

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Willits Creek Trail

To the Editor:

I read in the paper a few weeks ago that the supervisors are revisiting a second access road to Brooktrails. I understand that this is a very complicated and expensive endeavor, but wanted to express my support. I have been stuck in town for several hours, separated from my children, while Sherwood Road was closed due to a tree that fell and knocked down power lines.

We've had a few recent fire scares, and I pictured the chaos of 5k residents trying to escape down Sherwood Road, not knowing or not able to use the locked, gated and unpaved emergency exits. Sherwood Road being blocked by some downed power lines or fire in such an emergency could be catastrophic.

On a lighter note, and the main reason for this letter, I'd like to lobby for another Brooktrails access issue that is far less complicated and expensive. It is the need for a non-motorized path between Brooktrails and Willits. There are many people that live in Brooktrails that don't have a car. There are many more people that would love to walk or ride a bicycle to town, given the option.

I am one of those residents that would love to be able to commute to work by bicycle or ride with my kids to and from school. The benefits of exercise and lower carbon emissions are well-known. I have walked and ridden a bicycle down Sherwood Road, and it is terrifying. Because of the risk, I am forced to drive. Many people don't have that option and forgo safety to make it to work.

Willits residents being able to access the public open space of the Brooktrails Greenbelt is another benefit that this trail would create. Willits has very little open space for public outdoor recreation. The Willits Creek Trail would connect Willits to the 20+ mile public trail system and 2,500 acres of public, recreationally zoned greenbelt.

There is already an existing trail that follows the Willits Creek from the Par Course in Brooktrails down to the Northbrook neighborhood in Willits. It currently serves as an emergency access road. It was open and utilized for non-motorized travel for years. Unfortunately, it travels through three private parcels and two of those landowners put up fences years ago, closing off access.

It is a mellow grade that's easy to travel. Opening up a discussion with the landowners, coming to a mutual agreement that would benefit the property owners and the entire community, and creating easements all seems very attainable. It might require small land purchases. It may require a fence and a few gates. It is

doable, and would drastically improve the lives of many Mendocino County residents. I am the chairman of the Brooktrails Greenbelt and Recreation Advisory Committee, and the president of the Willits Area Cyclists. I can speak to their full support and willingness to help create a non-motorized Brooktrails-Willits connection.

Walk & Bike Mendocino and the Brooktrails Township Board of Directors have also pledged their support. There are many members of the community that would lend a hand as well. With the support and assistance of the Mendocino County supervisors, we could make it happen.

**Adam Sherf, director,
Willits Area Cyclists**

Staggered by raises

To the Editor:

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors: I was staggered by the article in the December 21, 2017 edition of Willits Weekly regarding the Mendocino County supervisors voting yourselves a 39.7 percent salary increase. Your rationale was to get your salaries closer to those of supervisors in six "comparable" counties: Humboldt (population = 134,623), Lake (64,665), Napa (136,484), Nevada (98,764), Sonoma (483,878) and Yolo (200,849).

First, Mendocino County has a population of 87,841 – smaller than any of the above counties except Lake. So I'm not sure these counties are all "comparable." Second, it would help to see the other supervisors' salaries by county. In my opinion, our supervisors should not receive salaries "comparable" to those in larger, more economically healthy counties like Sonoma, Yolo or Napa. That would be like the owner of a local store thinking he should have a salary comparable to the president of Amazon because they're both retailers – a ridiculous premise.

Did Mendocino County's population increase by 39.7 percent? Have our county revenues increased by 39.7 percent? Has your workload increased by 39.7 percent?

The Wall Street Journal reported recently that the average public employee in the U.S. earns over 50 percent more than the average private employee. When pensions and benefits are added in, the average public employee earns over 67 percent more than the average private employee in the U.S. Many citizens are appalled by this disparity.

The only exception to this arrogance and cluelessness here in Mendocino County was Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde. God bless him for voting against this outrage, although unfortunately he's not the supervisor for Willits. The increases

for the Assessor/Clerk/Recorder (+11 percent); Auditor (+15 percent); District Attorney (+5 percent); Sheriff (+16 percent) and Treasurer/Tax Collector (+23 percent) were all less – although still not necessarily reasonable.

This total salary episode epitomized out-of-control government spending combined with a total lack of conscience regarding your constituents. The truly courageous and righteous thing for you as Mendocino County supervisors would be to retract your obscene salary increase or put it on the ballot rather than passing it during the holidays, when most voters were otherwise occupied.

Please, Mendocino supervisors, act for the benefit of your constituents and not yourselves. Rescind your salary increase or put it on the ballot ASAP! Remember: "Legitimate government is based on the consent of the governed."

Larry Stropes, Willits

County workers need a raise

To the Editor:

I'm appalled that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors propose to give themselves a 39.7 percent pay increase (and 5 to 22 percent raises to five other county elected officials), while the majority of county workers still have not recouped the 10 percent pay cut they sustained in 2011.

The result is the county suffers. We can't keep sheriff deputies who train in Mendocino County. They soon go elsewhere to work for sustainable wages, leaving the department with staff shortages and skyrocketing work injuries due to mandatory overtime. The Department of Health and Human Services has been cited by the grand jury for not being able to staff their departments adequately, leaving citizens with untimely waits for services. The county can't attract enough skilled people who will work for the wages we offer.

The board of supervisors deserve salaries that are comparable to neighboring counties, but other county workers do too! If you agree, call or email the board at 463-4221 or bos@co.mendocino.ca.us.

Robin Goldner, Willits

WCS drive up to \$21,755

To the Editor:

As of January 3, the Willits Community Services Winter Fund Drive is up to a total of \$21,755, thanks to the latest donations from the community members listed below:

John Almida; Herbert & Judith Armstrong;

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Please help us continue to provide essential services to our community by helping us reach our Winter Fund Drive goal of \$34,000. Donations (checks made out to "Willits Community Services") can be mailed to WCS, 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490, or dropped off during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 5 pm.

Donate online via the PayPal Giving Fund. Open this link: <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub>, then search for "Willits Community Services." Or donate through eBay Charities. Open this link: <http://charity.ebay.com/charity/search/> and search for "Willits Community Services."

All contributions are very much appreciated.

**Jim Marill, director,
Willits Community Services**

Still time to get included into the 2018 phone book

Do you need to add, change, remove or otherwise adjust your business or personal listing before the 2018 Soroptimist International of Willits Community Telephone Directory prints?

There's still time - but not much!

Soroptimist members are hard at work verifying numbers and making corrections - but if you have a new business, want to add your cell phone number or add or remove your address - please call or email NOW to make sure those changes make the January 31 deadline.

There's still advertising space available, too. Ads range from a business card to a full page in size. Businesses can supply ready-made ads, or have one built for them. Ads must be finalized by January 31, too, so make sure to reach out to the Soroptimists as soon as possible to get included!

Call Loraine Patton at 459-1606 or email willitsphonebook@gmail.com.

- submitted for the Soroptimist International of Willits

Cyndee Logan to run for 3rd District supervisor

Submitted by the Cyndee Logan for Supervisor campaign

Cyndee Logan, a long-time community activist and Willits resident, announced this week that she is running for District Three Supervisor of Mendocino County.

While her goal is to acquire the vacant seat in 2019, Logan's campaign is an invitation for citizens in Willits, Laytonville and Covelo to stand with her and bring about a community where everyone's voice is heard.

"I see the need to bring our community together as we look toward the future. We are going to have to work together more than ever; the good part of this is that we have so many amazing, creative and passionate people to work with," Logan, 59, said. "District Three needs to step up their representation; we need to pull our people together so we can be heard. Once we have our voice, we can bring this forward to the county level."

Once elected, she

plans to organize a summit that would bring community members from all facets of life to the table – from different industries and groups. Entitled "Vision 2020," the objective is to identify common goals for the county which could be later developed into policy.

It would be the first such summit that would include the new legal cannabis industry as they coordinate alongside existing businesses to

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Far left: Doug Browe displays his ceramic artwork called "The Spring." At left: Darrell Carpenter displays his "Geometrics" series in his show, "Looking in Two Directions."

