 100 books. There is no end date to the program, except the child's going to school. For information or questions contact the library: 707-459-5908, or macbeanb@co.mendocino.ca.us

Willits Youth Futsal League Begins

An official Willits Youth Futsal League begins January 7. Registration starts January 2 at Ace Copy or Imagination Station. Organized by Willits Youth Soccer Coaches Martin and Saprina Rodriguez. Futsal is a form of indoor soccer, played between two teams of five players each, one of whom is the goalkeeper. The game is played on an indoors court. The cost is \$40 for 10 sessions (January 7-March 11). Insurance and equipment is provided. Non-marking gym shoes must be worn. No uniform to purchase. No awards. Ten weeks of indoor soccer fitness. First game on Saturday, January 7: Coed teams ages 4-5 play 9 to 10 am. Coed teams ages 6-7 play 10-11 am. Coed teams ages 8-9 play 11 am to noon. All-girl teams ages 10-13 play noon to 1:30 pm. All-boy teams ages 10-14 play 1:30 to 3 pm.

Dirty Cello at Shanachie Pub

The internationally traveled ensemble Dirty Cello, led by cross-over cellist Rebecca Roudman, brings its "high energy and unique spin on blues and bluegrass." "Dirty Cello is cello like you've never heard before. From down home blues with a wailing cello to virtuosic stompin' bluegrass, Dirty Cello is a band that gets your heart thumping and your toes tapping!" Dirty Cello band plays 9 pm, Friday, January 13, 2017, \$5 cover at Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Rogue One: A Star Wars Story'

"I just love to see children's big smiles when they have something to love."

— Donnie Yen who plays Chirrut Imwe in "Rogue One"

The Story: Tough girl Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones) wants to save her father Galen Erso (Mads Mikkelsen) from the Empire. Galen Erso is the designer, under duress, of the planet-



Daniel Essman
Columnist

Empire. Dogfights in space. Blaster battles. Relentless walking armored attack vehicles called AT-AT Walkers. More blaster battles. Darth Vader!

My Thoughts: If I were 12 years old, I'd watch this flick again and again, and maybe bring a sleeping bag and camp out at the Noyo so I could be there early for the best seats in the first show of the day. And when I wanted popcorn or a coke, I'd leave the sleeping bag across the armrests to save my seat. This movie is part of the Star Wars epic, and it's wicked good. Funny, sad, visually brilliant.

Parents: Reread the quote at the top of this review. "Rogue One" director Gareth Edwards watched the original "Star Wars: A New Hope" when he was 6. He was captivated. He brought his "Star Wars" love to this movie about hope, courage and purpose. Who could quarrel with that? Many good people are killed; some children might find it difficult to deal with the death of heroes. I'd let children watch it, probably 8 and up.

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

OBITUARY |

Jude Nagle

After an 18-month struggle with the final stages of Lyme disease, Jude Nagle, a beloved Laytonville cannabis activist, died November 30. She was 64.

Born in Amityville, New York in 1952, Jude moved across the country with her parents and three siblings when she was 3 years old. During their trip west, Jude's parents flipped a coin to decide whether to continue northwest, on to San Francisco, or southwest to Los Angeles. San Francisco won the coin toss. Later, in California, four more siblings were born.

Much of Nagle's childhood was spent in Camp Meeker, in Sonoma County, where she became a Buddhist, married a fellow Buddhist at 18, and became a mother at 19.

Nagle came out and left her husband at age 21, beginning her renegade life as a free-spirited, generous, openhearted, nature-loving, untamable wild woman. Her occupations ranged from caregiver, to founding member of the Red Clover Workers Brigade, a worker-owned food coop for which she drove large semi-trucks up and down California, hairdresser, herbalist, and cannabis farmer.

In 1995, Jude and her good friend Lucinda Dekker changed the status of their friendship to "life partners." In 2008, they were married, having moved from Sonoma County to land near Laytonville, where they developed an off-grid farm and refuge called Hope Springs.

Nagle helped start the Mendocino Cannabis Policy Council, the Mendocino Medicinals collective and the Sativa Divas. She was active in the Laytonville Grange and the Cannabis Renaissance. She was a member of the Emerald Grown Cooperative. Collaborating with seed breeders in the community, she developed high-CBD strains, making them available to anyone who needed them.

Nagle is survived by: her wife, Lucinda; sons Victor Fanucchi and Birkin Fennell; grandchildren Dekker and Dylan, another grandson on the way, and her nephew Leo Nagle.

The community is invited to celebrate Jude's life at Harwood Hall in Laytonville on January 14 at 2 pm. Bring stories, music, pictures, food and love.

