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The Camp Fire started in the hills above Sierra Nevada's Chico brewery in November of last year and, with more than 150,000 acres burned, over 80 deaths, and more than 13,000 homes destroyed, it's the worst wildfire in California history.

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Above, left: Pub owner Pete Swanton, center, stands with bartenders Dawnna Hetherington, left, and Stephanie Whitaker, right, and a pint of the Sierra Nevada Resilience beer sold especially to help raise funds for Camp Fire relief. Above, right: Schindig played with the assistance of Mark Neumeyer on the cow bell.



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**At left: The bar was full at Shanachie Pub for the Camp Fire Fundraiser.**

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Grateful for the support

To the Editor:

As the Willits Food Bank's Winter Fund Drive moves along into January, we are delighted and very grateful for the outpouring of generosity from our community. Not that this is surprising. Over the years, our friends and neighbors in the Willits and Brooktrails area (and beyond) have always stepped up to the call for donations to support our ongoing efforts of helping those in need.

This year it is particularly moving to find that, along with their donations, many donors have acknowledged the memory of our late director Jim Marill. Jim's compassion, kindness and loving spirit touched so much of our community.

It is the intention of Willits Community Services to continue our work in this spirit.

Clancy Rash, for Willits Community Services

## 'Sheriff's Roundup'

To the Editor:

Thank you for adding the "Sheriff's Roundup" to the paper! It is a huge benefit to the community to know what crimes are being committed in and around Willits. In the January 10 edition, we read about a kidnapping, multiple burglaries, robbery, mail theft, forgery, felon/weapon, and a shooting.

We read about the great job our Willits Police Department does every week in the paper, but we have no way of knowing about all the serious crimes happening in the unincorporated areas surrounding Willits. Thank you for putting out the awesome Willits Weekly newspaper, and keep the "Sheriff's Roundup" as a regular feature!! Thank you.

Donald Smith, Willits

## Flu or pneumonia?

To the Editor:

IN the January 10 Willits Weekly an article by Gary Pace, MD, MPH said, "Reportedly, 80,000 Americans died during the 2017-2018 season from influenza."

I located the Centers for Disease Control article that this quote came from. I could not find the break-down of how many died of the flu and how many died of pneumonia in the 80,000. CDC combines pneumonia and influenza. CDC gets their information from the "National Center for Health Statistics." The NCHS report may not be final.

I did find the CDC breakdown for "2016." See table 1-12 at the following link: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr67/nvsr67\\_05\\_tables.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr67/nvsr67_05_tables.pdf)

It said 51,537 died of pneumonia and influenza. Of that total 48,632 died of pneumonia and 2,905 died of influenza. In other words 94.4 percent died of pneumonia and 5.6 percent died of influenza.

This makes me wonder how many of the 80,000 deaths in the 2017-2018 flu season died of pneumonia and how many died of the flu.

Dr. Pace says, "For prevention other than the vaccine, some basic steps like regular hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes with a sleeve or a tissue, and staying home when you are sick can all be very helpful." Very good advice. In addition I maintain a healthy immune system with exercise and nutritional foods.

Bob Wilkinson, Willits

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## City of Willits – 2018 in review

by Madge Strong, Willits City Council

The City of Willits accomplished a lot in 2018, in addition to filling key staff vacancies and "getting our house in order." Here are some highlights:

**Staffing:** Most important, we hired Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra as our new city manager beginning in March 2018, replacing Adrienne Moore and interim Manager Bob Perrault. During the year, we also hired a new planning staff person, a new building official, a grant writer, and a new finance director, as well as police officers and clerical support.

**Caltrans/Main Street:** The city manager, council representatives, and the planning and the engineering departments all coordinated extensively with Caltrans during the reconstruction of Main Street, including trying to minimize loss of trees, improving pedestrian walkways, and making sure the final product met our design goals.

Caltrans is still working on the major realignment of Sherwood Road, expected to be completed by about June 2019. Once all Caltrans work is done, Main Street north of Highway 20 will be relinquished to the city, and we'll be budgeting for more street trees and additional amenities in 2019 and 2020.

**Planning:** Community Development Director Dusty Duley, now with an assistant, has guided implementation of our new cannabis ordinance, approval of our overdue Housing Element, and passage of a new ordinance on vacant commercial buildings. We will be looking at the city's "Sphere of Influence" and potential annexations, a new General Plan and possible development impact fees in the near future.

Two dozen commercial cannabis business licenses have been processed to date, six of them now in operation, with few or no problems with compliance. In early 2019 the city will be reviewing permits for potential dispensaries (none approved so far).

The new vacancy ordinance requires long-vacant commercial properties to register with the city, have a local contact person, and be inspected to avoid hazards or illegal occupancy. Initial fees will be minimal but escalate annually. Implementation is beginning in early 2019.

**Building:** Building Official John Sherman worked hard bringing city facilities up to ADA (accessibility) compliance and successfully negotiated with FEMA on realistic flood mapping, meanwhile overseeing all building permits and code enforcement in the city. With John's retirement, Christopher Morgan is now filling those big shoes!

**Engineering-Public Works:** The city also had several of its own improvement projects underway in 2018, using matching funds to improve road paving, moving the city's water main to a new bridge on East Hill Road, procuring a new street sweeper, planting trees at parks, providing loans for sewer lateral hook-ups, and the never-ending work of fixing streets and keeping water and sewer plants operating effectively.

**Watershed restoration:** A significant portion of the city-owned watershed above our reservoirs was damaged in the Redwood fire of October 2017. We contracted with NCRM to log and sell much of the damaged timber during 2018, netting funds for restoration planting which will be underway for 2019.

**Mental health facility:** Under Measure B enacted by county voters in late 2016, funds are now being collected to provide mental health facilities in the county. In mid-2018, it appeared that revamping old Howard Hospital for this purpose might be "fast-tracked." The city requested it be involved in such plans, and meanwhile the Kemper Report commissioned by the county outlined a number of other issues. So far the Measure B Committee has not

made a recommendation for either the type or location of such facilities.

**City finance/budget:** Sales tax revenues have not been as adversely impacted (due to the bypass) as projected, and other revenues are healthy. Over the years the city has amassed a sizable reserve. In the FY 2018-19 budget, City Manager Garrabrant-Sierra proposed potentially dipping into reserves, with a general fund deficit of up to \$750,000. She noted that most of the added expenses are for one-time, long-term projects, and that we need to invest now for opportunities in the future. The council approved the budget in September, with a proviso to track performance during the year. Stephanie and Karen Stevenson also successfully negotiated three-year contracts with police and other staff. New Finance Director Yujun Du came on board December 2018.

The passage of Measure I in November 2018 for an excise tax on cannabis businesses will help fund needed enforcement as well as long-range land use and energy planning, economic development, and other city projects going forward. The tax amounts will be set at an upcoming Willits City Council hearing. This potential revenue was not included in the adopted budget.

**Emergency planning:** City staff has been working closely with the county and other agencies to prepare for future emergencies. The passage of Measure J will help our Little Lake Fire Department build a much-needed new station on East Commercial Street.

## Fun stuff

- With help from a generous donor, the city initiated free "Music in the Park" concerts for four weeks in the fall. This series will likely be renewed in spring.

- The new Visit Willits board held a successful "Wild Willits Fest" featuring 5K and 10K runs, local food, health information and more.

- Willits Chamber of Commerce has held many "mixers" featuring local businesses, as well as a forum on economic opportunities.

- The city's Revit-ED Committee has looked into a potential civic billboard for Willits on the bypass, as well as other plans for signage and beautification.

- And of course WELL, with help from the city, Little Lake Fire Department, Willits High School and dozens of volunteers and donors, has been "Painting the Town."

## My own wish list

- "Greening" the city: Goals might include solarizing power at the sewage treatment plant, improving water and energy conservation, a possible heritage tree ordinance, revisiting the plastic bag ordinance, banning Styrofoam containers, banning herbicide use, and overall making our streams salmon- and people-friendly.

- "Go & Grow Local": Seek more ways to support local food (e.g. farmers market), business enterprises, and our cultural and artisan communities.

- Transportation: We should continue seeking funds for better pedestrian and bike ways and, long-range, better north-south connections such as the Baechtel-Railroad Avenue corridor and Locust to Highway 20.

- I enjoyed being mayor for the past year, but am happy to have Gerry Gonzales again take on that role, giving me more time for other projects. I'm also very pleased to welcome Greta Kanne to the council.

To find out more, come to Willits City Council meetings, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 6:30 pm, call us, or check the city website [www.cityofwillits.org](http://www.cityofwillits.org).

*Note: This review of City of Willits activities was provided courtesy of the Willits Economic Localization newsletter. To join WELL, please contact Madge Strong at 459-1493 or go to [www.well95490.org](http://www.well95490.org).*

## February CalFresh benefits issued early due to shutdown

Submitted by Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

CalFresh benefits for the month of February will be issued early due to the federal government shutdown. Most customers will have benefits posted to their Electronic Benefits Transfer accounts on January 16, 2019.

The early issuance of February benefits is necessary to access federal funds that will no longer be available if the federal government's shutdown continues.

CalFresh recipients who are required to recertify in the month of January and complete their recertification after January 15, 2019, will have their benefits issued on

or after February 1, 2019, if federal funds are available. Individuals and families who apply for benefits and are approved after January 15, 2019, will also have their February benefits issued on or after February 1, 2019, if federal funds are available.

The state is awaiting guidance from the federal government regarding the issuance of CalFresh benefits for the month of March.

Individuals or families can apply for CalFresh benefits on the Mendocino coast at 764 South Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, inland at 737 South State Street, Ukiah, or electronically at [c4yourself.com](http://c4yourself.com). CalFresh recipients with questions about their case can call the coastal office at 707-962-1000 or the inland office at 707-463-7700.

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Above, from left: Vern Morninglight shows his years of experience with the Harry Nilsson tune, "Everybody's Talkin' at Me." Malakai Schindell, left, and Forrest Glyer of Schindig and Sarah Rose take the stage. Sarah Rose answers a question from young Circe.

From left: Elvia and her Train Singer grandad, Greg Schindell. David Partch, co-creator, addresses the crowd at Local Lights: Open Mic++. Malakai Schindell solos on the pan pipes.

Photos by Mathew Caine

# Local Lights

## Family-friendly open mic night starts up at the Willits Center for the Arts

"I have absolutely no idea what is going to happen here tonight," mused David Partch, co-creator of Local Lights: Open Mic++. "The idea was to have an open mic venue that would be open to all ages and all sorts of different performances. It can also be poetry and stand-up comedy or something in that mode. I already have several sign-ups, so we should have a full evening."

The event, upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts Sunday evening, was a successful first venture. The talent was entertaining, and the chairs were full of appreciative audience members, including the kids who ran around the venue lending a festival air to the proceedings.

The proposed and current structure is to have an hour of open mic performances, followed by a feature act, after which the evening closes with another hour of open mic. In the future, dinner food and snacks will be offered, as the 5 to 8 pm running time cuts into most people's dinner time.

Partch's event co-creator is Kyle Madrigal, a musician well-known around Willits for his eclectic musicianship and stylings as a solo act or with his group, The Cult of Ours.

"I was talking to David back in April or May," Madrigal said. "I was like, man, I really want to have an afternoon, early evening open mic set-up that isn't at a rowdy loud bar. Something where the audience is there to actually listen and to support the artists."

"All the other open mic scenes that I've been to around the county are usually at an establishment that is vending alcohol. I want to do something that is centered around the entire community, so we can have elderly people all the way down to toddlers, anyone who wants to express themselves in whatever form.