Below, from left: Darrell Carpenter's constructions may look like candlesticks, but they are not. They are designed to stand on their own as art to be appreciated for the compositions the artist intended. Detail of "Before the Fall" by Doug Browe. "Geometrics" by Darrell Carpenter are constructions created of triangles and seemingly influenced by the circus in their patterns and colors.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Browe and Carpenter

Art Center showcases two masterful artists in January

Two artists, both masters of their craft, talented and driven to create, are featured at the Willits Center for the Arts this month. Both integrate nature into their compositions, but that is where the similarity ends.

Doug Browe, ceramist and teacher, communicator and visionary, begins with a message, a view of the world that he wishes to pass on to the viewer. He creates landscapes comprised of abstract human figures. His four compositions, taken individually, create a tableau of natural raw beauty; however, taken together, they create a narrative about global warming, politics, the future and rebirth.

The individual elements create themselves in the process as he attempts to create a coherent study on the way man affects his environment. If one asks him to explain his work, he welcomes the opportunity to form an exchange of ideas. As in his classes at Mendocino College, he considers teaching a way to enrich his own knowledge through the interaction of other minds.

Darrell Carpenter, on the other hand, is more withdrawn about his work, allowing it to speak for itself. His exhibit is called "Looking in Two Directions" and is indeed a confluence of two disparate styles, mirroring different phases of his life. His work is driven by outside influences, the recent deaths of his partner and his parents.

His dynamic floral collages are dedicated to his mother and father who were devoted gardeners and members of the Ukiah Garden Club. His other pieces are constructions created of triangles and seemingly influenced by the circus in their patterns and colors. He hopes that "at some point that the two techniques will kind of merge. The plywood that I'm painting on is more organic, more leaf-shaped, plant-based looking. I'm trying to combine the two."

Carpenter enjoys working with the collages. He can work from 5 am to 7 am before going off to his day job in

construction, come back and cut out and combine the shapes. His technique is to first roll out the paint on a hard counter. He then lays the paper down and draws on the backside, creating lines on the front where the pressure from drawing on the back pushes the paper into the paint.

"You don't get perfect lines. You get a lot of bleed out," explained Carpenter. When he returns home, he cuts the patterns out with large upholstery scissors (from his days in the upholstery business). "I paste something down and sort of have to make it work. I kind of commit to it and then have to go from there. They're loosely based on drawings but look nothing like the drawings I started with. The drawings are very simple but these are very layered and complex."

His constructions may look like tables and candlesticks, but they are not. They are designed to stand on their own as art to be appreciated for the compositions the artist intended.

"I'm a bit Merlin-like," said Browe, "living life backwards. Most people go to college, they get their master's, they teach, develop a body of work, and then when they retire, they make work. I had a studio making work for 35 years and then retired from that, got my master's, and started to teach."

"I really enjoy teaching," continued Browe. "For me, that's a big part of it, passing on my learning. I enjoy that interaction where I'm learning when I teach. The students learn. I learn. I think my favorite thing is when someone asks me a question that I don't know. That's exciting. Because then I can actually figure it out with them. We get to move forward."

Browe believes that nature is not only "out there," but that it exists within as well. He considers himself to be a "vessel maker," the vessel being analogous of the human body which he juxtaposes into a composition of natural landscapes. He is precise and directed, even creating the tables upon which the compositions are arranged.

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At top: Doug Browe, left, Gary Martin and Darrell Carpenter present their visions. Above: Darrell Carpenter answers questions. At left: One of the pieces from "Daedalus" by Doug Browe in detail. Below: WCA board members Carol Aleshire and Lynn Whitting Robertson at the January opening.



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- Sunfish
- One who acclaims
- On the ___: running away
- Oklahoma's 'Wheat Capital'
- The Golden State
- Merrymake
- Siberian nomads
- Pock-marked Loughlin
- Baleen whale
- Leaf-footed bug genus
- Treasure
- Tanzanian shilling
- Changed
- Intestinal pouches
- Walked in a celebratory way
- South American mountain

CLUES DOWN

- Crush
- Razorbill genus
- 'Full House' actress
- Pock-marked Loughlin
- Bluish green
- Garlic mayonnaise
- Attacks repeatedly
- Secretion
- Special instance
- A handsome youth loved by Aphrodite
- Tree genus in the mahogany family
- Israeli city
- Formed a theory
- Remove
- Type of light
- Repeats
- Certified public accountant
- River in eastern France
- Northern wind of France
- Tax collector
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- American spy Aldrich
- Central Standard Time
- Myanmar ethnic group
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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

December 18 to January 7

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 499 incidents in this 21 day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

December 18

6:30 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

6:45 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Wood Street and School Street and issued a citation.

7:41 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

8:47 am: CARRIGG, Sono (53) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole: "remain under legal custody to return to prison."

11:52 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:53 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

5:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

7:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

11:53 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

2:51 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of State Street.

2:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of kidnapping in the 100 block of Williams Street.

3:03 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:37 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.

11:47 pm: MADDUX, Thomas Vincent (36) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Fort Bragg Road following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to felony 273.5 PC (Domestic Violence Corporal Injury).

10:28 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Raymond Lane.

12:19 pm: SHEPHERD, Jacqueline (34) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 500 block of Raymond Lane. She was arrested pursuant to 11550 H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance).

2:37 am: VOGUS, James Dexter (49) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Boscabelle Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of a protective order.

11:16 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of South Main Street.

12:48 pm: SERGY, Stephanie Jill (47) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Spruce Street and Redwood Avenue. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content .08 or Higher), and 148 PC (felony Resisting Arrest).

11:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of fireworks near the intersection of East Oak Street and Railroad Avenue.

11:33 pm: CRAIG, Tasha Justine (46) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content .08 or Higher), and 148 PC (felony Resisting Arrest).

11:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

3:44 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

7:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:46 pm: DIVINE, Jerry Kenneth (31) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges of resisting or threatening an officer.

7:55 am: CAMPBELL, Robert Bruce (26) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole.

12:45 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.

9:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Cropley Lane and Highway 20.

9:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

12:24 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 22000 block of Eastside Road.

1:58 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

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4:12 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 19000 block of Walker Road.

10:05 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:08 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 700 block of South Main Street.

6:46 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:09 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

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10:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of fireworks near the intersection of East Oak Street and Railroad Avenue.

11:33 pm: CRAIG, Tasha Justine (46) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and State Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content .08 or Higher), and 148 PC (felony Resisting Arrest).

11:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

3:44 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

7:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:46 pm: DIVINE, Jerry Kenneth (31) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges of resisting or threatening an officer.

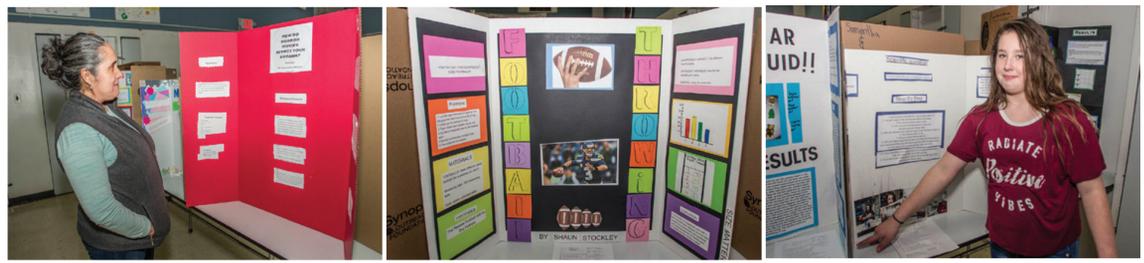
7:55 am: CAMPBELL, Robert Bruce (26) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole.

12:45 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.

9:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Cropley Lane and Highway 20.

9:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

12:24 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 22000 block of Eastside Road.



Above, from left: Cristina Mora checks out her daughter Isabella's project about the effect of horror films. Shaun Stockley's science fair project tested different ways to throw a football. Lila Smith shows her project, "Can you make slime out of household products?" Below: Vanessa Hagggett, science department chairperson, organized the Baechtel Grove Middle School Science Fair. At right: A fun entry asked, "Which brand of chewing gum will make the biggest bubble?"