DEATH NOTICE | Maureen Stainbrook

Maureen Stainbrook of Willits passed away on December 18, 2016 at the age of 78. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

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



Our Yoga Center

All classes are free on New Year's Day

Our Yoga Center will host their annual "New Year's Day Yoga Celebration," on Sunday, January 1, with free yoga and movement classes all day.

The yoga center, located at 1726 South Main Street in the Evergreen Shopping Center, will offer 45-minute yoga and movement classes, back to back, on the hour, from 9 am to 5 pm. All ages and levels – experienced to novice – are welcome.

"Our Yoga Center invites the community to begin 2017 together with an active and peaceful engagement of our bodies and our minds," said co-owner Jeff Brunner. "What started as a way for a new business to share what classes the studio offered with the community has become a tradition and a celebration of thanks to the community," Brunner smiled. "It has been an incredible five-year journey."

Many styles of yoga and movement are available: Gentle, Iyengar, Hatha, Hot & Warm Vinyasa, Bishnu Gosh, Restorative, Family and Teen, as well as Pranayama, Meditation, Movement, Belly Dancing, and Contemporary Dance. Teachers include Jeff Brunner, Eryn Schon-Brunner, Erin Dominy, JT Maiera, Lauren Kitover, Romina Crespo, Emmy Good, and Sandy Metzler.

Please arrive five to 10 minutes before the class you are interested in taking, and stay to participate in as many classes as you wish. Bring your own water bottle, mat, and towel – or rent one from us – and wear comfortable stretchy clothes that are easy to move in. For more information and a full schedule of classes, visit www.ouryogacenter.com, or call 707-841-6100.

– submitted by Our Yoga Center, Willits

At top: Students at one of Our Yoga Center classes.

At right: The poster of classes available on New Year's Day.

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11am	Teen/After School Yoga-Erin Dominy
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A gift from an angel

Wife gives her husband a
kidney through Living Donor Program

It's a very special Christmas this year at the Duran household, as the gift of a kidney was given by Arcelia to her husband of 25 years, Martin, earlier this month.

The surgery was scheduled for December 2 at San Francisco's California Pacific Medical Center; Arcelia went in first to have one of her kidneys removed, and then Martin received it during his own surgery, later that day.

Martin was diagnosed with Type I diabetes at the age of 15, and while he managed the disease throughout his adolescence and adulthood, he knew that eventually, his kidneys would go bad and that he would be looking at a needed transplant in his life.

During the last two years, Martin's health became significantly worse; he was going downhill, and the eventual became the now. He needed to seriously consider his options for transplant. His doctor encouraged him to get onto the donor kidney list right away, knowing that the wait can be lengthy for the right match.

The Durans went to San Francisco, went through piles of testing and paperwork, attended classes and were provided with research, and it was during this time that they learned about the Living Donor Program.

The program connects the recipient to a living donor who is healthy and a match on several levels, including blood type and other factors. People can live with one kidney, so the surgery can be performed and a person removed from the waiting list, all without a deceased donor needed.

"I remember thinking to myself, if it comes to that and I'm a match, I'm going to sign up to be a living donor," said Arcelia.

She signed up, and waited.

On his 45th birthday, Martin received the news that it was time to be put onto dialysis.

"I just remember thinking, man, I can't live like this," said Martin. "The dialysis was awful. Then Arcelia told me that she had put herself on the Living Donor list. I said, no! We have three kids, I didn't want anything to happen to her!"

While Martin struggled with the idea, the pair looked more and more into the program, the success rate of the surgeries, and how long lots of healthy people managed to live with one kidney, and they decided to go for it – that is, if Arcelia was a match.

"When we finally got that first letter, we both just started crying," said Arcelia. "It said we were a match, the same type of blood. It was such a big deal."

Both Martin and Arcelia have type O blood, which had a wait list of about four to seven years on the traditional kidney transplant list. Being a match meant they could have the surgery in months, not years.

Then, they had to give the kids – Tito, 24, Stephanie 23 and Steven, 16 – the news.

"We couldn't believe what they told us," said Arcelia. "They had also been talking and saying that if I wasn't a match, that they too would all try and see if they were, and that they would have signed up for the Living Donor Program, too."

"It was so nice of them to even consider," continued Arcelia, "but they're just starting out their lives, and I've lived mine. It was such a relief for me that I was the match."

It took just five months, from July to December, to get everything ready to hold the surgery. Tests upon tests, from several months out to several days out, were held to ensure everything would go smoothly.

"With all the poking and prodding, I can honestly say I know I'm pretty healthy indeed!" laughed Arcelia.