"I want to foster something to where it becomes a community that fosters collaboration with one another and support," Madrigal continued, "and maybe these people can get together outside of this venue and start making bands and writing songs together or dancing. Bring it more and more into the public's awareness. Appreciation for the arts is so incredibly necessary for a healthy community."

The evening began with Sherwood Ranch resident Matt Bruno, both solo and with his wife, Talia. Bruno began with a creative interpretation of a Thelonious Monk tune on guitar and kazoo. He and Talia blended their vocals well, especially on their Dolly Parton tune. It was easy to hear how they practice and mesh their styles together in their hours out at the ranch. Matt stated that they rarely get to town. He has a music group and would like to be the featured act at a later date.



Above, from left: The Art Center room is filled with an appreciative audience.

Bo Comings lays down the beats electronically as Kyle Madrigal accompanies on djembe.

Bruce Andich shares a two-hour-old poem.

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SUDOKU

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One-time Levi's CEO

5. Emperor of Russia

9. Islamic theology scholar

11. Hammer with a large, wooden head

13. Food

15. Can be combined

16. Midway between east and southeast

17. Governs a noun or pronoun

19. Gorilla

21. Type of trap

22. 'Unforgettable' singer

23. Atomic #10

25. Practice fight

26. US gov't branch

27. Female deer

29. Remarks meant for the audience

31. Undergarments

33. Prevent from seeing

34. Masked

36. 'A Suitable Boy' novelist

38. Invisible gaseous substance

39. Sour

41. County in New Mexico

43. No seats available

44. Pulitzer-winning composer

46. Fit or irritation

48. The ability to move objects through thought

52. Skywalker mentor

53. Herbal medicine seed

54. 'Zero Dark Thirty' director Bigelow

56. Preferences

57. Soundly

58. One precedes another

59. Au revois

CLUES DOWN

1. Famed explorer

2. Transferred property to

3. Clerical vestment

4. Free-swimming marine invertebrate

5. Cab

6. Thin piece of wood

7. Persons without pigment in their skin

8. Fill again

9. Submissive

10. His and \_\_\_\_

11. Sources of stress

12. Shelter

14. French commune

15. Boggy ground

18. Old man

20. Peanut

24. Michael Corleone's personal enforcer

26. Geological formations

28. Wages

30. Insect repellent

32. Unit of time

34. Musician

35. Not good

37. Esteemed one

38. Structures

40. Where workers sit

42. Women who foretell the future

43. Quantitative fact

45. Missing soldiers

47. Diminutive

49. This (Spanish)

50. Hold on to

51. Thrust a knife into

55. Hengyang Bajialing Airport

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG  
January 5 to January 13  
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 219 incidents in this 9-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

**January 5**  
4:46 am: SPARKMAN, Tyler Grant (26) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).  
9:27 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.  
11:15 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

2:56 pm: BLAKE, Jamie Lou (39) of Laytonville was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of receiving stolen property, theft of an elder, identification fraud, intent to defraud, and obtaining money by false pretenses.

6:48 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

January 6

2:40 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.  
10:44 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

12:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:22 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of South Coast Street.

8:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:40 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

January 7

7:13 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:49 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.

11:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

January 8

12:27 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of East Valley Street.

12:30 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 24000 block of Foothill Boulevard, Covelo.

1:42 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:54 am: YOUNG, Jonathan Austin (38) of Trinity Center was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459.5 PC (Shoplifting), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), 148 PC (Resisting Arrest), and misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

9:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of North Street and Laurel Street.

10:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

January 9

10:35 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:40 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 25000 block of Goose Lane.

11:23 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of East Hill Road.

3:12 pm: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

5:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 20000 block of North Highway 101.

10:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:31 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

January 10

1:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 5000 block of Hearst Willits Road.

4:51 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

5:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marin Street.

5:47 pm: WHITE, Tasha Lee (46) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Marin Street and East Commercial Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

January 11

9:29 am: NEWBERRY, Bryan Keith (52) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (D) PC (Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury), on felony charges of elder abuse, and on misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and violation of probation.

9:46 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

9:54 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.

11:08 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

3:10 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of North Main Street.

4:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault near the intersection of South Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue.

6:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

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8:09 am: VINCENT, Jesse (42) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order).

11:10 am: BYER, David Wesley (35) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 21310 PC (Carrying a Concealed Dirk or Dagger), 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

2:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

8:12 pm: JOHNSON, Dakota Spring (21) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear and violation of probation.

9:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of North Street and Laurel Street.

10:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

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10:05 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

12:51 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

1:29 pm: ELLER, Kenneth Wayne (51) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Locust Street and Holly Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of community supervision and violation of probation.

At right: Warehouse associates Mike McDonald and Dan Beebe pause in their sorting, rotating and shelving of donated food.



Far right: WCS board members John Wagenet and Clancy Rash are happy to pose with the WCS and Food Bank's fundraising thermometer seen on the corner of Commercial and Main Streets in Willits.



Winter Fund Drive  
Willits Community Services' annual appeal

The thermometer for the annual Willits Community Services and Food Bank's Winter Fund Drive once again stands tall at the northeast corner of Commercial and Main streets with a goal of \$34,000 for 2019. The line on Saturday held at a bit above \$22,000 and hadn't been updated for a week.

According to Ruthanne Volz, interim director of the WCS, the fundraiser has no definitive starting, nor ending, point. "Most people think we start it when we have the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at the Harrah Senior Center, but really it's been kicked in by then. I would say it starts in late October when people start sending in checks. Their donation is tax-deductible, and people plan their yearly donations."

When Willits Weekly visited, Diana Hoyt was volunteering some hours working on the computer to input a stack of checks, and Elizabeth Hart, client services / office manager, informed Volz that she'd just gotten another handful of donation envelopes at the post office.

Volz laughed: "So, we have to keep painting up the thermometer's line when there's drier weather. It'll taper off eventually. We don't really have a final date for the Winter Fund Drive because people just keep giving, and we just keep painting the thermometer up and up."

Almost weekly the line on the thermometer increases by quite a bit. "This year people have been especially generous," reported Volz. "Some of the checks have 'In memory of Jim Marill' on their memo line." Longtime and well-loved WCS director Jim Marill had been battling with cancer.

The board of directors designated Volz to be his assistant director at first and then interim director when Marill passed away on December 6. Volz certainly isn't a newcomer to WCS. She's been a longtime volunteer serving on the board for over 10 years and working on fundraisers and volunteer-appreciation events.

Around and in the back of the WCS's office building is the food bank side of things. Through the welcoming open door, one is greeted by the happy smile of 85-year-old volunteer Roberta "Bobbie" Powell. Powell is the person who signs people in and is there in all kinds of weather.

Close by are bags of groceries filled with canned goods, proteins of all sorts including frozen meat at times, eggs, bread when available, even cookies, crackers and fresh vegetables. According to volunteer John Almida who was filling the bags of groceries, "It changes each time and depends upon what's been donated or sent by the USDA."

Hart emphasized: "This is a supplemental program and isn't meant to be all of the food one needs for

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**Caltrans offers safety tips for winter driving**  
*Submitted by Caltrans Sacramento HQ*

Caltrans urges motorists to be prepared and use caution when driving this winter. Taking action and being proactive can help reduce the risk of injury and even death on the highways during the upcoming storm. Operators of vehicles must use their best judgment in all types of weather.

Before traveling, Caltrans recommends checking weather and road conditions. Caltrans' QuickMap is an online resource with real-time traffic flow information, chain control alerts, and closure information. It is available at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> or as a Google and Apple app.

Motorists can also call 511 or the Caltrans Highway Information Network at 1-800-427-7623 for travel information. Live traffic cameras can also be useful to check conditions before traveling and are available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/video/>.

- Winter driving tips**
- Reduce your speed to match driving conditions and allow more time to reach your destination. Know that bridges and ramps may be more slippery than the roadway.
  - Keep your fuel tank full. Bad weather may cause long delays or closures.
  - Turn on your headlights to see and be seen. Be observant and maintain a safe distance behind snow removal equipment. Do not pass snow plows unless directed to do so.
  - When driving in fog, reduce your speed and use headlights on low-beam along with fog lights. Stay to the right along the white edge line and never stop in the road. If visibility is not adequate, pull off of the roadway when safe to do so.

- Do not drive through flooded areas. Safely turn around and find another route.
- If you start sliding on snow or ice, slowly take your foot off the gas pedal and steer in the direction you wish to travel. Do not lock your brakes. Pump the brakes if needed, or apply steady pressure if your vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brakes.
- Don't use cruise control.
- Avoid in-car distractions while driving.
- If you are stalled, activate your hazard signals and stay with your vehicle. Conserve fuel by periodically turning your engine on and off while maintaining warmth, but be aware of possible exhaust and carbon monoxide issues.
- If you approach an emergency, maintenance, or any other vehicle stopped on the side of the road, move over when safe to do so or slow down.

**Be prepared**

The following actions can help prevent vehicle failures and help if you become stranded:

- Winterize your vehicle. Make sure your brakes, windshield wipers, heater/defroster, and exhaust system are in good working order. Make sure fluids are topped-off, especially windshield washer fluid.
- Make sure your tires are properly inflated and always carry tire chains.
- Pack an emergency kit in your vehicle with the following items: flashlight, blankets, extra clothing, water, snacks, towel, gloves, ice scraper, shovel, broom, sand, and carry a spare key on your person in case you lock yourself out of your vehicle.

For more information on winter driving, chain controls, and additional resources, visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctravel/winter.html>. Caltrans' "Weathering the Storm" winter driving tips brochure is available at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/winter\\_driving2015.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/winter_driving2015.pdf)

## Keep your Medicare costs down

*By Greg Dill, Medicare regional administrator*

Most doctors accept Medicare as full payment for their services. But some accept it only for certain services, and others don't accept it at all.

What does this mean for you?

If you have Original Medicare, it means you should try to use doctors, hospitals, medical equipment suppliers, and other healthcare providers that participate or "accept assignment" in Medicare. Such providers have signed agreements to take Medicare as payment in full for their services.

- If your doctor or other provider accepts assignment:
- Your out-of-pocket costs may be less.
  - The provider agrees to charge you only the Medicare deductible and coinsurance amount, and usually waits for Medicare to pay its share before asking you to pay your share.
  - The provider has to submit your claim directly to Medicare and can't charge you for submitting the claim.

Some doctors and other providers haven't signed an agreement to accept assignment for all Medicare-covered services, but they can still choose to accept assignment for some services. These providers are called "non-participating" providers.

If your doctor or other provider doesn't accept assignment:

- You may have to pay the entire bill at the time of service. Your provider is supposed to submit a claim to Medicare for any Medicare-covered services they provide to you.
- The provider can't charge you for submitting a claim. If they



- don't submit the Medicare claim once you ask them to, call 1 800 MEDICARE.
- In some cases, you might have to submit your own claim to Medicare using Form CMS-1490S to get paid back.
  - The provider can charge you more than the Medicare-approved amount, but there's a limit. Non-participating providers are paid 95 percent of the Medicare-approved amount. They can only charge you up to 15 percent over the amount that non-participating providers are paid.
- The 15 percent limit applies only to certain Medicare-covered services and doesn't apply to some medical supplies and durable medical equipment.
- Some doctors and other providers don't want to enroll in the Medicare program at all. You can still visit these "opt out" providers, but they must enter into a private contract with you (unless you're in need of emergency or urgently needed care).
- A private contract is a written agreement between you and a doctor or other provider who has decided not to provide services to anyone through Medicare. The private contract only applies to services you get from the provider who asked you to sign it.
- If you sign a private contract with an opt-out doctor or other provider, keep in mind that Medicare won't pay any amount for the services you get from that provider, even Medicare-covered services.
- You'll have to pay the full amount this provider charges you. You and your provider will set up your own payment terms through the contract.
  - If you have a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, it won't pay anything for the services you get. Call your insurance company before you get the service if you have questions.
  - Your provider must tell you if Medicare would pay for the service if you got it from another provider who accepts Medicare.
  - Your provider must tell you if he or she has been excluded from Medicare.
  - You can't be asked to sign a private contract for emergency or urgent care.