Photos by Mathew Caine

Baechtel Grove Middle School Science Fair 145 student projects explore the scientific method

"I love middle schoolers. They're young enough where you can still get them excited, but they're mentally prepared enough, developed enough, that they can be challenged," explained Vanessa Hagggett, science department chairperson and organizer of the Baechtel Grove Middle School Science Fair. Students at the school participated in over 145 projects, either as a group or individually, in the expo which was judged by volunteers and teachers last December 12 with viewings available on December 13.

This was less an exercise in proving a theory or making pretty displays than it was in teaching the basics of the scientific method, which has been developed over centuries of trial and error by scientists in the pursuit of truth about how the universe works.

The scientific method starts with a question. What do we want to know about how and why something works? It is

followed by a hypothesis, where one posits their educated guess about the original question. In order to discover what is true, the hypothesis is followed up by experimentation, including a control, which is used to compare the results to the variables which are used in the experiments. After collecting the data from the results of the experiments, a conclusion can be formulated.

The projects that score highest at this level go on to the Willits Science Fair. From there, they go to the county science fair, then the state competition. "We usually have a couple projects go to state," said Hagggett.

"I think that they get a better understanding of the scientific method," Hagggett explained, "and they also get to explore something that interests them scientifically, instead of just Googling it. It gives them the ability to think critically. We have a new section this year: Technology. This is in addition to Life Science (medical or health), Physical Science and Earth Science."

"I'm impressed this year with the quality of the projects and the breadth of the ideas," continued Hagggett.

Call for Willits Science Fair participants

The 2018 Willits Science Fair will be held on February 6, 7 and 8 at the Willits Community Center. All Willits students in grades 3 to 12 are welcome to participate. Whole-class science projects done by kindergarten to 12th-grade classrooms are also welcome.

Students who are interested in doing a science fair project for the 2018 Willits Science Fair must have an "intent to participate" form submitted by [Read the rest of Science](#) | [Over on Page 9](#)

Lawrence Wilson Palmer

March 11, 1947 - December 29, 2017



Larry: a seeker, a thinker, a joker, a dreamer. His journey began with a childhood in North Hollywood, followed by his graduation from San Diego State, his life in Malibu, travel in Afghanistan, and the cultivation of family and friends in Willits and Punta Mita, Mexico. He always made sure to surround himself with forests, the night sky, oceans, and loved ones around the campfire.

Larry worked as a math teacher, a plumber, and a business manager in Mexico. More importantly to him, he was a brother, an uncle, a father, a grandfather, and a husband. He built a couple of homes from the ground up: one to house his family, and one to house his sweet, semi-retired life in Mexico. More impressive than his houses were the six children that he built within his life. He was proud of his kids; his eyes always lit up when his children were around. One of his grandchildren once said, "When he laughed, it made me laugh." Larry successfully constructed happiness.

It is hard to imagine Larry without a camper van. Always practical, Larry could turn a small space into a dreamer's getaway. He and his wife Marcia spent countless hours, days, weeks in the van, on the road. Larry and Marcia, Marcia and Larry. They were two souls drawn together by a love that can not be put to pen. When Larry's heart stopped, Marcia's shattered. He loved Marcia through every moment of their 27 years together.

In the latter years, Mexico developed a place of permanence in Larry's heart with its relaxed culture, open souls, and white sand beneath his bare feet. He is loved by a large community in Punta Mita, Mexico who cherished him. It turns out, Larry's boisterous belly laugh, warm smile, big hugs, and tender soul was bilingual.

In the end, Larry's heart was just too big for this world. After seventy good years, Larry left this planet. Ram Dass said, "We are all just walking each other home," and Larry will be welcomed in spirit by his parents Harlan and Rosemary Palmer. On Earth, he will continue to be celebrated by his devoted wife Marcia, his six children, five grandchildren, and three siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Larry often said he was more interested in becoming a human "being" than a human "doing." Come "be" with Larry and his family as we gather to memorialize Larry's life on Saturday, Jan. 20th at the Willits Center for the Arts from 3:30-5:30pm. We hope you will join us to share your loving memories of our dear father, beloved husband, and great friend ... Larry.

Thursday, January 11

"The Cannabis Hour": Host Jane Futch with guests environmental scientists Angela Liebenberg and Scott Bauer, who will explain their department's role in protecting fish and wildlife resources from cannabis cultivations that may involve: diversion of water; land clearing such as timber conversion; road construction and stream crossings; riparian vegetation removal, and introduction of pollutants into waterways and other habitats." Thursday, January 11, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Will take questions at 9:40 am: 895-2448.

January show at WCA: Don't miss the January show at the Willits Center for the Arts, featuring the work of Doug Browe ("Continues") and Darrell Carpenter ("Looking in Two Directions"). Runs through January 24. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726.

Friday, January 12

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.

North County Friends of Mendocino College Mixer: North County Friends of Mendocino College and the Willits Chamber of Commerce host a Community Mixer on Friday, January 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Mendocino College's North County Center, 372 East Commercial Street. "Come and enjoy this wonderful free event at the Willits campus of Mendocino College with hors-d'oeuvre, wine, beer, a 50/50 raffle, and good company, and information about what the North County Friends is working on, including the textbook assistance program where you can 'adopt' a book."

"Spice of Life Variety Show": presented by Willits Charter School of the Arts and Sciences, 1431 South Main Street on Friday, January 12. The show features the WCS Rock Band, the WCS Songbirds, the WCS Music Ensemble, the WCA

Dance Ensemble, and a special review of "Alice and Wonderland." 6 pm; doors open at 5:45 pm. Tickets, \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, include hors d'oeuvre, beverage and dessert.

Shanachie Pub: Grex, an art rock band from Oakland, "explores the meeting point between fun, delightfully strange psychedelic pop/rock and the dark outer reaches of noise and free jazz." Visit www.grexounds.com. Friday, January 12 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



meeting on Sunday, January 14 at the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street. Doors open at 9:30 am with coffee, bagels and fresh fruit; ERRP board meeting begins at 10 am. At 1 pm, ERRP conducts their annual public scoping: "Citizens are invited to comment on existing programs and their effectiveness, and to bring new ideas about additional community needs. After the ERRP board discusses the ideas brought up in the scoping session, the various elements of the ERRP 2018 Action Plan will be delegated to committees that will pursue resources and carry out the work."

At 3 pm, a BBQ and potluck. New members will receive a beautiful 2018 Eel River calendar. Info: 459-0155, 223-7200 or www.EelRiverRecovery.org.

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: monthly breakfast at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Sunday, January 14, from 8 to 11 am, features choice of pancakes, with eggs cooked your style, choice of bacon or sausage, or biscuits and gravy with eggs cooked your style. \$8 adults; \$7 center members; \$6 kids under 6. Extra meat sides: \$2. Info: 459-6826.

Monday, January 15

Beginner's Square Dancing: Willits Frontier Twirlers will be starting a new series on Monday, January 15, 6:30-7:45 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "Workshops are every Monday night and dancers are encouraged to come regularly as new moves are taught every session. Bring your partner or come as a single dancer and join our fun-loving club!" \$5 per person, per night.



Front Porch Swing.

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Sunday, January 14

ERRP 2018 Action Plan Meeting: The Eel River Recovery Project holds a 2018 Action Plan



Friday Nite Potluck Bingo

HARRAH SENIOR CENTER
1501 BAECHEL ROAD
707-459-6826
Doors open @ 5 PM
Games begin @ 5:30 PM
Minimum Bingo buy-in \$5.00

Saturday, January 13

Sit N Sew: monthly drop-in sewing group meets at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, on second Saturdays. This month: January 13 from 1 to 5 pm. Free to all and open to the public. "Bring a project to work on, sewing machine, and

tools." Questions? Call Rachel at 354-0605.

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Creative Writing class

at North County Center

Mendocino College Instructor Steve Hellman will teach a Creative Writing class this spring semester at the North County Center in Willits. The English 210/212/503 class is designed for all levels of writers and will cover a wide variety of genres, including fiction, poetry, script, memoir and non-fiction. Hellman will guide students in sharing their work in a positive classroom environment.