Martin could feel a change right away after the surgery. Friends, family and doctors noticed his color improving, his energy level improving, his blood pressure improving – he basically went from two zero percent-functioning kidneys to one extra, running at 100 percent.

Yes, that's right, now he has three.

Read the rest of **Kidney** | Over on Page 14



Above: Martin, Arcelia and Roxy the dog recover at home after the surgery.

At right: The Duran family last year; Steven, Stephanie, Martin, Arcelia and Tito.

Below: At California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, Martin and Arcelia smile for a photo.



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Wrapping up the Season

Volunteers make the holidays bright for nearly 500 local kids

"I like [the Christmas program] because it's helping kids who don't have enough money to afford presents like this," said Taylor Drew, 4-H member and eighth-grade student at Baechtel Grove Middle School.

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Drew is one of many volunteers in the Willits community who has taken some time from his day to wrap presents – which have been stored at the old Rexall building since the November 27 Toy Run event – so economically struggling families can participate in a holiday that can too often remind them of what they can't afford.

Christian Erickson, classmate, friend and fellow 4-H member to Drew, said that wrapping presents is "pretty fun."

"I decided to come to wrap presents, because I like to help kids that need it," Erickson added.

Nearly 500 kids in the Willits area will receive gifts ranging from clothes, to bikes and art supplies, to electronics, as organizations from around the area are set to deliver the presents on Christmas Eve morning, employing fire trucks from both the Little Lake and Brooktrails fire departments to make the rounds.

Seven Santas from Willits Rotary and Sparetime Supply will be riding the festively decorated trucks.

The Willits Wild Bunch motorcycle club took over the duties of organizing the Willits Community Kids Christmas Program from Sandy Turner, and her husband, Jerry, who retired from heading up the program last year.

Kat Harris of the Willits Wild Bunch, explained the



At top, from left: Catherine and Stephanie Brundage wrap together. Marcy Barry helps Kaleb Whitehurst line up his wrapping paper. Tanner "Elfie" Drew shows off a festive gift. Above: Many presents – including a bunch of bicycles – fill the main room at Santa's HQ.

process.

"We took Christmas trees to various places like J.D. Redhouse, Main Street Music, Coast Hardware, Safeway, Howard Hospital, Old Mission Pizza, Mazahar – all over."

Each tree is adorned with name tag ornaments that include the child's name and what that child most wants for Christmas. People from the community take the tags, fill the order and bring the gifts to the old Rexall building for processing, which includes removing the price tags, sorting the gifts to match the orders, and finally, wrapping them up.

Leftover tags will be filled by the Willits Wild Bunch from the stockpile of supplies donated during the Toy Run, or else purchase the requested items from funds collected from the same event.

"As you can see, we have lots of kids that wanted bikes," Harris said. "From what I understand this is the most bikes that we've had donated in the past few years. One guy came in, and he had brought three new bikes."

The most-needed gifts, according to Harris, are ones for toddlers.

"Infants are the hardest to fill every year, because people don't think of the itty bitty kids," Harris said. "Marcy from Willits Frontier Days donated \$1,000 for toys and clothing that they brought in. She had a lot of baby stuff."

Last-minute help with wrapping is welcome and appreciated; stop by the old Rexall HQ, 90 South Main Street, or call organizer Kim Venturi at 972-8782 for more information.



Above, from left: Nancy Villegas wraps up a gift. Helpers who came to wrap, including, from left: Danielle Barry, Samantha Arms, Christian Erickson, Taylor Drew, Tanner Drew, Cruz Erickson and Kaleb Whitehurst. Misael Calderon makes sure the wrapping is just right on this gift. Below, from left: 4-H volunteer Christian Erickson shows off a creative wrapping job. Volunteers hard at work making sure all the gifts will be ready for Christmas Eve delivery. Mylinda "Bubbles" Knight, and Kat "Tigger" Harris contemplate some sparkly T-shirts.



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opened, and our business is already feeling it," Kanne reported. "We're down almost 30 percent so far since it opened. We're very concerned."

City Planner Dusty Duley has been in ongoing negotiations with Caltrans regarding improving signage both on and off the highway, and has encouraged merchants to weigh in to both the city and Caltrans.

There's been a modicum of success so far; Caltrans has recently removed the "next services" signs located near the north and south exits. Many members of the public, led by councilmember and business owner Larry Stranske, had reported to Caltrans that travelers were interpreting the next services signs to mean there were no services in Willits, and have therefore regularly bypassed the town completely.

Kanne and others told the council the lack of directional signage for travelers once they exited the freeway was equally confusing.

"Imagine you're a traveler getting off the highway; you pull off, it's a country road, not very well lit. You have no idea how long it's going to take you to get to a gas station or grocery store or the hospital," Kanne said. "We would like to see better directional signage once people actually get off the freeway, so they know how far it is to downtown Willits, and they know how far away the services are."