- You're always free to get services not covered by Medicare if you choose to pay for them yourself.

You don't have to sign a private contract. You can always go to another provider who participates (accepts assignment) in Medicare.

Be sure to ask your physician or other provider if they are participating, non-participating, or opt-out. You can also check by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or by using Medicare's Physician Compare tool on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

You may want to contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) [www.shiptacenter.org/](http://www.shiptacenter.org/) to get free help before signing a private contract with any doctor or other health care provider.

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

## LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

December 11 to December 16  
*by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez*

- 01-09-19 (North Main Street)**
- Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle rollover. Upon arrival the single occupant of the vehicle had self-extracted and was cleared by medical staff at scene. Little Lake Fire provided general roadway clean-up as well as single-lane traffic control. 8 firefighters responded for service.
- 01-10-19 (Sherwood Road)**
- Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident. During response, Little Lake Fire was canceled by Brooktrails Fire; the vehicle involved in the accident was reported to be unoccupied. 8 firefighters responded for service.
- 01-16-19 (Mill Street)**
- Tree on fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported tree on fire. Upon arrival a service line was viewed running through the top of the tree to the residence. It was determined the tree had rubbed against the power line, exposing the wires which caught the tree on fire. PG&E arrived and cut the power allowing for Engine 5485 to extinguish the tree fire. 10 firefighters responded for service.
- 01-16-19 (Canyon Road)**
- Powerline down: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported tree across the roadway into the powerlines. Upon arrival it was determined to be a phone line that had been damaged. The tree and the phonelines were removed from the roadway. 10 firefighters responded for service.

## Winter Weather

Rain Totals in Willits	
Precipitation in the Willits area as of January 16 <small>(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)</small>	
National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 1/16/2019 at 3 pm	20.68"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 1/16/2019 at 3 pm	18.68"
Willits sewer plant as of 1/16/2019 at 10 am	20.10"
Highway 20, Willits as of 1/16/2019 at 3 pm	21.95"
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits as of 1/15/2019 at 11 pm	16.91"

A flood watch is in effect for Mendocino, southern Humboldt and Trinity counties Wednesday and Thursday, as a strong storm system is expected to dump between 1 and 3 inches of rain over the area, according to the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services. Snow levels are expected to fall to around 4,500 feet today, and heavy surf is expected to pound the Mendocino coast with breakers between 25 feet and 32 feet possible. Minor coastal flooding possible.

There's also a chance of thunderstorms and small hail through Thursday afternoon and a risk of debris flows on burn scars Thursday morning, the OES says.

Main stem rivers are expected to rise, but few are anticipated to reach monitor or flood stages. However, minor flooding may occur on the Navarro River at Navarro, on the Russian River at Hopland, and on the Eel River at Fernbridge, the OES says.

Heavy snowfall with significant impacts returns to the Sierra and northeast California through this evening. The National Weather Service is forecasting 9 to 13 inches of new powder before 2 am this morning, with another 1 to 3 inches of snow tonight. Blizzard conditions are forecast in the Sierras above 7,000 feet. Lower valley rain today could change to snow before ending tonight, with a light accumulation possible near and above 5,000 feet.

A break in the weather is expected Friday and Saturday before a much weaker system moves into the area Sunday.

— Dan McKee



Above, left: Coach Colby Friend stands with the Baskin-Robbins Bouncers team after their more than 20-point win over the Coyote Valley team, including, back row, from left: Cecily, Amsatou, Mateya, Gracie, Lexi and Aubrey. Front row, from left: Lily, Pearl and Jemma. Above, right: Baskin-Robbins Bouncer Lily on defense against a Coyote Valley player during Sunday's game. Below, from left: Baskin-Robbins Bouncer Cecily gets ready to take a shot. Gracie battles with a Coyote Valley player for the rebound. Gracie gets ready to pass to teammate Cecily to drive the ball down the court. At bottom: Hands up from both teams, who all hope to catch the rebounding ball.



## Kids on the Court



### Willits team 'Baskin-Robbins Bouncers' scoops Coyote Valley team at first City of Ukiah Youth Basketball League game

**Maureen Moore**  
Graphics & Photography  
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Basketball season is upon us, and while the big kids play it out on the high school courts, there's also a great option for the kindergarten through eighth-grade kids who want to play: the City of Ukiah Youth Basketball League.

While under the supervision of the City of Ukiah Recreation Department, many Willits and north county kids are playing, too. Teams are divided into boys and girls divisions, and then again by age group. Julie Whiteaker, sports coordinator for the program, noted that around 57 north county kids were playing on the boys' teams and around 42 north county kids were playing on the girls' teams.

Read the rest of **Basketball** Over on Page 11

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Thursday, January 17

**Willits Farmers Market:** Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, January 17, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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**Willits High School Wrestling:** Willits vs. Middleton, Cloverdale at home, Thursday, January 17: weigh-in 4:30 pm, match 5:30 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Brian Bowles).

Friday, January 18

**Theater Talks with Bill Barksdale:** A fascinating look into the world of the theater: Friday, January 18, 6 to 8 pm, "Making Theater: The Director - Creative Muse & Control Freak" and Friday, February 22, 6 to 8 pm, "Making Theater: The Actor - Emotional Engine & Hair Trigger Reactionary." Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. 459-1726. Visit: [willitscenterforthearts.org](http://willitscenterforthearts.org).

**Lady Mac B's House Party:** Willits Charter School Theatre Arts presents all of Shakespeare's greatest hits in one house party. Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19, 7 pm, Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. \$10 adults, \$5 children. Tickets: 459-5506. All proceeds go towards future Charter School productions.

Saturday, January 19

**Lady Mac B's House Party:** All of Shakespeare's greatest hits in one house party. See Friday, January 18 listing for details.

Monday, January 21

**KLLG Station Kick-Off Party:** "KLLG 97.9 FM Willits Hometown Radio invites you to our Party and Member/DJ Meet & Greet!" Monday, January 21, 5 to 7 pm. "We are celebrating how far we've come as well as building our support network within the station, and we need you! Please, join us to find out how to become a part of our station! Bring a friend! All current DJs requested to attend." Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, #10. 459-5554.

Tuesday, January 22

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "The Favourite," and "Green Book." Visit [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com) or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

**Californian Retired Teachers of Mendocino County Luncheon:** The Mendocino Division 55 of CalRTA will meet for lunch, Tuesday, January 22, 11:30 to 1:30 pm at the Szechuan Asian Restaurant, 47 East Mendocino Avenue. Lunch buffet. \$16 (including tip). Speaker will be Jane Vosburg.

Jane is a retired teacher who is advocating that CalSTRS divest from all fossil fuel stocks. Open to any retired teacher or friend of public education. Non-members of CalRTA who are retired teachers get a one-time free lunch. Reservations required by January 19. Contact: [edtepas47@gmail.com](mailto:edtepas47@gmail.com) or 707-456-0908.

**Lady Wolverines High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Fort Bragg at home, Tuesday, January 22. JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Fred Austin).

**Art Night at the Library:** Rain Sticks, Tuesday, January 22, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "Make some joyful noise. Use your imagination to create a one-of-a-kind Rain Stick." Supplies provided. Ages 8 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

Thursday, January 24

**"The Cannabis Hour":** "Prohibitionist judge becomes cannabis advocate." As a judge in Colorado, Cannabis Hour radio show guest, attorney Doug Bench, sent 311 people to jail for cannabis offenses.

Bench will explain how cannabis oil cured him of a life-threatening illness, converting him from pot-hating prohibitionist to national cannabis advocate. The show, on Thursday, January 24 at 11 am, will be Jane Fletcher's last as host of the Cannabis Hour. Cultivator, artist and community activist Jenn Proccacci will take over on February 21.

KZXY Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at <http://jukebox.kzxy.org/>.

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**Lady Wolverines High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Lower Lake at home, Thursday, January 24: JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Fred Austin).

Friday, January 25

**Willits High School Wrestling:** Wolverine Invitational at home: Friday, January 25: weigh-in 12 pm, match 2 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Brian Bowles).

**Willits Charter Dreamin':** The Willits Charter School of Arts and Sciences presents "Dreamin'," featuring The Tardy Slips rock band, WCS Dance Club, Theatre Arts performances, The Song Birds, Alive and Singing, Djembe Jammin' Drummers, Beginning and Intermediate bands, The Redwood Rebels rock band, a Fine Arts Showcase and The Staff Infection. Emceed by Billy Hetherington. Free admission, donations welcome. Pizza and bake sale. Friday, January 25, 6 to 8 pm. Willits Charter School, 1421 South Main Street.

**'Beyond Trade: Cultural Exchange Along the Silk Road':** Art talk by Ruby Ming from the Asian Art Museum. "For over 1,000 years the ancient trade routes today known as the Silk Road connected East and West. Art was inspired by trade and the constant mixing of peoples and the exchange of technology, cultures, beliefs, and ideas profoundly impacted the development of civilizations along the Silk Road." Friday, January 25, 6:30 pm. Reservations encouraged: 459-1726. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Sunday, January 27

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** The first Grange breakfast of 2019 – free breakfast for firefighters (one breakfast per official ID). Join your friends

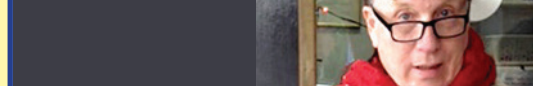
at the Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, January 27 (and every fourth Sunday through October). "\$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around". Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street).

**Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop:** Sunday, January 27, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Richard Jeske will discuss and demonstrate how to properly prune fruit trees and grape vines for the home gardener. Topics include heading vs. thinning cuts, summer vs. winter pruning, tree parts, care and health and vigor, sun requirements, tools, and information about what grows and produces best in our region. The first part of the workshop will be indoors at the Grange. After a short lunch break the group will resume at Richard's home orchard on East Hill Road. \$20. RSVPs required. To register call Richard at 459-5926. Space is limited.

Richard Jeske



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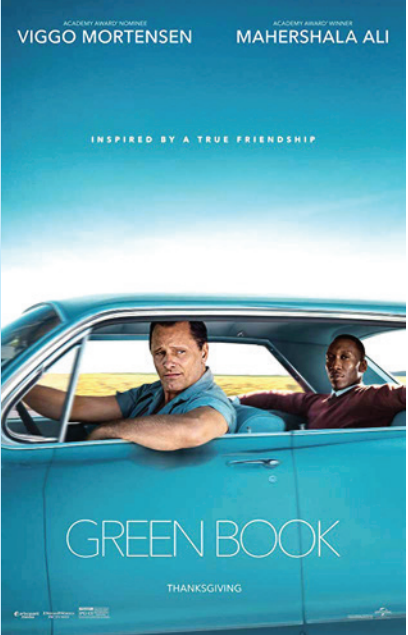


'Green Book'

**The Story:** A mostly true dramedy: a black classical piano virtuoso (Mahershala Ali) trained at the Leningrad Conservatory and a white Italian "wise guy" (Viggo Mortenson) street-trained in the Bronx challenge and transform each other on a road trip through the Deep South in 1962. The times being what they were (and people being who they are) charge the exchanges between the quiet sophisticated musician and the crude tough-talking streeter with energy. Many of the situations are funny, some are frighteningly serious, and some are emotionally transcendent.