For seniors and other adult writers, the class can be taken for free with only a minimal processing fee. The class begins on January 26 and meets on Fridays from 10 am to 12:50 pm. For more information, contact the NCC office at 459-6224, or email.

Sober Grad Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 4

Sober Grad's Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Grange is set for Super Bowl Sunday, February 4! "Our breakfast is a fantastic way to start your Super Bowl Sunday!" Menu includes the Grange cooks' delicious pancakes made from scratch, scrambled eggs, bacon, OJ, and coffee, hot chocolate or tea. 8 to 11 am, Little Lake Grange, to 11 am at The Grange. \$6 adults; \$5 seniors; \$4 kids 10 and under. To go breakfasts will be available.

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The North County Friends of Mendocino College is an affiliate organization of the Mendocino College Foundation striving to increase awareness of the educational opportunities afforded North County students at the Willits campus. Our vision for the future is to emphasize opportunities for our youth to remain in our community by continuing their education. A major focus

is to work with faculty staff to meet local needs and to generate financial support for various North County campus needs. Our ongoing goal is to challenge North County citizens to bring their talents to our "Friends" group.

Past efforts by our "Friends" group have included the promotion of the foundation's "Adopt a Fifth Grader" program, participation in open house events, the community's first-ever Career Day, and various community presentations regarding educational opportunities at the Willits campus.

North County Center needs:

- Hiring tutors to assist with math and English coursework.
- A North County Center textbook assistance program.
- A new outdoor display case at the North County Center for announcing college and community events.

Creative Writing
Spring 2018 Session!
English 210/212/503 with Steve Hellman
Mendocino College - North County Center

POETRY - FICTION - MEMOIR
NON-FICTION - SCRIPT

Unleash your creative nerve.
Join a circle of writers meeting to share in a rich exchange of ideas, styles, techniques and life experiences.
All levels, all genres welcome.
We sample the work of published authors, then write and enjoy together what you have written.
With more than 45 years experience in writing and publishing, bring us month guidance as you might wish to your creative process. I create a sharing and positive classroom environment. We focus on the power of the collaborative process and the importance of trusting in your own focus of self-expression.

Class meets Friday 10:00am - 12:50pm
1/26/2018 through 5/25/2018
Check with office for registrability or any prerequisites
Register at the North County Center or online
www.mendocino.edu

For more information, contact: shellman@mendocino.edu
or the North County Center Office, 459-6224.

Willits Rotary Club Annual Crab Fest

Saturday, January 20

All you can eat crab, pasta, salad and French bread, hosted by the Willits Rotary Club. Plus no host bar, Quarter Action, and music by The Basics. All proceeds support the Willits Senior Center and the Willits High School Scholarship Fund. Saturday, January 20 at 6 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. \$50 per person. Tickets available at Willits Furniture, Willits Senior Center, and TriCounties Bank. Info: Ann Alumbaugh: 459-1440.

Willits Rotary Club Annual

CRABFEST
ALL YOU CAN EAT
CRAB, PASTA & SALAD, FRENCH BREAD
Sat. January 20
2018 • 6pm
\$50 per person
No Host Bar • Quarter Auction
MUSIC BY THE BASICS
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WILLITS SENIOR CENTER &
THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
WILLITS COMMUNITY CENTER
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
ANN ALUMBAUGH (707) 459-1440

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WILLITS FURNITURE, WILLITS SENIOR CENTER, & THE COUNTY BANK

Ukiah Rod & Gun Club's
19th Annual
Wild Game Feed
Saturday January 13th 2018

Buffet Style Dinner served between 4pm and 7pm
Ukiah Senior Center
497 Leslie St., Ukiah

\$25.00 for Adults and
\$12.50 for Children under 12

Wild Pig, Deer, Salmon, Salad, Bread, Desserts
Soft Drinks, Beer & Wine will be available for purchase

Come help support our efforts to manage the hatchery and revitalize the habitat. For Steehead in our County

Pacific Outfitters will be sponsoring a Revolver Raffle

Tickets can be purchased at:
Mendocino Book Company
Pacific Outfitters
Creative Workshop Printing & Copies

Do you have an event to include in our calendar?
willitsweekly@gmail.com

Senior Center Lunch

Week of January 15 through January 19

Monday: Chicken Fajitas
Tuesday: Monte Cristo
Wednesday: Chicken Philly
Thursday: Lemon Pepper Tilapia
Friday: Meatball Sub

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

CANNATOURISM in MENDOCINO
JANUARY 21ST - 11am to 4pm
SPEAKERS, WORLD CAFE and NETWORKING

Why meet? To boost the economy of Willits and our area, encourage and promote local canna-businesses through tourism

LITTLE LAKE GRANGE - 291 SCHOOL ST - WILLITS

KEYNOTE BY BRIAN APPELGARTH - CALIFORNIA CANNABIS TOURIST ASS'N

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
Matt with Humboldt Cannabis Tours, NIKKI LASTRETO & SWAMI
Richard Jergensen - Cannabis Culture Collection, and more

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
SNACKS AVAILABLE, BYO BROWN BAG LUNCH
- ALL ARE WELCOME \$20 -

REGISTER, SIGN UP FOR A TABLE DISPLAY 459-6362

Clothes Closet Give Away

Mendocino County Youth Project presents a Clothes Closet Giveaway Event for families affected by the Redwood fire and families with teens. Monday, January 22 from 3 to 7 pm at the MCYP office in the Muse Studio, 30 East San Francisco Avenue (purple fence behind Peter's Chinese parking lot complex). Also, sleeping gear, suitcases, school supplies and hygiene products. Accepting donations for this event at Sanhedrin High School, 120 North Main Street, 8:30 to 11:30 am, Mondays through Friday through January 19. Info: Aurelie Clivaz at 707-489-1258 or aclivaz@mcyp.org.

What's Happening Around Town

Tuesday, January 16

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Jumanji." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, January 18

"Dr. Strangelove": the Now and Then Film Series at the Grange presents "Dr. Strangelove," or "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," the 1964 political black comedy film by Stanley Kubrick that satirizes the Cold War fears of a nuclear conflict between the Soviet Union and the United States. Thursday, January 18 at 7 pm. 291 School Street. "Come at 6:30 pm to see our trailers and short films; serving heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter; \$5 or more donation will be used to support our film series."

Shanachie Pub: Movie Night with Rygg. Bartender and movie buff Rygg plays movies of all genres "that may surprise, delight or frighten - an old favorite or possibly a new as yet undiscovered favorite with friends." Thursday, January 18 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

SQUARE DANCE
WILLITS FRONTIER TWIRLERS
WILL BE STARTING A NEW BEGINNER CLASS
MONDAY JANUARY 15 2018
6:30 PM TO 7:45 PM
AT THE ARTS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Friday, January 19

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Road. Info: 459-6826.

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Shanachie Pub: Marty's Garden, psychedelic boogaloo and backwoods world beat banjo jazz, featuring banjo wizard Tracy Hui aka Panta Da Buzzard of Them Travelin' Birds, bassist Jonas Blume of Los Trabadooux, and Patrick Monin of the Northgate Jazz Club Thailand. Saturday, January 20 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.



COLUMN | At the Movies



'The Greatest Showman'

Daniel Essman
Columnist

The Story: A bio-pic of P.T. Barnum. A musical with singing and dancing and aerial acrobatics. Hugh Jackman (who has long experience as a song-and-dance man on stage) plays Barnum. This flick follows Barnum as a hungry, struggling poor boy to his successes as an impresario and huckster of curiosities. Also, we meet Charity Barnum (embodied by radiant Michele Williams), his wife from the upper classes who stands by Barnum through his failures and triumphs. Not to give anything away, but the movie has a happy ending ... and elephants.

My Thoughts: I loved the movie. I loved the production with its pretty, even hummable pop song score, and some truly spectacular circus-inspired choreography. Including a love scene/dance between beautiful Zendaya (omg!) and pretty Zac Efron which takes place mostly off the ground. (Please forgive the spoiler, I got carried away.) I'm sure this isn't strictly historical, but it's close enough ... and besides, I didn't care.