Blancas, who's "had store frontage since 1992," agreed with Kanne about the impact of the bypass and the confusion – especially at night

– among travelers due to the lack of directional signage.

"I've heard from people who live here that it's so dark, they get lost," Blancas said.

Duley said it usually takes three months for Caltrans to complete new signage requests, but "staff is looking to expedite the process it takes to get the signs."

"I have no doubt [Caltrans staff] will do everything they can to help expedite the situation," Duley continued. "Their first priority, when looking at signage, is safety. The second priority is making sure drivers know where things are. We're working with them to try and prioritize and establish additional off-highway signage."

Epstein informed the council and the public of a survey currently being conducted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, which asks the question: "Has the bypass affected you? And, if so, please tell us how." "We're trying to collect anecdotal records," Epstein said. "It's not multiple choice. We want to hear, in your own words, how the bypass is affecting you."

The survey can be found by clicking the "Survey" link at the top of the www.willits.org page.

Moore suggested the merchants also "supply written testimonials to that point, and maybe the chamber can be the gatekeeper," in sharing those testimonials with Caltrans.

Moore shared her encouragement regarding the feedback she's received from others in county and state government.

The rest of Caltrans | From Page 1

Services' signs north and south of the Willits area exists that some thought led drivers to believe there were no services in Willits, have been removed.

Once finished, the work plan must be reviewed within District 1, Frisbie said, "because the number of signs she can order on an emergency order are limited to a certain dollar amount."

After the work plan is approved, Meredith will submit an emergency order to get signs, which should take only a couple of weeks, Frisbie said. "And then our Caltrans sign crew needs to schedule during appropriate weather to install the signs."

The work plan will prioritize signs that will improve safety, Frisbie said. "Our first priority is signs that make things safer. I know there's enough regulatory signs out there [signs required by law]; they could be additional signs for marking exits, although some of that has already been addressed. I'm not sure how many new signs will be required for safety; if there's not too much required to add for safety, more of the customized signs will be added to the emergency order."

Once the emergency order is submitted, Frisbie said, Meredith will work on a normal sign order for the remainder of the signs she assesses are needed. Those will take about three months to be installed.

"Because some of these concerns were raised a few months ago," Frisbie said, "some of the signage changes were able to be incorporated into the bypass project, by change order, but at this point, we are attempting to close out the bypass project. There can be no additional changes, within the bypass project itself, so now these concerns are being addressed by our district."

"Now that the project is completed," Frisbie said, "we can start looking at customizing it for the area," including installing "the signs that help improve letting people know about services in town more clearly."

Frisbie said the existing Willits bypass signs were installed "according to Caltrans standard sign policies." Because of "fluctuating workloads," he said the existing sign plan was designed by Caltrans staff in the Marysville office.

Asked about 55 mph speed limit signs on the viaduct, Frisbie said that although there was a 55 mph sign going northbound on the bypass, because there is an existing 55 mph sign north of the bypass going southbound, another 55 mph sign on the bypass itself is not needed. "It's probably too short of a stretch to put in another sign," he said.

But if the California Highway Patrol is ticketing an unusually large number of people on the bypass, "they will let us know, and will ask us to consider additional signage."

Frisbie said, in addition to signage, "there is one particular safety issue we are looking at at the north interchange, where the old highway meets with the road that goes underneath the interchange. There were some confusing signs and striping on the ground, and while that met the standards, it was confusing at that location because of the way the intersection was set up. I know we've changed at least one sign there, and we're also going to be going out there to see about changing some of the striping, the words on the ground, and the arrow." Frisbie said the striping changes would also be "handled as soon as our crews can get proper weather, hopefully within the new few weeks."

Slide at southern interchange

Asked about the slide visible on the hill across from the Willits bypass' south interchange after the heavy rain a week ago, Frisbie said, "What I know is that whole hillside has been unstable. Caltrans has fought slides there for decades along that hillside. And of course, part of it, when we excavate, there's going to be new little problem areas that show up." Two slides showed up in that area in December 2014, near the then-detour curve, and Caltrans had to close the southbound lane next to the hill to do repairs.