**My Thoughts:** I loved "Green Book." This is a solid intelligent flick with great acting that involves sharp, emotion-filled scenes of conflict one-on-one between charismatic characters. They are movie joy. Special shout out to gifted Linda Cardellini from the '90s TV show "Freaks and Geeks." Where has she been? Her talent is uncanny, she doesn't act, she just "is." This true story has the stupidity and cruelty of racism at its center. But there is no despair because, finally, kindness and forgiveness triumph. Go see it ... it's good for your heart.

**Parents:** This is a picture for teens and adults. Not for kids, it would make no sense for them. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*



Ongoing Events

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

**Loren Madsen's "Worry Beads" and Linda MacDonald's "Deep Within, Painting the Big Trees."** January show at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Open 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesdays to Sundays.

**"Believe":** Alcohol Ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Each painting is a one of a kind, as she does not offer prints of any of her original paintings. More info: [www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17](http://www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17), [instagram.com/dbdesigns17](https://www.instagram.com/dbdesigns17).

**Marta Alonso Canillar:** Well-known local artist shows her rich oil paintings. ReEvolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Street.

**"Promise of Paradise":** "In celebration and acknowledgement of the people who launched this watershed movement in local history a half-century ago," KZXY Radio 91.5 FM is now airing "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendocino County," every Thursday at 3:30 pm. Visit: [www.kzxy.org/programs/promise-paradise](http://www.kzxy.org/programs/promise-paradise) to listen previous episodes.

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

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

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

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

**Willits Farmers Market:** Indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, winter hours: 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

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

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

**German Conversation Class:** Ongoing non-denominational

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Laytonville Farmers Market:** Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 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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**Friday:** Birthday Turkey Dinner

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

'Making Theater'

Talks by Willits director Bill Barksdale start January 18

Willits theater director and set designer Bill Barksdale will be presenting two lively talks titled "Making Theater" at the Willits Center for the Arts. If you've ever wondered what a director does or what makes an actor tick, you will find these two illustrated talks fascinating. Learn how a play is made from conception to opening night.

Bill Barksdale has directed and designed sets for numerous plays in Willits at both Willits Community Theatre and Willits Shakespeare Theater over the past 25 years. His productions include "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Barefoot in the Park," "On Golden Pond," "Blithe Spirit," "Shirley Valentine," and "Moon Over Buffalo."

He graduated from the Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theater in New York City where he studied acting with renowned teachers Sanford Meisner and William Esper. In addition to summer stock and off-off Broadway performances, Bill was a member of San Francisco improv theater group On The Verge for five years. He performed in SF at Theater Rhinoceros, Studio Eremos and the Palace of Fine Arts. He also served as president of Willits Community Theater and is a recipient of the WCT Lifetime Service Award.

Bill's first talk will be "Making Theater: The Director - Creative Muse & Control Freak," on Friday, January 18. His second talk will be "Making Theater: The Actor - Emotional Engine & Hair-Trigger Reactionary," on Friday, February 22. Both talks start at 6 pm in the downtown classroom of the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

– Submitted by the Willits Center for the Arts

Edie Ceccarelli's 111th Birthday

February 5

Happy Birthday to Willits' supercentenarian, Edie Ceccarelli. How many 111-year-olds do you meet in your lifetime? Help celebrate Edie's 111th birthday, on Tuesday, February 5 at the Harrah Senior Center. Open to the public. No-host lunch. More details to come.

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Chris Webster and Nina Gerber County Music Concert

February 10

The dynamic country and folk duo of Nina Gerber and Chris Webster will appear at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, February 10 at 2 pm. As the kickoff to the 2019 WCT guest concert series, "Gerber and Webster are guaranteed to bring an amazing blend of effortless voice and acoustic skill to their show. For more than 20 years the pair have been performing together, with a delicious mix of blues, country, pop and R&B sounds. They play off of each other, improvise, break out new material and crack jokes, all to the delight of their audiences." Advance tickets \$20; available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpaperickets.com](http://brownpaperickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Baba's Bhajan Band

January 28

Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, 12 to 1 pm. Baba's Bhajan Band is an ensemble focused on sharing the vibrations of bhajans (healing music) with as many people as possible. The band performs bhajan broadcasts on Thursdays (streamed from the Baba Meditation Temple in the mountains of Laytonville), for Divine Lineage programs and events at the Center, and at venues within the local Mendocino County community. "When we listen to a beautiful song, the heart opens naturally in response to the vibrations. Singing bhajans is a powerful practice of self-healing. Listening to and singing bhajans creates immediate peace and happiness."





From far left: Jody Gehrman offers her Mendocino College class, "Introduction to Public Speaking," on Tuesday afternoons at the Mendocino County Museum starting January 22. A watercolor by Willits artist Ann Maglinte, who is teaching Watercolors 1 and Watercolors 2 at the Mendocino County Museum through Mendocino College's North County Center this spring. Willits art teacher Kathleen Kirkpatrick is teaching a Drawing class through Mendocino College at Sanhedrin High School starting January 22.

## Spring semester starts January 22 at Mendocino College North County Center

Mendocino College's Spring semester begins on January 22, and the college's North County Center in Willits offers a wide range of classes, for students heading to higher education, for those seeking certificates, and for those looking for adult education, too.

In addition to the many classes offered at the main building on Commercial Street, Mendocino College's NCC offers classes at the Mendocino County Museum, at Willits High School and Sanhedrin High School, at Our Yoga Center, and at the Howard Forest Training Center, too.

Classes at the Mendocino County Museum this spring include art classes: a short-term Drawing class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:55 pm, from February 4 through May 22, taught by P. Halper in Room 1. Willits art teacher Ann Maglinte will teach Watercolors 1 and Watercolors 2 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 5 pm, starting January 23, at Room 1 at the museum. "This is always a fun class," Maglinte said. "No experience necessary; I even have supplies and brushes for you to use."

Willits art teacher Kathleen Kirkpatrick is teaching her Drawing class at Sanhedrin High School, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:20 pm, in the art room.

"Introduction to Public Speaking" is also hosted by the museum this spring, taught by Jody Gehrman, Tuesdays from 1 to 3:50 pm at Room 3 at the Mendocino County Museum.

The museum will host a Geology class on Mondays from 1 to 4:05 pm this spring, and a Geology Laboratory on Wednesdays from 1 to 3:50 pm. The class is taught by E. Beale.

Our Yoga Center in the Evergreen Shopping Center, hosts four Contemporary Dance classes taught by Sandy Metzler, including Beginning, Advanced Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Intermediate.

Mendocino College North County Center's "Sustainable Spring Vegetable Growing Practices" class is based at Willits High School, and can be taken for credit or pass / no pass. As per the catalogue: "This course will cover spring vegetable growing practices for the small farmer and gardener. This includes plant propagation, soils and crop fertility, drip irrigation practices and scheduling, pest and disease management, heat management and laboratory field work. Principles of sustainable practices will be stressed."

Willits Weekly readers interested in news about the Willits Community Theatre will have read the publicity pieces Hellman writes for WCT. Hellman is also a writing teacher at Mendocino College, and this spring, he's offering a Creative Writing class on Friday mornings at the North County Center, 10 am to 12:50 pm, starting January 25.

The class is for younger students and adults, Hellman told Willits Weekly, and will offer guidance in a wide variety of writing genres, from stories to poetry and memoir, or non-fiction and scripts. "Student will have fun meeting together in a circle and sharing their work together in a supportive atmosphere," Hellman said.

Hellman has published widely as a journalist, poet and short story writer, and he offers lessons in structure, tips on language use, and editing for student work. The Creative Writing class can be taken for credit or for non-credit for older adults, for which there is no charge except for a minimal processing fee.

The many classes available at the North County Center itself include math classes, sign language, business classes, computers, English, English as a second language, firefighting, health, counseling, voice, American Government, and more.

For more information, contact North County Center at 372 East Commercial Street or call 459-6224. You can also register online at [www.mendocino.edu](http://www.mendocino.edu).



Above: Willits resident and Mendocino College History teacher Louis Rohlicek will teach an American Government class at the North County Center on Wednesday mornings. Below: Instructor Steve Hellman is teaching Creative Writing at the North County Center on Fridays starting January 25.



### The rest of Basketball | From Page 7

Boys teams with north county players include the Willits Furniture / Coastal Mountain Electric team, coached by Bryan Mann; the Buttercup Children's Boutique team, coached by Savannah Laughlin; the Redwood Electrical Service team, coached by Keleigh Hansen; two Agape Bible Church teams, both coached by Steve Thrift; and the M&M Feed + Supply team, coached by Justin Britton.

Girls teams include the Body Glow Tanning Boutique team, coached by Rose Britton; the Willits PD Piglets team, coached by Taylor Buzzard; the WOW Smiles team, coached by Ian Fitzpatrick; the Heart Bar Construction team, coached by Gary Williams; and finally the Baskin-Robbins Bouncers team, coached by Colby Friend, which had a more than 20-point victory during their first game last Sunday.

The Bouncers played against the Coyote Valley team at Eagle Peak, and as Coach Friend notes, made a great first appearance together on the court.

"They played what looks to be one of the better Ukiah teams in the city league," noted Friend. "After the Coyote Valley team scored the first basket of the game, the Baskin-Robbins Bouncers quickly took the lead and never looked back."

The Bouncers practice on Mondays and have games over the weekend, and Friend was pleased that the players were learning quickly and showing lots of promise for their future in the sport.

"The girls are very enthusiastic and coachable," continued Friend. "They improve every practice, and they all showed tremendous skill and hustle throughout their first game. All of them look like they have a tremendous future in basketball for Willits and beyond!"

Games will be held on weekend days from January 13 through March 9 at various times and locations around the Ukiah area.

Check out a full list of games and times online at [www.cityofukiah.com/youth-sports](http://www.cityofukiah.com/youth-sports) or contact Whiteaker for more information at 463-6714.

"The City of Ukiah Youth Basketball League is a fun and recreational league that encourages good sportsmanship, healthy activities, and positive social interaction," said Whiteaker. "Registration for the league opens every year after Labor Day weekend, and camps are held year-round. Scholarships are available!"

### The rest of Pints | From Page 1

homes destroyed, many of Sierra Nevada's employees and community members were affected by the fire, prompting the brewery to create a fundraiser for fire relief – the Resilience Butte County Proud IPA.

Sierra Nevada committed to brewing the beer and donating 100 percent of the sales to the Sierra Nevada Camp Fire Relief Fund, aimed at long-term community rebuilding support. They sent out the "bat signal" calling their friends in the industry, asking the suppliers to donate ingredients, asking other competing breweries to donate their time and labor costs, and asking their wholesalers and retailers to carry the beer for free. It was a big ask, and they never could have anticipated the response.

More than 1,400 breweries signed up to brew their own versions of Resilience. Sierra Nevada's suppliers donated ingredients to every brewery nationwide. Wholesalers and retailers agreed to carry the beer and donate every dollar they received. The beer hit the market in December with more than 17,000 barrels – equaling some 4.2 million pints – going out to an excited community. While Resilience was available on shelves of retailers for a quick moment, cans sold out very quickly and are now basically scarce.