Parents: Singing, dancing, a happy ending, and spectacle. I'd have liked it when I was a kid. (Spoiler warning:) There is a short-term threat to the happy marriage of P.T. and Charity which some younger children might find disturbing.



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

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CERT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Redwood Forest & NCO Volunteer Network Present:

FREE Training for Willits & Ukiah!

CERT Basic Training is a fun and empowering way to learn disaster preparedness, survival skills, rescuer safety, team work, fire safety and suppression, basic disaster medical operations and light search and rescue. It will provide you with knowledge, skills and tools to help support yourself, friends, neighbors and family in times of disaster.

Learn how to...

- use a fire extinguisher safely and effectively
- conduct light search and rescue
- provide emergency first aid with limited supplies

...and more!

SATURDAYS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018
Jan. 27th, Feb. 3rd & 10th 8:30am - 5:30pm
Cal Fire Howard Forest Station - 17501 US-101, Willits CA 95490
*Must attend all three days to be certified! *Please bring lunch and beverage!

Contact the NCO Volunteer Network to register: (707) 462-1959 | kharrison@ncoinc.org

Cotton Dandee
by Marjo Wilson

HOEDOWN HOTLINE
Calendar

A Saturday Afternoon Community Event
Free Show! 2-4pm

All Ages Sing-along Strum-along - Bring your Own Kid's Open-Mic Tea & Cookies Kitchens Open for biz Let's do this!

saturday JAN. 27
saturday FEB. 10

TEA & TIME HOEDOWN!
@ The Village Hearth

TEA & TIME HOEDOWN!
@ Brickhouse Coffee

WILLITS

Check schedule for updates: cottondandee.com

Retired Teachers Lunch

Tuesday, January 23

Mendocino Division 55 of the California Retired Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, January 23 in Willits for an "all you can eat" buffet at Szechuan Asian Restaurant at 47 East Mendocino Avenue. Program: Mark Westerburg, superintendent, Willits Unified School District. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. \$16 (includes tip). Reservations required by January 20. Contact: edepas47@gmail.com or 456-0908. Non-member retirees get a free lunch!

KZYX needs board members

Mendocino County Public Broadcasting, KZYX and KZYV, has an openings on its board of directors for the Willits, Laytonville, North County area and two at-large positions and is accepting applications now. Applications are available on-line at <http://kzyx.org>. To fill one of these positions you must have been a station member in good standing by December 31, 2017, be able to carry out the responsibilities of a member of the board of directors, a list of which is available on the "elections" webpage, and submit an application by 5 pm on January 30, 2018. The application is available online or from the station, and you may submit it with your ballot statement by email, regular mail, or in person. Questions may be sent to bod@kzyx.org, or by leaving a message at the station, 895-2324, during regular business hours.

Ongoing Events

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

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Tools for Fire Victims at the Farmers Market: Every Thursday, the Farmers Market and the School of Adaptive Agriculture are collecting tools for those who lost their homes in the Redwood Complex Fire. Please bring donated tools to the Farmers Market on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. If tools are dull, Keith Rosen will sharpen them during the market. If unable to transport tools, contact Market Manager Michael Foley 216-5549 to arrange pick up.

"Boots and Tattoos Ladies Night Edition": Friday nights at Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street. Drink specials. No cover charge. Info: 571-9288.

Willits International Folk Dancing: Every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. Learn recreational cultural dances from around the world. Beginners welcome. No dance experience necessary. No partner needed. \$5 per class. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info: Megan Wolf, 530-647-6512 or megster1989@yahoo.com.

Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time"; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14), Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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

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

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Volleyball Open Gym: Baechtel Groves Gym, 1150 Magnolia Street. Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the MHM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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

Shanachie Pub: Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 7 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 Horwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

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MCYP



Above: Jordan Ugglia and Megan Wolf lead the dancers in a French folk dance, andro retourné.



International Folk

Learn traditional and modern dances from around the world

Most Thursday nights, if you walk into the multi-purpose room at the Willits Charter School, you are met with a line or circle of people dancing together – some colorfully dressed – to strains of music from different countries. It's the Willits International Folk Dancing group led by Jordan Ugglia and Megan Wolf.

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The group gathers from 7 to 9 pm on Thursday evenings to share in the fun of learning new folk dances from around the world. Some are traditional dances from countries like Bulgaria, Romania, Israel and France, while others are newer dances like the Charleston Madison from the United States. Ugglia and Wolf have amassed hundreds of traditional and modern dances in their lives, singly and together as a couple, sharing their lifelong love of what's called recreational dancing.

"Set, rock, grapevine" – a series of steps – are some of the words used to name the dance steps introduced

with thorough instruction by the couple. Ugglia begins each dance by humming the melody while he and Wolf measure the beat with their hands and footwork, as the group, slowly at first, moves through the steps.

Once the group is in sync with one another, Ugglia plays the music associated with the particular dance through his laptop. Melodies of sometimes traditional music, some slow and elegant, others fast and energetic, inform the dance and give it the beat and musical color. The dance becomes infused and transformed into its communal quality.

"I enjoy the intergenerational community that's created on the dance floor with this type of dancing," Wolf said. "It was one of the aspects that drew me to it when I was a teen." For five years Wolf has taught fifth grade at the Willits Elementary Charter School. She started a Folk

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At top, left: Some dancers enjoy dressing in colorful garb. This is the skirt and booted feet of Rebecca Daun-Widner. Above, right: Thoroughly enjoying the dance are, from left, leaders Jordan Ugglia and Megan Wolf, with Madge Strong, Doris Wier and Willow Daun-Widner.

Above: Divora Stern, along with the rest of the dance group, emphasizes a dance step with a rhythmic clap.

Below, left: Jordan Ugglia and Megan Wolf lead dancers slowly through the dance steps, while Ugglia hums the tune to Zemer Atik, a traditional Israeli folk dance. Below, right: Megan Wolf likes to put names of the dances on a board so people can refer to them throughout the evening.

Photos by Ree Slocum



Zemer Atik (Israel)
Tzadik Katamar (Israel)
Charleston Madison (USA)
Andro Retourne (France)
Dana (Romanian Gypsy)
Alunelu (Romanian)
Chaos Mixer (Social Dance)
Kvar Acharey Chitzot (Israel)

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Monday, January 22. Students or teachers must return intent forms to the Science Fair coordinator by the deadline to be eligible to bring their project to the community center. Projects cannot be accepted at the fair without prior knowledge. Forms are available at all Willits schools, at the Willits Public Library, and online at: <https://sites.google.com/willitsunified.com/sciencefair>.

Many students will bring their projects by bus to the Willits Community Center on the morning of February 6. Judging will take place later that day. The Science Fair is not open to the public on judging day.

The Science Fair opens for the public on Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8. All projects must be removed between 3 to 5:30 pm on Thursday, February 8. Please note, any projects that are left in the Community Center after 5 pm are subject to disposal.

Mendocino County Science Fair Qualifier Projects will be chosen in grades 3 to 12. Those students or classes will be eligible to participate at the Mendocino County Science Fair, which will be held at Mendocino College on Saturday, March 10.

The Science Fair Committee is seeking judges and award sponsors. If you have any questions about the Willits Science Fair, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Erin Vaccaro, Science Fair coordinator, at 707-513-8742 or sciencefair@willitsunified.com.

– submitted by the Willits Science Fair

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The four works he has brought to this show work together to create a cyclical view of nature, beauty, destruction of the environment, and the new life that is born from and fed by the ashes. His work is deeply political and represents his concern over the current congressional and administrative climate which he believes is in conflict with the natural world. His exhibit is called "Continues."

For Carpenter, the art is the end to be appreciated for the beauty it is. For Browe the art is a beginning to bring the viewer into his world, to foment a discussion of that world and, through the art, create a positive change.

The Art Center's January show will run until Sunday, January 28. The Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. More info: www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726.

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Dancing Club for children four years ago through the after-school program, which is still going strong on Mondays. Many of those students went on to attend the Willits Charter School and wanted to continue with the dancing. "Then let's start another club at the Charter School!" Wolf said.