"We had a geologist go out there recently and look at it," Frisbie said. "Right now, they don't see any imminent issue other than that small area sliding. If mud and debris gets too close to the highway, maintenance crews will clean it up, so

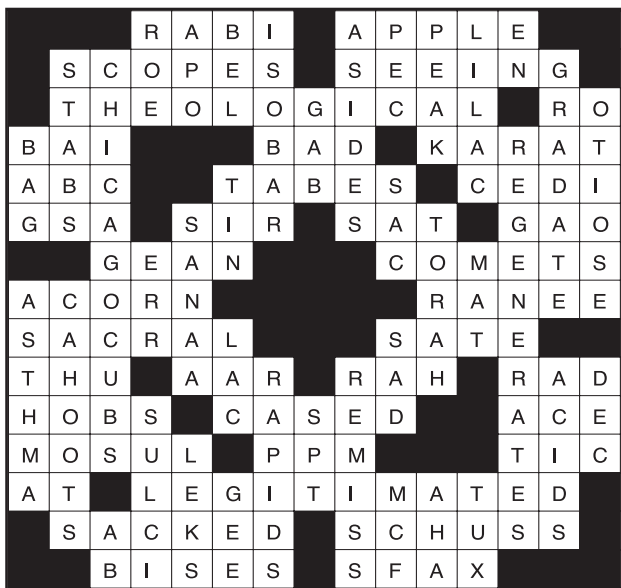
it doesn't get into the traffic lanes."

Logo signs

Lisa Epstein of the Willits Chamber of Commerce is encouraging businesses to apply to be considered for Caltrans' "logo signage" program. Caltrans approves logo signs for businesses offering fuel, food, lodging and camping. "If you would like your business to be considered by Caltrans for the logo signage," Epstein wrote in an email to chamber members, "please reach out to them right away." For more information, check out www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ logo and contact Caltrans' Aaron Dorsch, 707-445-6389 or aaron.m.dorsch@dot.ca.gov.

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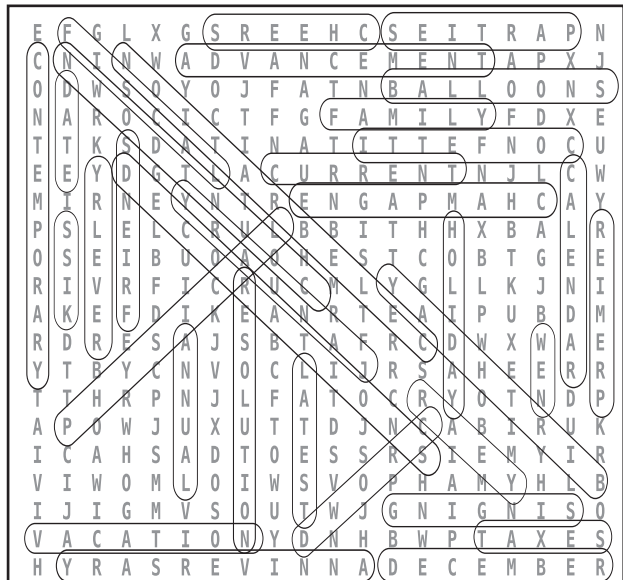
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"When I was finally able to go see him, I remember telling him how great he looked!" said Arcelia. "He looked 10 years younger right away! You could see the sparkle in his eye again, and it was like night and day."

"I never thought I could feel that way again," said Martin. "To me it's a miracle! God put us together, and my wife is absolutely an angel to me."

The doctors have been equally happy with the results, Martin's creatinine levels have been perfect post-op, and he was even released from the hospital early. Though the full road to recovery is a long one, he is on the right path and doing great.

The pair is back at home now, recovering, and noted how it "just kinda hit us when we realized what we just did! It happened, it went well, and we're good!"

"I really don't feel like I'm a hero," said Arcelia, "I mean, any person in my situation would want to help, it came from the bottom of my heart, and I would do it again in a heartbeat."


Martin sees it a little differently.

"Not every person would do this, and I'm so thankful for my wife," said Martin. "It is so rare for someone to actually do this; there wouldn't be so many people on the waiting list if more people would do it. There are only about 70 living surgeries per year, and there are about 2,000 on the waiting list. She's amazing."

"We also really want to thank all of our family and friends who cooked, brought meals, came to see us in and out of the hospital, called, messaged and supported us through our journey. It all helped so much," said the Durans. "The staff and doctors at CPMC were amazing as are our family at Howard Memorial Hospital, too. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts."

The final lesson: "Share your spare!" says Arcelia. "That's the best thing, and exactly what it is!"


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Nursing scholarships

Howard Community Healthcare Foundation announces five awardees

Five students attending the Mendocino College Nursing Program were awarded nursing scholarships by the Howard Community Healthcare Foundation on December 16. The scholarships were made possible this year by donations from the medical staff at Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, the Frank R. Howard Foundation, and the A B Guslander Masonic Scholarship Fund.

This year's recipients, who each received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500, are Amber McQueen, Hope Moroni, Deloan Owen, Crystal Kimball, and Ariel North.