Shanachie Pub was recently able to score some Resilience by the keg, however, and owner Pete Swanton decided to have a Camp Fire Fundraiser night on January 12 and invite the Willits community to come out and celebrate ... and they did!

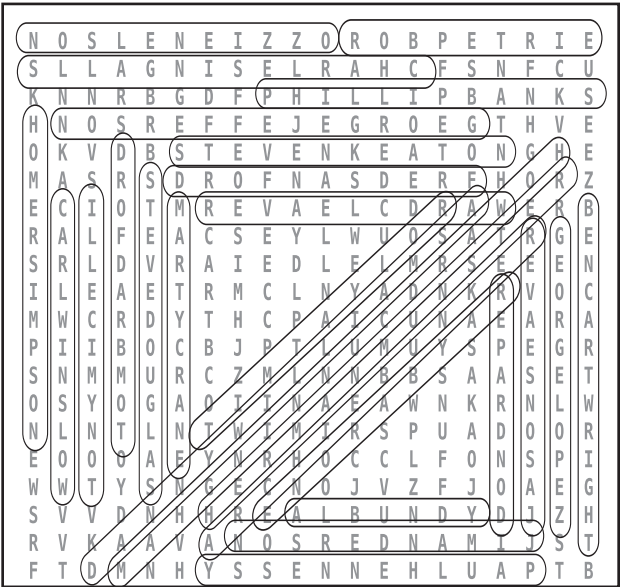
Swanton estimated that some 100 community members stopped by the event to taste the hard-to-find brew, hang out with friends, and listen to the sounds of local bands Schindig and Fruit Leather Jacket.

Two of the attendees had an extra-special connection with the fundraiser: Michael and Dayle Deer. The Deers moved to Willits from Paradise after being displaced by the fires. Michael is a photographer, and Dayle is a critical care nurse who worked at Feather River Hospital, and was able to be hired at fellow Adventist Health center, Howard Hospital.

"We're so pleased to have moved to Willits," said Michael. "Everyone has been so nice and friendly, you get to meet so many business owners that are here at their shops, like Pete here, and it feels like such a wonderful community to get to be a part of. We really like it here."

Donations received from event attendees and the Pub itself, plus sales from the beer, and the donation of the bands' fees, added up to a total of more than \$2,000 earned by the fundraiser.

To learn more about the Resilience story and Camp Fire relief efforts, visit [www.sierranevada.com/resilience-butte-county-proud-ipa](http://www.sierranevada.com/resilience-butte-county-proud-ipa) or stop by the Shanachie Pub, located at 50 South Main Street in Willits.



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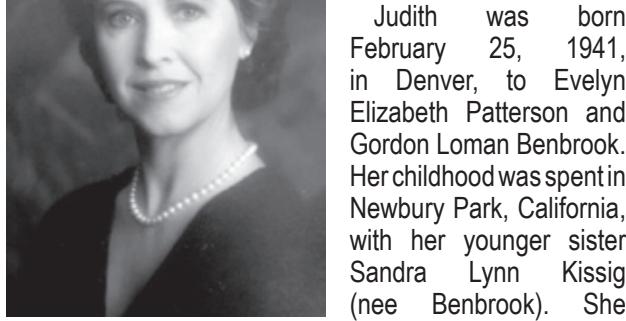
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/s/ Stephanie D. Casella

Pub dates: 1/10, 1/17, 1/24 and 1/31/2019

### OBITUARY | Judith Benbrook

Judith Ann Benbrook of Willits passed away peacefully in the company of Galen and Jennifer Hathaway on the morning of January 8, 2019, at the age of 77, after a brave battle with Alzheimer's.



University in Loma Linda, in 1963, with a bachelor's degree in Music. Her love of and involvement with music lasted until the end of her life.

In 1964, she married Dr. John "Wayne" Cooper (who died December 14, 2018), and supported the household during his medical schooling. Shortly after he graduated in 1968, they welcomed their first child, Laura Lynn Cooper. In 1972, they welcomed their son, Todd Lindsey Cooper.

They divorced in 1983, and Judith became partners with the Honorable Galen Hathaway of Willits, in 2005, until her passing. She is also survived by grandson Tyler Lee Cooper and nephew Robert Alan Kissig.

A celebration of her life is planned for February 23, 2019. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Phoenix Hospice, 100 Sanhedrin Circle, Willits, CA, 95490.

### OBITUARY | Robert Sedain

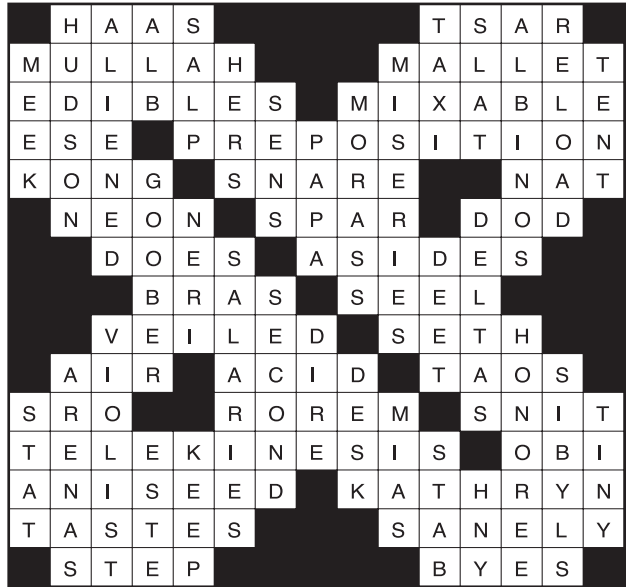
Robert Clarence Sedain of Willits passed away January 12, 2019 at the age of 80 years. Born in Escalon, California to Robert C. Sedain, Sr. and Sybil "Wilson" Sedain, he served his country on an aircraft carrier in the Navy from 1955 to 1960. He married his beloved Barbara Lee Horton on September 29, 1979 in Reno, Nevada.

Bob enjoyed working in the outdoors and was a happy woodcutter for 30 years. He spent his leisure time working puzzles, relaxing while listening to "the blues" music, and enjoying his family at every opportunity.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Sybil Sedain. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; children: Greg (Paula) Sedain, Bobby Sedain, Marianne Sedain Gist (Glen Gist), Chris (Donna) McCoy; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; sisters: Joann (Terry) Gulman and Barbara (John) Mellow.

At a later date the family will schedule a "Celebration of Life" for Bob's family and friends.

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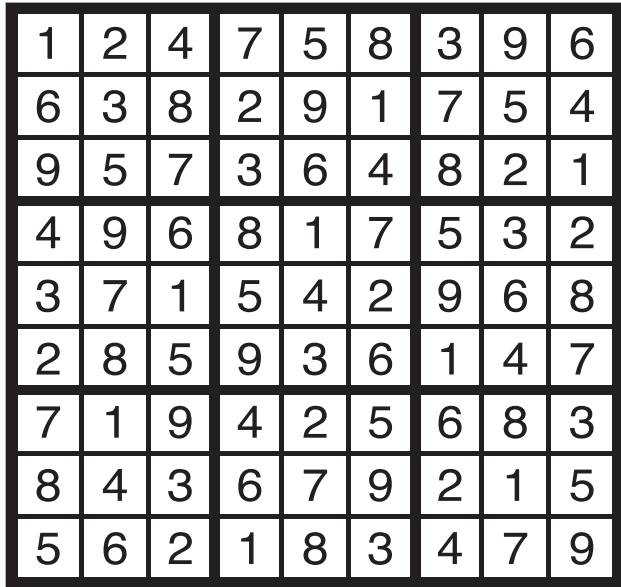
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Above, from left: A menu board lists bagels, coffee and other hot beverages, and a large variety of boba drinks.

The front case displays a wide variety of freshly made Happy Donuts, along with croissants, bagels and muffins.

This menu board lists donuts and breakfast sandwiches that are available from 6 am to 2 pm.

At left: Panha and Kevin Keang spend most of their time at the shop, seven days a week.

Below: The Happy Donuts storefront, across from the Evergreen Shopping Center.

Happy Donuts offers boba in flavors like pina colada, strawberry banana, honeydew, coconut and chocolate chip.

Happy Donuts has a clean and well-ordered dining area.

Shiny stainless steel in the back of Happy Donuts.

Photos by Mathew Caine

# Happy Donuts

South Main Street shop offers sandwiches, muffins and boba tea, as well as fresh donuts

It's been a long journey for the family of Kevin Keang, new owner of Happy Donuts, from the fields of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia to owning a string of donut shops in Northern California and becoming citizens of the United States. The donut shop, formerly 101 Donuts, a long-time Willits business at 1661 South Main Street, was purchased in September by the Keang family and is managed by Kevin Keang and his wife, Panha.

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The Keangs come to work at 1 am to prepare the tasty glazed treats for the day, and to get the fixings ready for their sandwiches and boba drinks and, of course, coffee for their seven-days-a-week shop, which opens at 6 am. After the shop closes at 2 pm, the Keangs nap, do errands, sleep some more, wake up at midnight, and are at work by 1 am, every day.

Keang was preceded in America by his father who moved to the Bay Area from Cambodia under the sponsorship of Kevin's "auntie," who moved to the states in 2000 after marrying an American, and has owned a donut shop for 19 years. His father worked at bakeries and sent money back to Cambodia, where his mother had a small coffee shop, to help support the family.

Both of his parents were born during the Khmer Rouge regime, and although they prefer to look to the future rather than dwell on the past, there are some tales they will convey about that period, living on poor farms without electricity, save for a battery and sometimes only candlelight. "They say that when they got married, all they had was one bike," Keang said.

The family had a long-range plan and stuck to it. When Keang's father had been in the United States long enough

to become a citizen, he was able to sponsor the rest of his family, who had been studying English, in 2009. They all worked at a donut shop for a time until they saved up enough money to buy their own, which they did in Windsor and the parents still run.

They then opened their next shop in Ukiah. Keang's sister runs that facility. In September, they bought the local Willits 101 Donuts and changed the name to "Happy Donuts" after remodeling. They upgraded the menu and made the place their own. They now own three Happy Donuts and plan to make a go of it at their latest location prior to any further expansion.

Keang met his wife on one of his many trips to Cambodia after becoming a citizen in 2014. He carried a present for her brother, and she came to pick it up. The pair kept in touch, became engaged, and married in March of 2018. She is currently working on her citizenship.

Together they offer a variety of treats and sandwiches at the shop. All the donuts and other foods are prepared at the shop. Their menu is also full of tasty fountain treats and teas, including boba teas which are unavailable anywhere else in town.

Boba tea is a sweet drink, a combination of milk, flavored tea, and pearls of tapioca that one can suck up through an extra-large straw. The boba tapiocas are soft and chewy, similar to certain kinds of candy. Happy Donuts offers boba in such flavors as pina colada, strawberry banana, honeydew, coconut, chocolate chip, and many more.

Their ham and turkey and egg sandwiches are available any time they are open.

Stop in and visit Kevin and Panha Keang any day, between 6 am and 2 pm. They will be there working. Come get Happy.



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## Covelo woman sentenced for hiding Fallis' weapons

A 21-year-old Covelo woman has begun serving a three-year county jail sentence for hiding firearms belonging to the prime suspect in the disappearance of a young Round Valley woman.