It was wonderful for Willow Daun-Widner, who is now in sixth grade at the Willits Charter School and started dancing with the after-school program last year. "Last year I saw a performance [of folk dance], and it looked really fun so I joined the club. This year I'm taking the class off-campus and getting physical education credits for high school," she said. She's in the Thursday night group with her mother, Rebecca Daun-Widner, and also attends the teen group on Wednesdays.

"Megan and Jordan are very knowledgeable, personable and approachable," Rebecca Daun-Widner said. "That makes it easy for me to be there and easily learn the dances." The steps the group learns "aren't super technical," she continued. "There's no pressure to be perfect. It's about enjoying ourselves and being together in communal dance."

"They're good teachers and that makes a huge difference," said Madge Strong, a long-time folk dancer and teacher. "It's a great addition to activities in the community."

Also in the group, and a regular, is Divora Stern. "I'm doing this for brain health," she said. "Because of the crossing over in the left and right hemispheres of the brain in this type of dance, you're helping to strengthen the corpus callosum." The corpus callosum is the part of the brain that communicates between the left and right hemispheres.

Dancer Doris Wier simply exclaimed, "I love it!"

The first hour of each week's two-hour session is instruction for new dances, and the second hour is dancing favorite dances already learned. The class meets Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at the Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. No experience necessary, and no partner needed. \$5 per class. Info: Megan Wolf at 530-647-6512 or megster1989@yahoo.com.

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"Last year we had about 10 projects on bottle flipping. We utilize the Science Buddies website which has project suggestions. It gives them guidance. They take those ideas and take it another step or two. We don't assign them projects."

Some notable entries this year include: "Does a Barrier Between a Nail and a Solenoid Have an Effect on the Strength of an Electromagnet?" by Nakolo Anderson Joens-Poulton, "Buoyancy Test" by Jerin Schrade, which questioned what would happen if you were stranded in the Pacific Northwest: What kind of wood would make the best raft? Redwood, if you're curious. "Magnet Powers" by Michael Kale, which asked if placing magnets would affect the regeneration of planeria. "Battle of the Sexes" by Kylie Rose and Nevaeh Loya, tested how men and women would do on a memory test and how they follow directions. Some other titles included: "Does a gas powered or an electric powered leaf blower make a hovercraft hover?" "Teen Stress, what stresses out female student more, social life or school?" There were several projects based on slime, how to make it and which products work best, a project on "Cats and Purring," and one on "What brand of gum makes the biggest bubble and why?"

The judging was performed by volunteers Saprina Rodriguez, Suzanne Matheson, April Lamprich, Fred Branson and Eryn Schon-Brunner. "It was based on a judging sheet that is put out by the Mendocino County Office of Education," said Hagggett. "It's things like, Do they have a question? Is their hypothesis clearly stated with reasoning? Is their procedure clear? Does their conclusion make sense? Do they have graphs? Do they include original drawings or models of their experiments? Do they have a notebook to record their data? Correct spelling and grammar?"

Hagggett is attempting to teach students that the scientific method is a vital tool in the discovery of the truth of how the universe works and how to utilize those facts. Rather than just providing answers, the scientific method enables students to think critically and find their own solution, which is a method that can be adapted to all aspects of life.



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Healing through Art

'Avenues to Wellness' speaker Susan Sweet uses art as therapy after trauma

Cancer, chronic pain, chronic illness, car accident, surgery ... trauma happens. Hopefully not to you, but, maybe....

With life and body shattered and disrupted, how to embark on the healing process is neither easy nor obvious.

Healing after trauma, aided by art, was the subject of an "Avenues to Wellness" speaker series presentation on December 5 by Susan Sweet, artist, licensed marriage family therapist, and registered art therapist.

A cancer survivor herself, Sweet said she has "been doing art" her whole life. "It's always been a refuge," she said.

In 1997, she "discovered art therapy" and said to herself, "Wow, this is what I want to do."

When trauma, that overwhelming event that changes your life, happens, "people leave their bodies – and rightly so; it's a great mechanism," said Sweet. Afterward, "depression, anxiety, sleeplessness, and lack of appetite are normal."

"The body remembers," she said. "Trauma is stored in the body – in the right brain with other unconscious material. The whole nervous system is affected."

Enter art. Art therapy is "emotionally energizing and restorative. It frees people up and activates emotions," said Sweet. It "activates the right brain, gets things moving, bypasses the chatter, helps you unscramble, soothes the whole organism – you can feel the difference in your body doing the work."

Sweet believes that "images that come up are messages from our souls that want to be looked at – and can be looked at objectively through art."

Emphasizing that it is important to "tread lightly after trauma," Sweet begins therapy by creating a safe place and letting people know that "there is no wrong way to do it. The process is about expressing self – finding out what's in your heart and expressing it."

The medium used is important. Sweet believes in "using good materials" because "we're sensory beings and respond to materials."

At left: Therapist Susan Sweet gave a talk about the healing powers of art for trauma victims. Below: A collaborative effort, this silk painting is on display at Adventist Health Ukiah's Cancer Treatment and Infusion Center.



Photos by Joanne Moore

The use of tight materials (think pencils, markers), medium materials (pastels), and looser materials (paint) all have different effects on our emotional substrata.

"Water is deeply relaxing. Molding clay goes deeper into unconscious material. It can be powerfully regressive and calming," said Sweet.

She starts the work sometimes with bilateral scribbling, or using both hands to draw. "The movement activates the right brain, the unconscious material, [and] you drop into art." Collage is another tool. "Creating a collage while imagining a calm place is a powerful way to self-soothe," she said.

"We go in any direction anyone needs. The healing process is calling yourself back in," she said.

Noting that people "tend to isolate" when dealing with traumatic illnesses like cancer, Sweet extolled the benefits of working in a group with people who are facing or have faced similar life-altering challenges, sometimes doing collaborative art or working in pairs.

She currently leads two weekly groups in Ukiah where the only requirement for participation is to have, or have had, cancer. The groups are free, with a sliding scale fee for materials.

"Studies support the finding that art therapy helps the whole body to integrate and heal," she said. "Art therapists have known this for a long time."

Sweet can be contacted by calling 707-671-5122. Or, to learn more by yourself, she recommends the book "Managing Traumatic Stress Through Art: Drawing from the Center," by Barry M. Cohen, Mary-Michola Barnes, and Anita B. Rankin.

Visit the Avenues to Wellness website at <https://www.avenuestowellness.org> to learn more about upcoming talks, including "Prescription Drug Abuse: A National & Local Epidemic," set for Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30 pm.

Below: An example of "bilateral scribbles" created by both sides of the brain by a participant in one of therapist and artist Susan Sweet's groups participants.



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11:51 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Muir Mill Road.

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January 1

12:01 am: Officers responded to a report of fireworks in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

1:30 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Main Street.

3:47 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Main Street.

10:29 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:06 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

4:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

4:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:56 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

January 3

6:38 pm: SHELLY, Bambi Lynn (60) of Covelo was contacted in the 2100 block of Primrose Drive following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 148 PC (Resisting Arrest).

8:02 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

January 4

12:04 pm: STEPHENS, Tony Frank (39) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Holly Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Violence Corporal Injury) and on felony charges of battery.

January 5

10:35 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

12:29 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

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

4:41 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1100 block of Locust Street.

5:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

January 6

12:20 am: DURAN, Manuel Rodriguez (38) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Northbrook Way following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Violence Corporal Injury) and 261 (A) PC (Rape).

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Katherine Anne Delaquadra

Delaquadra has a long history of conflicts with north county landlords and benefactors who allowed her horses to graze on their property, said Angie Herman, secretary of Sonoma Action for Equine Rescue, "a group of concerned individuals who love horses and feel committed to promoting a more responsible and humane relationship between humans and the domestic equine," according to the SAFER website.

"We've received a number of calls [concerning Delaquadra's treatment of her horses] over the past four or five years," Herman said.

Delaquadra originally pastured her horses in the Laytonville area, Herman said, but



From left: Giant bears were delivered to some lucky children. Santas and their "sleighs." Kim Venturi helps Gerry Gonzalez and Louis Celaya into Santa suits.