The scholarship program is available to both first- and second-year students of the Mendocino College Nursing Program. Upon graduation, recipients agree to work at the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital for a period of 12 months. Additional information and scholarship applications can be found at www.howardfoundation.org/scholarships.

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of his early education, as well as coaching youth sports activities and devoting his time and financial resources to a myriad of local causes: Serving on the boards of the Willits Unified School District, Willits Kids Club and the Little Lake Fire District.

"Gonzalez has] earned the distinction as being one of the longest-serving chiefs in the state of California. Gerry is the epitome of a local boy done good."

The celebratory tone continued as Holly Madrigal was honored next for her public service. Madrigal, whose council seat was up for reelection, decided to step down instead of running for city council again.

"As the youngest councilperson to be elected to the Willits City Council, you serve as an inspiration to our local youth, many of whom are here tonight, about what it truly means to make a difference in your community," City Manager Adrienne Moore told Madrigal.

Recently reelected Councilwoman Madge Strong added: "You're an inspiration: your energy, your diplomacy, your vision. I hope we continue to collaborate in any way we can."

Heather Gurewitz, Mendocino County field representative for Congressman Jared Huffman, presented Madrigal with a plaque honoring her "efforts as a member of the city council from 2004 to 2016, including your service as mayor, and as a member of many committees," and for enhancing "the development of Willits in numerous ways."

"What an honor and a privilege it has been to serve here," Madrigal said through her tears. "We could not do this without incredible city staff. Not just in the executive office, but all of the city employees make us look good. We get to be up here and cut budgets and make some tough decisions, but really it's the employees of the City of Willits that make it happen, so it's been an honor. Thank you."

Gurewitz next honored Burton with a similar plaque, for his "service as a member of the city council from 1992 to 2004, and 2008 to 2016."

Addressing Burton, Moore said: "I've appreciated your willingness to be a mentor to me and deeply value your friendship. All of us are going to miss your presence here at City Hall, but don't worry, we know where to find you."

"I thank you for your service," said Councilman Larry Stranske, former longtime Willits High School teacher. "And I'm glad I gave you an 'A' when I had you in class."

Burton, a banjo player and enthusiast who has consistently attended council meetings with a gold banjo pendant pinned to his suit jacket, was pleasantly

surprised when his mentor Bill Evans walked through the back door to the council chambers, strumming his banjo and leading the crowd in song: "Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind...."

Burton fought back tears himself at the sight of his old friend.

"I'm blown away that you're here," Burton said.

"Thank you for your service," replied Evans, picking away at his banjo.

Swearing in and new mayor

After Moore conducted the swearing-in ceremony for re-elected councilwoman Madge Strong and newly elected councilmembers Saprina Rodriguez and Gonzalez, the three joined the rest of the council to appoint mayor and vice mayor.

Stranske nominated Councilman Ron Orenstein for mayor. Orenstein had been serving as vice mayor for the past four years, leading council meetings whenever Burton was absent. However, no other councilmember seconded the motion, until Orenstein himself did so. Before the council voted, Orenstein appealed to his peers to explain themselves.

"I have been the vice mayor for four consecutive years," Orenstein said. "I am totally qualified and in line to be the mayor this year, and I'm just wondering why?"

Strong broke the awkward pause that followed, beginning her rationale with a compliment.

"I have great admiration to what you have brought to the city council," Strong said to Orenstein. "You really do your homework, you're very conscientious, you have contributed a lot, and you'll continue to do so."

Strong explained the role of mayor required an "openness, a welcoming and open-hearted, sincere appearance," which she said Orenstein lacked to some extent. "So, I have some reluctance on that score."

Gonzalez and Rodriguez echoed Strong's sentiments. After the motion to appoint Orenstein failed 2-3, with Orenstein and Stranske voting 'yes,' Strong nominated Gonzalez for mayor.

"I know that [Gonzalez] has the trust of the council and the community," Strong said. "I think that's really important to me in the mayorsip."

Rodriguez seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1, with Orenstein the lone "no" vote.

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Councilmembers stood and rearranged their seating positions to reflect their new positions. Gonzalez picked up the gavel and, with his first words as mayor, announced the next agenda item.

home of 24-year-old Amanda Delvalle of Ukiah. Delvalle was arrested on suspicion of possessing stolen property, violating probation, conspiracy and mail theft.

Officers also learned the driver of a Kia sedan, Ryan Joseph Maxstadt, had allegedly been seen committing mail theft. Maxstadt's vehicle "also matched the description of a vehicle involved in a pursuit with the Ukiah Police Department over the weekend," Kendall noted, while a records check revealed Maxstadt had was wanted on felony warrants issued in the Bay Area.