Negie Tony Fallis, 38, was sentenced to four years in state prison on December

4 after pleading no-contest in October to being a convicted felon

in unlawful possession of a firearm and admitting he had served a prior prison term for a 2012 Glenn County conviction for felony child abuse.

Fallis' girlfriend, Antonia Dulce Bautista Dalsen, was supposed to be sentenced December 11 after pleading guilty to attempting to hide firearms the convicted felon possessed illegally. However, she failed to keep that court appearance, surrendering to Round Valley Tribal Police just before Christmas instead.

Following last Thursday's December 10 in-custody sentencing hearing before Judge Ann Moorman, Bautista Dalsen was returned to county jail to begin serving her sentence.

Her defense counsel argued Bautista Dalsen had accepted full responsibility for her actions and poor judgment, and deserved leniency because of "her age, lack of criminal record, drug addiction, and desire to regain custody of her children," said Mike Geniella, public information officer for the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

However, District Attorney David Eyster pointed to recorded jail house telephone calls between Bautista Dalsen and Fallis, during which he told her of his desire to get his hands on the firearms she had hidden for him the night of his arrest if he was able to raise enough bail to gain release.

Eyster told the court Bautista Dalsen and Fallis discussed his intent to harm Round Valley residents she had identified as having cooperated with law enforcement, leading to Fallis' arrest.

Bautista Dalsen was apparently unaware investigators had already found the guns where she had stashed them, Geniella noted.

Moorman denied Bautista Dalsen's bid for probation, instead, imposing the three-year local prison sentence, the maximum allowed by law.

The defendant's sentence was "split," with Bautista Dalsen ordered to serve 18 months in county jail and then another 18 months on mandatory supervision, a local form of parole. With credits awarded by law at the rate of day-for-day, Bautista Dalsen will serve approximately eight months in jail before being released to mandatory supervision, Geniella said.

Also known as "Realignment County Prison" or "Realignment," a local prison sentence stems from 2011 legislative action to reduce state prison overcrowding.

The changes mandated that prison sentences from convictions for one or more of over 500 specified felonies would be served in county jail. "While helpful in reducing state prison populations," Eyster said, the changes have "generally resulted in jail overcrowding in most counties across the state."

In the meantime, county Sheriff Tom Allman has acknowledged that more than 11 months of work by department investigators and search-and-rescue teams have failed to find Khadijah Britton, the 24-year-old Covelo woman Fallis was accused of kidnapping at gunpoint last February 7.

Arrested on February 19, Fallis originally was charged with kidnapping in Britton's disappearance. The Mendocino County District Attorney's Office was forced to drop kidnapping, attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon charges against him last June due to lack of evidence.

Instead, he pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, and Allman praised Eyster for "getting the absolute maximum sentence for Fallis" allowed by law.

Since Britton was reported missing on February 10, Allman said, detectives have logged almost 3,500 hours investigating the case, while search-and-rescue teams with cadaver dogs have scoured the Round Valley area seeking some trace of the missing woman.

This report was partially based on a post on the "Mendocino County District Attorney" Facebook page.

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United States, where securities not listed on a major exchange are traded by a network of dealers.

The company's website states the current regulatory environment regarding cannabis presents an opportunity to make a fair bit of money.

"The U.S. regulatory environment is murky, given cannabis is legal in many states but remains a Schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act," the website states. "CordovaCann sees this as an opportunity, given the federal regulation is inhibiting access to capital for the industry, yet the growth of the industry is robust and the momentum toward decriminalization at the federal level is strong."

On October 31, the company announced it had acquired 276 acres of land in Covelo suitable for the cultivation of cannabis. The same statement said CDVA had also acquired 14 acres of industrially zoned land in Covelo as well as a 16,250 square-foot industrial facility suitable for the processing and manufacturing of cannabis-based products.

CordovaCann paid \$6.2 million for the properties, according to the online statement.

However, a Willits Realtor familiar with the sale process who wishes to remain anonymous said last week the Covelo sale has not yet been finalized. "It's in escrow. It hasn't closed yet. Hopefully something will happen in two or three weeks," the Realtor said.

The company claims it is using a bioengineering technology called CRISPR, which stands for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats." According to a 2015 article written by Heidi Ledford and published in Nature magazine, CRISPR "relies on an enzyme called Cas9 that uses a guide RNA molecule to home in on its target DNA, then edits the DNA to disrupt genes or insert desired sequences."

A search through back issues of the periodical Nature reveals hundreds of articles on CRISPR technology have been published by the periodical since 2009.

The company's website suggests CVDA intends to disrupt the natural sequence of cannabis DNA. "CordovaCann is utilizing disruptive technologies and new intellectual property to genetically edit the cannabis plant which will provide us with a significant advantage in producing flower and marketing products that cannot be matched in terms of formulation or price," the website states.

Beginning in December of last year, local cannabis growers started to show up at county board of supervisors' meetings, to speak against CordovaCann and its use of CRISPR technology during public comment.

One such was Covelo resident Monique Ramirez, a close observer of the county's work on cannabis regulation who has spoken often at board meetings.

Ramirez addressed the board of supervisors on December 4.

After reading the company's statement, in which CDVA mentions "utilizing disruptive technologies and new intellectual property," Ramirez said: "We all have very big concerns over that, because we all know that this is a GMO-free county. I think what this company is going to do is, they are going to do gene editing or gene splicing, which they say is different than what we do not allow in our county ordinance. As [previous speaker] Linda Grey said, this CRISPR technology is a new thing, so I think we need to amend our ordinance to make sure that this sort of thing does not take place."

Ramirez was followed at the public's podium by Patricia Vargas, a small farmer in Covelo and an executive officer and board member of the Village Heart cooperative. Vargas argued CordovaCann was going to use CRISPR technology, which was counter to Measure H, and predicted CordovaCann would have a negative effect on the social fabric of Covelo.

"They are also trying to loophole the system by stacking licenses the same way we've seen in other agricultural systems, where a big company like Monsanto comes into a location, tells the small farmers that it's going to be great, they sign a contract – and then, before we know it, the small farmer dies out. It ruins, not just the local economy, but also the environment," Vargas said.

During the January 8 meeting of the board of supervisors, while board members were discussing the county's cannabis program, discussion turned to CordovaCann. County staff, including Cannabis Unit Program Administrator Chevon Holmes and Deputy County Counsel Matt Kiedrowski, were present to answer questions posed by supervisors.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen pointed out that, under the county's cannabis ordinance, an entity must first file an application to cultivate cannabis in order to do so legally. McCowen asked Holmes if CordovaCann had filed for an application. Holmes said that it had not and noted an obstacle CordovaCann would encounter if it did so.

"To be eligible to submit a cultivation application in Mendocino County, you are required to demonstrate proof of prior cultivation. If there is a legal entity that is seeking a cultivation permit in Mendocino County, the entity itself also [must] meet the 'proof of prior' requirement," said Holmes.

"Therefore, this corporation would not be eligible to submit an application in their name," McCowen stated. "They made it clear at their [November 18, 2018] presentation at the Covelo Library, through their representative, who I believe represented himself as the local expert conversant with our ordinance, [and] essentially said to the people present that they [i.e., the company] were making an arrangement with local growers who then would be using their permit to grow on the corporation's property.

"That's obviously an employee relationship. So even if the entity were eligible to apply, they could only apply for two permits. So, they couldn't have a stable of contract growers working for them."

"I'm not sure they are quite able to do what they hope to do," McCowen said.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams asked: "Does our Measure H ordinance apply to cannabis?"

Kiedrowski gave him a lawyerly answer. "We don't think it doesn't apply to cannabis, but that being said, we're still looking into what it does apply to and how that would come into effect in this situation."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak repeated Williams' question, using different words. "Is there an opinion out there about whether this CRISPR technology would fall under our GMO ban?"

"That's what we're looking into," Kiedrowski said. "It's part of what we know and what we don't know about the corporation – where they are and where they aren't in terms of an application and how that fits into the Measure H process. And CRISPR: how does that work in terms of the existing ordinance?"

"The board would like to know as soon as possible if there is a loophole in that ordinance, because, if there is a loophole, the board would like to close it," said Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde.

## City to start water main flushing on January 28

Submitted by the City of Willits

On January 28, 2019 (weather permitting), the City of Willits will commence its annual water main flushing and valve operating program. The purpose of the flushing program is to remove accumulated sediments that may have collected during the normal operation of the water system. The flushing is expected to take approximately two months to complete.

The flushing will start at the base of Pine Mountain and continue westerly into town. The flushing of Main Street is expected to commence on or about February 18 (again weather permitting) and could take up to one week.

Main Street flushing will occur at night in order to minimize the impact to businesses. Motorists are urged to use caution in these areas, as the roads will be wet, and the city crews will often be in the roadway.

Customers may experience a drop in pressure along with discoloration of their water for short periods in the areas being flushed. Although the water may be brownish, it is safe to drink. Care should be taken in washing clothes, particularly whites, as they may be stained. Please check your water for discoloration before washing clothes.

For more detailed information about where the flushing will be occurring, customers may call the Willits Water Flushing recorded message line at 459-7104.

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board to fund corrective and preventative maintenance of the road system and 2) the consultant removing some severely degraded miles of chip-sealed road that for all practical purposes had reverted to gravel."

According to the 308-page "2017 Pavement Management program Update Final Report," prepared in September 2017 by Richmond-based NCE, over the past 18 years the pavement condition index of the county's roads has fluctuated between a low of 40 and a high of 50.

In 2001, it was 43; in 2004 it was 50; in 2006 it was 47; in 2008 it was 48; in 2010 it was 44; in 2013 it had fallen to a low of 40; and in 2017 it was estimated to be 46.

According to state standards, a pavement condition index of between 0 and 25 means the roads are in very poor or failed condition; between 26 and 50 means they are in poor condition; between 51 and 75 means they are in good condition but are at risk of declining to a poor condition; and between 76 and 100 means they are in very good-to-excellent condition.

Dashiell noted the passage of Senate Bill 1 by the Legislature in 2017 means his department will receive between \$3.5 and \$7 million a year over the next 20 years – an average of \$5.5 million a year – to use for road reconstruction and maintenance.

He said the statewide voters' rejection of Proposition 6 last fall means the taxes imposed by SB1 will remain in place and the money generated by SB1 will continue to flow to the county's road system.

Based on that vote, Dashiell said he felt confident he could now reveal his plans on how to spend the money.

Dashiell divided up the county's road system into five categories. The first is what he calls urban collector roads, of which the county has 47 miles. Dashiell believes his program can give those roads a PCI of 70 within 20 years.

The next group is the county's 310 miles of urban local and rural collector roads. He hopes to bring those roads to a PCI of 60 within 20 years.

The third grouping is the county's 150 miles of rural, minor collector roads. He believes his department can bring that category of roads up to a PCI of 50 within 20 years.

The county has 180 miles of chip-sealed local roads, which Dashiell thinks he can bring up to a PCI of 40 with "more crew effort."

And finally, there are 330 miles of local gravel roads, for which Dashiell did not offer PCI estimates. He said with the influx of Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account money, his department would "add rock, shape, and grade more often."

"Much can change in 20 years; roads treated recently may need retreatment before year 15," Dashiell told supervisors in his report. "Costs can also change, so projections of what is achievable may vary from year to year. A 20-year plan will be specific only one year at a time. The board of supervisors will be the decision-maker for allocating these funds, based upon a specific yearly plan presented at a public board

meeting, which will consider specific road segments and the most effective treatment for those segments.

"The Department of Transportation, as required by the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (Senate Bill 1), will prepare yearly specific plan and bring them to the board of supervisors," Dashiell said.