Christmas Eve morning pre-delivery mayhem at the old Rexall building



Photos by Mathew Caine



From left: Brooktrails Fire Department volunteers young and old helped deliver toys. A reindeer nose and antlers drove home the "sleigh" theme. An almost empty room at the end of the morning. Below, from left: Firefighters await the delivery plan. Willits Wild Bunch members pose together. Santas and elves smile for the camera.



Willits Frontier Days

donates \$800 of toys to 2017 Willits Christmas Children's Program

At left: Willits Frontier Days Vice President Barry, left, smiles with Christine Houdashelt and the pile of toys donated by Willits Frontier Days to help ensure a great Christmas for all.

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personally feel that \$85,500 is logical, justifiable, and is proportionate to the salaries of other county employees within the organization, when you look at the responsibilities – I voted against it because, as we know, the typical county employee – not every county employee but the typical – is about 18 percent below their counterparts in comparable counties."

Gjerde added he had sent an email to county Human Resources staff, asking he be paid a salary that would be 18 percent below the \$85,500 level, or \$70,110.

The \$85,000 figure is described as the "at-market" level, the average salary for supervisors from six counties that county staff judged to be comparable to Mendocino County in terms of population, demographics, and economy. The six comparable counties are Sonoma, Napa, Humboldt, Lake, Yolo and Nevada counties.

Gjerde will be accepting a salary increase of \$8,910 a year, while the other supervisors will enjoy an annual increase of \$24,300.

In voting to approve the first reading of the ordinance on January 2, Second District Supervisor John McCowen reminded the public that state law says supervisors have to set their own salaries. "The board of supervisors are in the unique position of being able to approve our own salaries. That is a function of state law," McCowen said. "There are a number of other things that are unique about the position."

"Any new county employee is hired at a particular pay, and that pay increases 5 percent a year for five years. That doesn't happen with the board of supervisors."

"We're free to work as many hours as we wish," McCowen added. "If we were to work a 40-hour week, it would be a significant reduction in the workload for each of us. A light work week is 50 or 60 hours. It's not that hard to work 80 hours."

"We all signed up for this job," he noted. "We ran for it, we campaigned for it. So, we're all here doing the job that we want to do, and it is uncomfortable to be setting your own pay. But, again, that is the way the law provides for it."

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg, who was elected board chairman at the beginning of the January 2 meeting, explained he hoped the higher salary would result in more candidates coming running for office. Hamburg referenced recent electoral trends in Mendocino County; he ran unopposed in 2014, Gjerde ran unopposed in 2016, and Brown faced only light opposition in the 2016 race from Montana Podva, an attorney and champion of the U.S. Constitution who was not well known in the First District. Brown won the 2016 election by a vote of 75.29 percent to Podva's 24.07 percent.

"I know we're all fabulous supervisors," Hamburg said. "But the fact that there's no one who's willing to come forward and compete for these jobs has something to do with the salary."

The ordinance also provides supervisors' salaries will be pegged to those of county department heads in the future. Whenever the departments heads get a pay hike, or take a cut, as a bargaining unit, supervisors' salaries will be affected in like manner.

Several people commented on the proposed salary hike, most of them speaking in opposition to the pay hike. Sherry Glaser, a performance artist employed by a cannabis dispensary in the village of Mendocino, asked on what grounds the raise could be justified. "On what merit, other than time? This is \$2,000 a month, it brings your salary to \$7,000 a month. All of us, who you've been representing, have had a pay cut because of your ineptitude, your inefficiency in passing ordinances and protections."

"I don't get a raise for failing," Glaser added. "So, I'm not sure why you are getting a raise and why you would vote yourself a raise. What have you done? What revenue have you brought to this county? What have you done to bring in revenue?"

Acting director of the county's Health and Human Services Agency, Anne Molgaard, encouraged the board to go forward with the raise. "Without a salary increase, we are narrowing our pool of candidates to people who can afford to run," she said. "And that is basically undemocratic."

The rest of Pinches From Page 1

Willits businessman Hal Wagenet in a close election.

Pinches ran again in 2006, this time turning the tables on Wagenet, serving as Third District supervisor from 2007 to 2010, during difficult financial times for the county. In November 2010, he defeated Willits City Councilwoman Holly Madrigal and was elected to a third term, then retiring in 2014.

Pinches acknowledged health issues played a role in persuading him it was time to retire toward the end of his third term. "I guess it's no secret that I was pretty bad there for a while," said Pinches. "It was my heart. I had a heart operation, but I'm doing a lot better. I'm gettin' stronger every day."

In 2017, Pinches applied to the California Governor's Office to be appointed Third District supervisor in the wake of the January 2017 resignation of former Supervisor Tom Woodhouse due to health issues. Brown overlooked the 65-year-old Pinches in favor of Willits native, U.S. Air Force veteran and large animal veterinarian Georgeanne Croskey. In July 2017, Croskey announced she would not seek reelection in 2018.

"I don't like the way the county's going," Pinches said, when asked why he's seeking a fourth term, citing the closure of the county road yard in Laytonville, the failure of the Department of Transportation to take full advantage of the federal bridge program, and a policy decision by the board of supervisors and Director of Transportation Howard Dashiell not to hire outside contractors to take on county road jobs when there are not enough Department of Transportation employees to do the work.

"The county budget is just about \$300 million now," Pinches said, "and there are five supervisorial districts. That means each district ought to be getting about \$60 million worth of services. Show me where the Third District is getting \$60 million worth of services."

Asked about his views on the county's attempt to regulate cannabis, Pinches said: "On marijuana, I've been saying for a long time that as far as marijuana goes, it all has to do with the money. And another thing I've been saying is, I don't know how folks around here can compete with people in the Sacramento Valley, who have practically unlimited land and free water. Basically I think we have to get some other things going around here."

Pinches said he has not yet filed to run, but will file before the February 7 deadline to file a notice of intent to submit signatures in lieu of paying the full filing fee. The deadline for filing to run in the Third District supervisor race is March 14.

So far, five Third District individuals have filed notices to submit signatures in lieu of paying the filing fee. They are Willits teacher and Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak, Willits community activist Cyndee Logan, Laytonville resident Pamela Elizondo, Round Valley school board member and emergency support staffer for Redwood Community Services Tony Tucker, and Little Lake Valley blacksmith Brian Kunka.

Sheriff's report

An explosive Christmas 'gift'

Sheriff's investigators are seeking the person who left a bomb in the driveway of a 41-year-old Willits man.

Deputies were called at about 10:15 am on December 18 after the intended victim noticed a "suspicious object" in the driveway of his home in the 4000 block of Bear Canyon Road the previous day, said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer. The man said he didn't know "how the object came to be there," but was worried it could be a bomb.

Deputies investigated, and "sent photographs of the device to deputies with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office who are trained and certified to deal with suspected destructive/explosive devices," Cromer said.

Humboldt County deputies drove to Willits and "determined the object was a destructive device," he added. The deputies "were able to neutralize the device, which was subsequently secured as evidence for this investigation."

The motive and purpose of the device remain unknown. Anyone with possible information concerning the incident is urged to the call the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 234-2100.

Petaluma man held for weapons, drugs

A 26-year-old Sonoma County man was arrested on weapons and drug charges following a December 23 physical altercation with a woman in the 44000 block of North Highway 101 in Laytonville.

While deputies were en route to the 4 pm disturbance, they learned the woman had left the location, but the male was still in the area.

A state traffic contacted a man fitting the suspect's description nearby at Branscomb Road and Highway 101, said sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco. The man was identified by his California driver's license as Martin Gerard Curran of Petaluma.

"The CHP officer detained Curran, who was found to be in possession of a loaded, concealed firearm and a concealed fixed-blade knife," DeMarco said. The officer also found a small bag of suspected methamphetamine on Curran's person.

Deputies took custody of Curran, and checked the area for the woman, "but she was not located and did not call law enforcement to make a report," DeMarco said.

The firearm was discovered to be "lost or stolen" in 2009 near Bakersfield.

Curran was arrested on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance while armed, possessing a concealed dirk or dagger, and possession of a controlled substance.