After identifying Maxstadt, Kendall said, deputies coordinated efforts with officers from the Ukiah Police Department and began searching for the Kia in the greater Ukiah area. Around 7:20 pm, that vehicle was located near Talmage Road and Hastings Road, but when Ukiah police officers tried to initiate a traffic stop, the Kia sped off, heading north toward Willits on Highway 101.

Willits transients held for mail theft

Two Willits-area transients were arrested late Sunday night by sheriff's deputies on suspicion of mail theft following a traffic stop on a street in Ukiah.

Deputies and Ukiah police officers had recognized the car, driven by 22-year-old Katelyn Walker, as one involved in the theft of mail from roadside mailboxes along West Road and Tomki Road in Redwood Valley, said sheriff's Sgt. Matthew Kendall.

Inside the vehicle, he said, deputies found mail stolen from Tomki Road and Pine Mountain mailboxes, including letters, cards and packages.

They arrested Walker and a 17-year-old female transient.

The two women, Kendall said, had been "specifically targeting packages, holiday cards and items that might contain cash or valuables."

Walker was booked into county jail on suspicion of mail theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, theft, possession of stolen property and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Bail was set at \$30,000.

Officers from the California Highway Patrol took off in a pursuit that reached speeds of 100 mph, according to state traffic officers.

At Walker Road, Willits Police Department officers deployed spike strips, which flattened the Kia's tires, but Maxstadt continued to try and outrun his pursuers along Highway 20.

Near Holly Street, Maxstadt allegedly stuck a handgun outside the driver's side window and fired several times at his pursuers, the CHP said. The shots missed.

After continuing northbound for a short distance, Maxstadt exited the vehicle, and fled into a nearby creek. Deputies sent Sheriff's K-9 Ruddick in "to track and apprehend the suspect," Kendall said.

Ruddick quickly picked up Maxstadt's track and located him about 300 feet north of the Kia, hiding in a creek bed in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

Maxstadt refused "to comply with deputies' orders, and refused to

described as flush – to pay for the project.

"I wouldn't want to use [Caltrans] regular program money for projects," Pinches said. "That would take years and years and years. But they do have safety money available. It could be done cheap. No structures to build, no bridge, no water crossings, just a southbound exit and then loop back to East Side Road."

Pinches asked supervisors to draft a letter in support of the idea.

"As our Third District supervisor is not available right now, I'd like to get some sort of letter from the board to Caltrans, even though it's a state highway and not a county responsibility. But the health and safety of our county residents is a county issue."

Pinches added having an emergency exit off the bypass could cut 10 or 15 minutes in driving time for a southbound ambulance. "It might save somebody's life," Pinches said. "Hell, I rode the ambulance a few months ago. It might be mine."

Supervisors agreed with Pinches, and county CEO Carmel Angelo said her staff could draft a letter supporting the idea for Gjerde to sign.

staff to add language excluding issuance of new cannabis cultivation permits within county Rangeland zones, starting in 2020.

According to a project description by LACO, the Eureka-based consulting firm hired to draft a mitigated negative declaration for county cannabis regulations, some 714,842 acres of county land are currently zoned Rangeland.

An earlier version of the county's cultivation ordinance would have allowed existing Rangeland cannabis grows to continue, and allow new Rangeland grows beginning in 2020.

However, several citizens, including David and Ellen Drell of the Willits Environmental Center, urged the planning commission to prohibit new cannabis cultivation in Rangeland zones in Phase 3 of the new ordinance. Phase 3 begins in 2020.

Their argument won LACO support, and on November 7 the firm published a negative declaration for the project recommending new cannabis cultivation be prohibited in Rangeland zones in 2020.

During the December 15 meeting, most members of the planning commission supported LACO's recommendation.

In a November 27 letter from the Willits Environmental Center to the commission, signed by Ellen Drell, the WEC argued allowing Rangeland cannabis cultivation would "incentivize subdivision, land development and fragmentation of the county's Rangeland zoning districts [and] negatively impact the natural resources, sensitive habitats and environmental and economic benefits of that zoning district."

Commissioner Greg Nelson, who represents county agricultural interests on the commission, and Commissioner Jim Little disagreed with the majority view.

Nelson said excluding cannabis cultivation from Rangeland zones would place undue economic pressure on other farmers and ranchers in the county. "One of the unintended consequences I continue to be concerned about is the price of land," he said. Most growing locations "are in Rangeland. If we have a lot of marijuana growers, who are trying to grow on ag land – and if we have people who are very concerned about growing in residential [which might result in a ban] – then we are going to put an awful lot of pressure on people who want to grow vegetables, or even on people who want to grow grapes."