Area by area plan

The most controversial part of Dashiell's report was what he termed a "possible scenario" for how the department would implement the 20-year plan. Under Dashiell's plan, his department would work on many roads near each other to save on "mobilization costs." For example, in the first year his department would pave or rehabilitate 16 miles of roads in the Fort Bragg area for \$3.4 million.

In year two, the Department of Transportation would treat 22 miles of road in the 5th District, including 10 miles of the Comptche-Ukiah Road and Albion-Little River Road, for a cost of \$3.5 million.

In year three, Dashiell plans to apply an asphalt overlay on 8 miles of the Orr Springs Road at a cost of \$3.9 million.

In year four (2022-2023), the department would address five major roads in Brooktrails, including parts of Goose Road, Primrose Drive, Poppy Drive, Lilac Road and Daphne Way. That would be a total of 11.3 miles of road at a cost of \$4 million.

In year five, the department plans to treat 23.7 miles of road in District 5, namely 18 miles of the Philo-Greenfield Road and 6 miles of the Cameron Road, at a cost of \$4.2 million.

Under Dashiell's plan, his department would treat 10 roads in the Willits-Little Lake Valley area in year 14 (2032-2033). The department would address 2.5 miles of the Laytonville-Dos Rios Road, as well as 25 miles of the Branscomb Road, in 2034-35. It would go back to Brooktrails in 2036-37, treating 20 miles over a total of 20 roads and streets, at a cost of \$7 million.

Under Dashiell's plan, his department would come to Covelo in year 19 (2037-38) and would treat 22 miles of road for a total of \$7 million.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak wondered if the plan could be modified "so that everyone gets some kind of treatment?"

"I've given this my best shot," Dashiell said. "I worked on this for the past 18 months, and I've played with it. This is my best judgment, and perhaps there is a way to refine it, or maybe you could send it out to some expert and they might be able to optimize it. But this is my best shot."

The Dashiell item came to the board late in the day, and supervisors may have been somewhat tired. For whatever reason, board Chairwoman Carre Brown thanked Dashiell for his presentation, but did not call for a vote on whether supervisors would accept Dashiell's report. Contacted on the next day, Haschak said he would like to see Dashiell's strategy brought back to the board for further discussion.



## Handsome Nugget

Nugget is a very handsome dog who is sweet and has that goofy Lab energy. He's a very strong dog who has not had any leash training, and he will need a dedicated guardian who will teach him how to walk politely.



Like a good Lab, Nugget loves playing fetch. He knows "Sit," "Shake," and "Roll over." Lab lovers will want to meet this Nugget! This handsome dog is full of joie de vivre, and

likes to talk about it! Nugget is a 1-year-old neutered male who currently weighs 54 pounds.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit at: [www.mendocinianshelter.com](http://www.mendocinianshelter.com). More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

## Sweet Whisper

Whisper is a sweet 34-pound package of loving, gentle German Shepherd/Husky mix pup! She is generally well-mannered for a puppy only 3 months old, comes when called, and plays well with other dogs. She's a little on the submissive side and seems to follow the lead of an older, more mature dog which can be helpful in learning what is and isn't allowed. All in all, she's very special and is waiting for that certain family to come whisk her away so she can start 2019 off with a bang!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: [mendociniansociety.com](http://mendociniansociety.com). To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMIC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



Photo by Kathi Shipley

# Amazing Athlete of Willits High School

## Varsity Wrestling | Mandy Thurman, 15, Sophomore

**How Long Playing the Sport:** "I started last year, and then broke my arm ... this year for 1.5 months."

**Breakfast of Champions:** Waffles

**Love of the Sport:** "I love the aggressiveness and excitement when you win, and learning about what you did wrong when you lose."

**Other Sports Played:** Football and basketball cheer and softball.

Mandy's hard work and dedication paid off on Friday at the Sutter Tournament. Her blast doubles helped her dominate her way through her finals match. She capped off a great performance with a pin, winning the gold.

— Submitted by Girls Varsity Wrestling Coach Dana Karkar



## Congrats Happy 100th Birthday, Mary Wanhala

Congratulations to Mary Wanhala of Willits, who turned 100 years old on January 10, 2019. Her birthday bash, attended by family and friends, was held at Northbrook Healthcare Center, where she is rehabbing from a cracked hip.

Mary, of German descent, was born in Latvia in 1919, and came to America in 1956 with her 9-year-old daughter, where she married her late husband, Arnie Wanhala. Willits has another centenarian among our residents. Congratulations again, Mary!

*Above, left and right: Mary Wanhala of Willits, center, celebrates her birthday at Northbrook Healthcare Center with friends, family and staff.*

*At right: Mary Wanhala of Willits turned 100 years old this month.*



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on Commercial Street, and will travel for about 1.6 miles coming out on East Hill Road.

City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra announced the news to the council.

"I can't even tell you how excited I am about this," she said. "Our staff was able to do this with no consultant help, and I've never heard of that. Normally when you have a grant of this size and this complexity, you hire a firm and you pay them lots and lots of thousands of dollars to put something together, but our staff did it themselves."

City Planner Dusty Duley thanked community residents who contributed in the effort to obtain the grant.

"Congratulations to the city of Willits," he said. "This is a project that was identified long before I got here, and it's something that the community has been pushing for five years."

The grant money would come from the Active Transportation Program, a competitive grant program that funds bicycle and pedestrian improvements throughout California.

The California Transportation Commission staff released their list of recommended projects to receive the grant on December 28, and Willits ranked 65th out of 558 applicants.

"We're the only small jurisdiction up that high," Duley said.

The grants won't be formally approved by the commission until January 31, but Duley said approval should be basically a formality at this point because of the high ratings and recommendation the City of Willits received.

"[The CTC] staff's really excited because they're not used to seeing applications like that from small jurisdictions," Duley told Willits Weekly. "We beat a lot of LA projects, San Francisco, all the Sonoma County projects, etc."

In addition to the many local groups that have helped with the city's efforts thus far, hundreds of individuals and businesses also sent in letters of support to be included in the grant application packet.

"This wasn't a project that was going to come together unless the whole community got behind it," said Duley. "We put together an online survey for folks to complete, and if we would've gotten 100 responses that was going to look really good in the eyes of the folks that were grading our grant. And we had over 300 – maybe over 400 – responses to that survey that were generated in just a few weeks. And that was because members of the community took it upon themselves to get the word out."

"I think this is just a project everyone is going to feel proud of and really wanted to see happen. And with a small jurisdiction like Willits, we really do need everyone to kind of get together to make these kinds of things happen."

"I'm just real proud of the Willits community getting behind this project," Duley continued, "and it just kind of shows the power of the kind of things we can get done when we're all on the same page."

While the specific design will likely change as the plan moves forward, at a city council meeting in March 2018 Duley said the new paved path would be about 10 feet wide, with lanes traveling north and south, and could include solar-powered lights, bridges over creeks, a 4-to-6-foot-high fence between the train tracks and the trail, around 150 new trees planted along the path, security cameras, easy emergency personnel access, and enhanced crosswalks where the path would intersect some of the main roads.

Duley said then that the trail would be built with both

recreational and commuting purposes in mind and would help provide access to many different locations in and around town for cyclists and pedestrians.

Garrabrant-Sierra noted at last week's meeting that the city would be looking to hire locally for help designing and building the project.

"We're going to keep it in the city as much as possible," she said. "It'll be a boon to the economy. It'll be a boon to the aesthetics of our city creating this wonderful safe space to walk and ride our bikes."

Duley added the city will be wanting to gather community input regarding the best design for the trail through meetings and other methods, similar those held for the Main Street Corridor Enhancement Plan.

He noted the grant funding will allow the city to hire consultants and others to help, but still city staff was going to be looking at a "heavy load" over the next few years to implement the project.

"It's going to be a long chore, but it's great to work on projects that'll be around long after we are," Duley said. "So, we're real happy to get these funds and get going on this trail."

The grant would allow the city up to the year 2023 to complete the project, and Duley said work on the trail could potentially extend that long, considering the environmental review and all the other preparations needed.

Some of those Duley listed at the meeting who have helped in the Rails with Trails efforts included the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Willits Unified School District, North Coast Railroad Authority, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, Mendocino Council of Governments, Adam Scherf of Willits Area Cyclists, Frank R. Howard Foundation, State Senator Mike McGuire, Walk and Bike Mendocino, North Coast Opportunity, Little Lake Fire District and the Willits Police Department.

## Revisiting the cannabis ordinance

The council also discussed plans to revisit the city cannabis ordinance passed in 2017 to evaluate if there needs to be any changes considered because of changes in state laws.

"I think we are really due to look at our ordinance again because the outside world has changed a lot in the last year since we've been doing this," said Councilmember Madge Strong. "And I think for example with the statewide legalization of adult use we need to look at our ordinance and see if it doesn't need to be clarified or expanded because we're kind of behind the curve."

Garrabrant-Sierra agreed it was important to continue to examine the ordinance and compare it to state rules, adding that staff would bring back the issue in the next month or two to get direction from council.

"Right now, state law has for many operations dissolved some of the distinctions between medical and adult use," she said. "And our [ordinance] distinguishes more than the state does.... I think we've had people ask in the community – they wanted to know whether we were going to bring it back so we could recognize those changes in the ordinance."

"As a city manager, I think you need to look at it on an ongoing basis to make sure it's working and make sure it adjusts to compliance and is running smoothly."

City Attorney Jim Lance said the city does have the right to continue to limit the ordinance to medical use only, and it would be up to the council to decide if they want to look at changing that in the future.

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student progress.

There was an account of deficiencies in district school buildings to approve and news of elementary students academic progress in reading and math.

Employee representatives expressed appreciation at inclusion in a district planning process, and first steps, or "sunshine proposals" were made with respect to upcoming district/employee contract negotiations.

Superintendent Mark Westerburg and California Schools Employees Association president Dan Green gave retiring Special Ed administrative assistant Pat Harrison high marks for all her years of service.

"She has kept the program running since 1996," said Westerburg. "She was a huge resource and did a great job."

Presentation of the district's 2017/18 final audit of funds by CPA John Whitehouse of Christy White Associates in San Diego was next on the agenda.

Whitehouse reported that financial statements assessing state and federal compliance were the "best you can get," and also informed the board of three deficiencies.

The deficiencies included cash disbursements without proper approval at two schools, discrepancies in facility inspections, and inadequate documentation with respect to classification of some students.

The problems with cash disbursement approval were "common in lots of districts," said Westerburg. "There were no improprieties, and we've made headway in dealing with the issue," he said.

"It's very common," agreed Whitehouse.

Westerburg noted that the facility inspection discrepancies had "been resolved" and acknowledged that the misclassification of some students, which required a return of \$3,513 to the state, was "being taken care of."

The audit noted that "overall revenues were \$20,659,755, which were exceeded by expenses totaling \$22,887,637."

Whitehouse also commented that the district's reserve was 14 percent, "which is good," he said. "A lot of districts are 3 percent, which is the minimum."

Westerburg then reported on the district's progress with respect to criteria used by the California Department of Education to assess public schools.

"We're the only district around who isn't in differentiated assistance," he told the board. "For 12 years we were in it, and all our neighbors still are. We're making significant progress in every building."

"Differentiated assistance" is provided to schools and districts that need extra help meeting some state-defined student performance standards measured by an online "dashboard" tool, which can be accessed for information at [cadashboard.org](http://cadashboard.org).