He was booked into Mendocino County Jail. Bail was set at \$35,000.

Covelo woman attacks clerk, robs store

A Covelo woman was arrested on suspicion of first-degree robbery and assault with a deadly weapon following a December 28 rampage at Keith's Market in Covelo.

Deputies arrested Misty Lee Hawkins 35, after she allegedly took several food items and alcohol from the market in the 76000 block of Highway 16 at about 4:30 pm on December 28, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

The 61-year-old male store employee told deputies that when he attempted to stop Hawkins after she left the store and retrieve the items she had taken, the woman struck him in the face with her hand.

She then let go of the shopping basket that contained the stolen food items, and the store employee grabbed the basket and went back inside of the store, DeMarco said. Hawkins followed the man back into the store, and when told she had to leave became angry and started screaming and yelling, DeMarco said. She then picked up a metal pipe and tried to strike the throw it at the man, who had to jump out of the way to keep from being hit.

Covelo Tribal Police detained Hawkins at the store, and deputies arrested her on suspicion of first-degree robbery, and assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm.

Deputies also learned Hawkins had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for her arrest out of the Mendocino County Superior Court for failing to appear in court on an unrelated case.

Hawkins was booked into the county jail. Bail was set at \$82,500.

These reports were based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Supes monitor progress on fire recovery, pot program

The Army Corps of Engineers has hired yet another contractor to perform debris removal services for Mendocino County fire victims. After only two or three weeks on the job, Ashbritt is leaving, and now the Army Corps has hired Minnesota-based Ceres Environmental Services instead. Ceres is the third contractor signed on to work with the Corps of Engineers since late November.

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Despite setbacks associated with inadequate federal funding, with labor agreements running out of money before the scheduled work was finished, with the Army Corps having difficulty finding the right contractor, county staff and Corps personnel offered a positive assessment to the board of supervisors.

According to Colonel Eric McFadden, recently installed as project manager for the four-county recovery effort from wildfires that ravaged Northern California in October, crews subcontracting with the Corps still have some 150 homesites to clean up in Mendocino County.

"We are 54 percent complete," McFadden said.

Mendocino County Deputy Executive Officer Steve Dunicliff told supervisors the Corps and FEMA are working together to install infrastructure that will allow the establishment of between 35 and 50 modular homes at campgrounds at Lake Mendocino. Work to establish the infrastructure will begin on January 16 and Dunicliff said he is hopeful the homes will be installed by February 1.

In the meantime, 14 families have been placed in 15 trailers which have been parked at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. Those families will be moved to Lake Mendocino as soon as the houses become livable there.

Pot program creates friction

Long simmering dissatisfaction at the county's cannabis cultivation program bubbled to the surface Tuesday, as supervisors sought clarity on when and how requested changes to the program could be finalized and implemented.

Changes ranged from the arcane to the more contentious. On the high end, McCowen is now ready to do away with the requirement that each different type of cultivation technique permitted by the ordinance will require a separate permit.

For example, as currently written, if a grower wanted to grow 2,000 square feet of outdoor, 5,000 square feet of indoor, and 3,000 square feet of indoor, mixed light styles of cultivation, that grower would need to get three permits.

On Tuesday, McCowen said he now supports a change that would allow growers to "mix and match" cultivation styles, so long as the total area under cultivation came in under the amount specified in the permit. Using that example, a grower who wanted to grow 2,000 square feet of outdoor cannabis, 5,000 square feet of indoor, and 3,000 square feet of indoor, mixed light cannabis, would be able to do so under one permit.

McCowen asked County Counsel Katherine Elliott if she thought that placing that change in the ordinance would require changing the measure. Elliott replied she did not know, but would find out.

McCowen also requested the ordinance be changed to clarify that if a grower is moving from one parcel in Forest Land or in the Timber Production Zone zoning district – and is keeping within the same total cultivation area as on a previous grow site – that person would only need a zoning clearance from Planning and Building staff, rather than an administrative permit.

McCowen also supported a change requested by Laytonville attorney Hannah Nelson, that the area standards for the various types of permits be amended to include mature plants only. Nelson said that is the way the area guidelines are calculated in state regulations.

Supervisors McCowen and Brown recently attended working group meetings concerning the proposed overlay zones. Both supervisors, in different ways, indicated they thought it was time to move the process forward.

"I think at the end of the meeting there was a consensus among those present that it made sense not to continue with the single working group on that topic, but to have three distinct working groups focused on three distinct topics: opt in, opt out, and exemptions," said McCowen.

"Part of the problem, obviously, is that there are people in there who are purely concerned with, how is this going to affect me?" he said.

McCowen advocated the single overlay zone working group be broken up into three working groups, focusing on either opt-in, opt-out and exemptions. Each mini-group would consist of between five and seven members. McCowen said each group should meet with the consultant once or twice so group members could present their ideas on what each group would like to see. Then the consultant would be charged with drafting suggested language for new ordinance subsections.

Brown, however, felt the process was bogged down. She called for one or two meetings between the consultant and the mini-working groups as advocated by McCowen, but said she wanted the consultant to quickly submit proposals to supervisors.

"I feel by February 1 that the consultant has got to be ready to write this," Brown said. "I'm tired of waiting."

McCowen shared Brown's sense of frustration. "Frankly, I don't get the sense that the consultant shares the sense of urgency of our community and our board."

County Chief Executive Officer Carmel Angelo reminded the board that the consultant, Michael Baker International, hired by the county in early October, has only been on board for a short time. Angelo said she thought it would likely take the consultant six months to draft new subsections to the ordinance.

"I believe this is a complex process," she said. Addressing the compressed timeline advocated by Brown and McCowen, Angelo said, "I don't think the consultant thought that was what he was signing up for."

Angelo agreed to ask the consultant to meet with supervisors at the board's January 23 meeting. A few moments after making that statement, Angelo confirmed representatives from the firm would be present on that date to talk with supervisors.



Above, left: Members of Troop 42, Troop 212, Cub Scouts Pack 42, and a girl scout who came to help during the 2018 tree pick-up event.

Above: Cub Scouts Ivan Carrillo, Adrian Carrillo, Seth Lacy, and den leader Juan Carrillo.

Below, from left: Zack Dellett and Korvin Swinney out on the street, collecting trees. Laythem Hulsey loads a tree into the trailer bound for the Willits Cafe parking lot and the awaiting chipper. Ryan Watson picks up a tree and carries it towards the trailer.

Photos by Kara Watson

Cleaning up Christmas

Boy Scouts hold post-holiday tree pick-up

Over 100 trees were picked up and chipped up by the members of Boy Scout Troop 212, Boy Scout Troop 42 and Cub Scout Pack 42 on (sunny!) Saturday, January 6. Action Rents of Ukiah donated the chipper, which was stationed at the Willits Cafe parking lot. Chips will be used

at the sewer plant. Troop leader Ken Pederson noted his appreciation to Action Rents as well as to the boys and their families for helping make the event a success again this year.

— Maureen Moore

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Stunning Charlie

Charlie is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 67 pounds. This handsome dog is easy to leash up, and a bit tentative and nervous. During his meet and greet and evaluation, Charlie met our tester dog, and he perked right up. In the play yard during his photo shoot, Charlie took to our photographer, and nudged him with his nose – just a gentle reminder that he was there, and yes, please – some pets would be nice. Charlie is stunning, with his beautifully red coat, long legs and dropped tail.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. "Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month – January 13 this month – for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!"



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OBITUARY |

Jack Love, Jr.

Jack Leroy Love, Jr. of Willits passed away December 7, 2017 at the age of 61. Born July 26, 1956 in Crescent City, California to Jack Leroy Love, Sr. and Carlotta "Milligan" Love, he worked locally in the logging industry.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack Love, Sr. and Carlotta Love. He is survived by his siblings: Kima Noel, Lesli Knight, Kelli Love, Alfred "Poe" Smith, and Doug Donahue; nieces and nephews: Tami, Chris, Donny and Chelsea Madrigal, and Josh, Catherine and Levy Knight, Sierra Fuller, and Lesli and Carl Wall.

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