However, Commissioner Steve Hall disagreed, arguing cannabis cultivation should be allowed on RR5-zoned lands and larger. Hall's recommendation appeared to carry weight with other commission members.

But Chair Warner told LACO consultants and county staff the commission did want to eliminate cannabis cultivation in RR2 zones.

In a separate phone conversation with Willits Weekly, Warner said the idea of the planning commission is not to prohibit medical marijuana cultivation in RR2 zones immediately, but to get people who are growing in RR2 zones to stop growing there or to relocate. "We are asking staff to look at a timeline," she said.

The planning commission will consider the Medical Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance and cannabis-related amendments to the county's zoning ordinance at its January 19 meeting. Following that meeting, if commissioners vote to approve, the two ordinances go to the board of supervisors.

Supervisors announced on Tuesday they will hold a public workshop on the Cannabis Facility Business License Ordinance on Friday, January 27. That ordinance will regulate how people in the cannabis industry can process, dispense, transport and sell medical marijuana.

"If this passes," he warned, "I have no idea how the county is going to enforce it."

After the board heard comments from the public, Warner took a "straw poll" of the commission's seven members on the question of prohibiting new cannabis cultivation in Rangeland zones. Chair Warner and commissioners Marilyn Ogle, Steve Hall, Madelin Holtkamp and Roger Krueger supported that addition to the ordinance, while Little and Nelson opposed it.

Planners also debated whether to restrict the cultivation of medical cannabis in the county's four Rural Residential zones.

Currently, the county has more than 20,000 acres in Rural Residential zones. Although the Mendocino Heritage Act would have permitted cannabis cultivation on RR1 properties, that initiative was defeated in the recent general election.

On the other hand, the proposed county ordinance has always prohibited medical cannabis cultivation in the RR1 zones. However, up until the December 15 meeting, the county ordinance would have allowed cultivation in the three other Rural Residential zones.

Dear Santa
Please bring me a
Singing Cinderella Dress
From Thorin

Imagination Station

So um, my family is being good for Christmas. And I always make good choices at home but Aralyn got my elf off of Aralyn's bike. I want the toy monster truck with remote control.

— Scotty Tuttle

I want to tell Santa I want um, a remote control monster truck. I want pipes at my house. I want to say Grady I am. And I make good choices. I want to have a toy kitten. That's all.

— Grady Hefte

My name's Tyvin and I want a toy monster truck named Gravedigger with a remote control. Toy train with a remote control named Thomas. I want a Spiderman that makes noise. And I want a book named Skippy John Joe.

— Tyvin Ray

I don't know what I want. I want the thing that catches butterflies. I want makeup for Christmas, too. I like makeup, it's my favorite! I want it rainbow color with sprinkles on it. Kids scissors to cut paper!

— Kelsey

I don't know. I want you to say Andrea my mom and dad. I want, dress-up clothes, 'cause I don't have any. I'll tell you something I got last Christmas, it's a table and it has chairs. I want a cowboy hat, pink. A baby bottle for my sister Athena. Paint for painting.

— Seona

I want a toy control with a truck. I want a brown truck. I want another toy. My toy would be a kiss fish that kisses people. A baby bottle with a Tiny Tim on it. I want a toy chopper. A tree and a saw. I'm going to go home and cut it down.

— Mikey

Dear Santa
Please bring me a i
truck with a lever on its
back. From Landybia

I want some paw patrol. Paw patrol are puppies. And I want bubbles so I can blow outside. I want puzzles so I can make them on the table. And I want helicopters and pirate ships. I am a kitchen girl. I want a kitchen 'cause I don't have one. I want instruments.

— Destiny

Room to Bloom Preschool

Dear Santa, please bring me a doll house.

— Avery

Dear Santa, please bring me a firefighter.

— Ayla

Dear Santa, please bring me a house for my rabbit.

— Irene

Dear Santa, please bring me hardware tools.

— Raina

Dear Santa, please bring me a new doll.

— Thera

Dear Santa, please bring me a new star.

— Onnika

Dear Santa, please bring me a toy.

— Drake

Dear Santa, please bring me webs that shoot.

— Brian

Dear Santa, please bring me a motorcycle.

— Logan

Dear Santa, please bring me presents.

— Deegan

Dear Santa, please bring me a fire truck.

— Lysander

Dear Santa, please bring me a birthday cake.

— Brian

Dear Santa
Please bring me a
From Justin

Dear Santa, please bring me a new star.

Dear Santa
Please bring
me a big Dodge
Love Alex

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
a Mickey Mouse
From Avery

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
a big Dodge
Love Hunter

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
a big Dodge
Love Hunter



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