Approval of "FIT reports" was also on the agenda. FIT stands for "facility inspection tool," and the reports, which are a measure of deficiencies in school buildings, are required to be completed yearly.

Lots of deficiencies were noted in the reports.

"You can't bat an eye without seeing something to fix," said Westerburg, adding that "most of the stuff that impacts kids in classrooms gets taken care of."

Academically, Westerburg reported that the new "unlocking the code" reading curriculum in elementary classrooms was "making a difference." At the same time, he acknowledged that teaching the new curriculum was "difficult for teachers."

Willits Teachers Association president Tessa Ford thanked Westerburg for the extra help that was being provided to train the teachers in the new reading method.

"As a retired teacher, I know it's very hard to teach in a way you didn't learn," added trustee Jeanne King.

Westerburg told the board that the "biggest issue now" academically for elementary students is math.

"We have to address math skills," he said.

Acknowledging that teachers had enough on their plates with the new reading curriculum, he told the board, "you can't do math and reading at the same time."

In the interim, he described the approach being used to address the math deficiencies as "patching holes. We're going to use diagnostic software to create individual program paths," he said.

Ford, joined by CSEA president Green, also thanked Westerburg for including teachers and site representatives in the development of this year's local control accountability plan, known as "LCAP," a yearly state-mandated planning process that sets goals and chooses how to use resources to meet them.

And, finally, they're off! (and negotiating new employee contracts).

Well, almost. The first steps in contract negotiations between the district and teachers and between the district and classified (non-teaching) staff were taken at the meeting.

The law requires that each party to a negotiation present the other with a "sunshine proposal" at a public meeting. The proposals contain the issues of importance for discussion and are required to be exchanged before actual negotiations can begin.

Proposals were exchanged, and are available for public review at the district office.

Westerburg described the process as "a preparation thing ... [saying] we'll go to the table and talk about anything."

Robert Parmenter, lead negotiator for the WTA, briefly introduced himself to the board saying that he was "wearing red on behalf of the teachers about to strike in Los Angeles."

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behavioral health facilities."

Despite its proximity to prominence, the Measure B Committee has rarely mentioned the need for a regional training center, nor has it discussed any process for determining how to site the center or how much to spend on it.

In fact, the topic has drawn so little notice that it was completely overlooked in the August 2018 Kemper Report, in which consultant Lee Kemper inventoried Mendocino County's available mental health services, and which services were lacking.

In the first version of Kemper's Strategic Financing Plan, published in the report, Kemper omitted to include funding for the regional training center. He corrected that error a month later when he distributed a corrected version of the financing plan to the Measure B Committee.

In Kemper's revised Measure B Expenditure Plan, he estimated the training center could cost \$3.8 million to build, approximately 10 percent of the projected revenues to be raised by Measure B over the first five years.

Willits Weekly recently spoke with Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman about his vision for the training center.

Allman said he is envisioning "a training facility capable of holding 80 to 100 people in a classroom setting. It would be a large building, possibly with one of those folding walls running down the middle of it, so sometimes the one large classroom could become two smaller classrooms."

Asked how often the facility would be used, Allman said he could imagine it would be used "three or four times a week," adding each of the training sessions might well run for a half a day.

When asked if the center could be used for other purposes when it wasn't being used for trainings, Allman replied: "There's no reason why it shouldn't be. If it's available, and it can be used for other purposes, great."

When asked about how much the building might cost, Allman mentioned the figure of \$6 million, comparing the center to the Willits campus of Mendocino College, which also cost \$6 million to build, although Allman noted the training center would not necessarily be as glamorous as the Willits campus.

"The college does own some vacant property there, alongside the Willits college building. That empty area there would probably be big enough for the training center," Allman said.

He added having a regional training center was an attractive idea to him when he was considering how to put together a successful ballot initiative.

"Regional is an important word here," Allman said. "When I was looking at putting together what became Measure B, I realized that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no large training center for training law enforcement, first-responders and the medical community on how to deal with people with mental health issues, in all of California. And I said to myself, why wouldn't we want to be that place?"

"I believe this could actually be somewhat of an economic driver in whatever community it happens to be placed."

When asked why the Measure B Committee hasn't yet addressed the regional training center, Allman replied: "There is no coordinated effort not to talk about it. Within the next three months, I will bring something to the committee to find out if it means as much to them as it means to me."

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When Orbon failed to answer the door at her home in the 5000 block of Hearst-Willits Road about four miles northeast of town, the neighbor "looked through a window, noticed the presence of a large amount of blood on the floor, and called the Sheriff's Office," Van Patten said.

When deputies arrived to check on the woman's welfare, they discovered the three bodies inside the house.

Detectives were able to determine Wilkins shot Orbon and her homeschooled child to death using a .22-caliber rifle stolen during a recent burglary of the neighbor's home before turning the weapon on himself.

The couple had had a troubled on-and-on romantic relationship, although Van Patten said the Sheriff's Office "has no documented domestic violence case involving the individuals outside of this specific case."

In a Facebook post, family friend Lisa Matthews of Fort Bragg, described Wilkins as "very abusive and controlling." Orbon, she said, "had left him and went to Nebraska for a while. I don't know why she came back here, especially to be with him."

Van Patten noted it appeared Orbon and Wilkins were not living together when the killings occurred.

"It's all so terribly sad," Matthews said in her post. "Krissey was so kind, caring, loving, generous, smart, and fun. She cared so deeply about her son Damien that she started homeschooling him at the age of 3 and no matter what changes or tumult life brought, she persevered in this. She was a brave and proud survivor."

"Damien," she added, "was a bright light. He was kind, funny, loving, caring, giving, and smart. He loved his chickens, dog and cat."

A Krissey and Damien Orbon Memorial Fund has been established at GoFundMe by Ukiahian Brad McDonald. McDonald hopes to raise \$5,000 "to get [Orbon's] dogs to a safe place, get her final possessions sent to family and help ... with expenses," as well as take care of a California memorial for the slain mother and son.

"This was a case of domestic violence in the worst way," McDonald said, "and we'd like her story to help other women have the strength to get away from their bad situations."

Matthews also has started raising funds as a memorial to Orbon and her son on Facebook. "I'm hoping to bring about some good of some kind out of this tragedy."

The coast resident says she's seeking donations "to help and support domestic violence victims and survivors in Mendocino County," through Project Sanctuary, adding "every little bit helps."

Project Sanctuary provides more than 2,000 counseling sessions a year to Mendocino County residents and helps around 250 people a year obtain restraining orders, said Executive Director Dina Polkingham. The organization, with offices in Ukiah and Fort Bragg, also shelters some 60 women and 50 children a year in an emergency safehouse.





Above, from left: The Eel River Melon is a southern Humboldt County heirloom with sweet, peachy flavor. It is well-adapted to our climate. Like all the varieties, it is available at Quail Seeds. The “Jiminy Nardello” pepper is an Italian heirloom frying pepper. The seed was brought to Connecticut from the village of Ruoti in the Basilicata region of southern Italy in 1887 by Jimmy Nardello’s mother. This very sweet pepper is listed on the Slow Food Ark of Taste. Solstice Broccoli is an example of plant breeding for the public good. The original breeding work was done by professor Jim Myers at OSU. Then farmer Jonathan Spero did further selection to make it tasty and dependable. This open-pollinated variety is protected from patenting by the Open Source Seed Initiative.

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COLUMN | GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH

# January: Every seed has a story

This time of year, the seed catalogs arrive, and gardeners start to plan and dream. Many of the newer companies – like mine, Quail Seeds – have online catalogs only, but the seed descriptions, pictures and stories are still there. Seeds make the future and embody the past. Every seed has a story.

Some seeds tell a story about families saving their own seed through the years, adapting to local conditions. These are true heirlooms. Some arise locally, some start in seed catalogs and gradually become adapted. Some were carried from Ireland, Italy, Mexico or Africa. The media image involves Amish people or the remote past. But the truth is that heirloom varieties grow wherever gardeners save seed. Here are a few local heirlooms:

**Round Valley (Covelo) Bean:** This unique bean originated at the Round Valley Indian Reservation, and the University of California has been unable to match it with any other known bean. It is one of the very few Native American heirloom beans from west of the Rockies. Reservation residents bred this variety from those grown by the settlers nearby, to improve the plants’ tolerance for extreme summer heat.

**Zapallo Summer Squash:** This little round summer squash is unusual because it is more closely related to winter squash. Other unusual points: it’s round, glossy, and has a firmer texture than most, with a buttery and rich flavor. It came from South America, and Bountiful Gardens found local gardeners to continue producing seed. Now, it’s a tradition at the farmers market and in local gardens.

**Mill Creek Onion:** Several years ago, I stopped by Phil Cool’s stall at the Willits Farmers Market and was struck by the beautiful red onions he was selling. I asked him the variety, and he replied that it was the onion bred by Joe and Wanda Turi at the Mill Creek Nursery in Ukiah. He added that, as they had just passed away, this might be the last of that onion. I bought all his onions, and gave them to Golden Rule Garden, where the seeds have been carefully stewarded ever since. We named them after the Turis’ nursery.

**Brazilian Beauty Tomato:** Another find from the farmers market, this one descended

from a tomato plant bought in the 1970s from the back of an anonymous hippie van. It had since been stewarded in Potter Valley. This beauty is a mahogany-red tomato that is very early, sweet, and matches no commercially available tomato I know of.

Every seed has a story. For GMOs, the story will involve a laboratory, a lot of money, and exclusive contracts. Modern hybrid (F-1) varieties have stories about proprietary parent lines, trade secrets, induced sterility in the male line. Recently even non-hybrid seed has been privatized with the advent of plant patenting, which only became legal in the 1980s.

Open-pollinated varieties can be either old or new, but they can’t be hybrids or GMOs. They often tell a story about farmers, public universities, and seed companies selecting and breeding new varieties for the public good. If you have ever grown the Oregon Sugar Pod Pea, Rutgers Tomato, Golden Bantam Corn, Grand Rapids Lettuce or White Russian Kale, you have benefited from the work of these breeders and their open-pollinated seeds.

Recently, the Open Source Seed Initiative has brought the model of open-source software to the seed world, protecting public-domain seeds from patenting.

The four heirlooms in this column, plus others, are available as a collection with their printed stories at [www.quailseeds.com](http://www.quailseeds.com). If you are interested in seed-saving, I recommend the Grassroots Seed Network [www.grassroots-seed-network.sharetribe.com](http://www.grassroots-seed-network.sharetribe.com), where you can see seeds offered by other seed-savers. Membership is free. They are engaged in a crowdfunding campaign at: [www.crowdrise.com/grassrootsseednetwork](http://www.crowdrise.com/grassrootsseednetwork)

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At top, left: The Round Valley Bean bears flavorful flat pods on compact, bushy plants. The round tan dry beans are good as well. Unlike many beans, it is not fazed by high summer temperatures.

Photo by Jamie Chevalier

At top, right: Mill Creek Onion is a local Mendocino County variety that is now grown many places because of its excellence. This photo shows one grown in Australia.

Photo courtesy of Useful Seeds, Bendigo, Australia.

Above, left: Brazilian Beauty Tomato’s origins are a mystery. Smaller and much earlier than most mahogany or “black” tomatoes, it has a wonderful sweet flavor, and the small, manageable vines bear until frost. (In many ways it is like a miniature Cherokee Purple.)

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Above, right: Zapallo is a favorite Willits summer squash that is not closely related to others. The healthy bushes have big round leaves, and the little squashes are not rough like zucchini but glossy-smooth. The flavor is buttery.

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