



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Valentine Dinner to benefit Pathfinders youth club

To the Editor:  
The community is invited to attend the annual Valentine Dinner to be held at the Adventist Christian School of Willits on Thursday, February 14, serving from 5:30 to 7 pm. The gymnasium will become an "Italian Villa" with ambience, lighting, live music, and décor to make your experience memorable. This well-attended event offers a scrumptious fare of pasta, sauces, vegetables, a full salad bar, and a dessert table. There are vegan and gluten-free options; also, a photo opportunity for you and that someone special.

The proceeds will go to support the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth group, known as the Pathfinders. Recently,

the youth group suffered the loss of all of their camping gear when someone stole the trailer that was stored in from the school grounds.

Usually using the gear to camp within the local region, the group is making plans to do a camp-out in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the "Camporee," along with other Pathfinder clubs from around the world. This is an opportunity for the Pathfinders to meet other kids like themselves from other countries and regions of North America. Attendance will be near 52,000, with 38,000 from North America and 14,000 international Pathfinders and staff.

While they and CHP are looking for the stolen trailer, plans must be made to continue on. Attending the annual Valentine Dinner on Thursday, February 14 will not only support the Pathfinders to replace the

lost equipment, it will encourage the youth that the folks of Willits care. Please call Georgine Hultz at 707-954-0649 for more information, reservations, donations, and tickets.

Georgine Hultz, Willits

## Volunteering is rewarding

To the Editor:

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any non-profit organization. Last year volunteers donated 16,928 hours of their time to the Willits Senior Center. At \$10.50 an hour, that amounts to \$177,744 of in-kind support.

Without volunteers the senior center could not keep our doors open to provide nutritional, counseling, social health,

transportation, and outreach services. We are very fortunate to have a core group of reliable and dedicated volunteers. When a volunteer is unable to fill their assigned position this leaves us with the challenge of finding someone to fill the void.

We desperately need a few volunteers to fill the receptionist position. This entails cordially greeting people as they enter the senior center, answering the phone, and directing calls (four-hour shift). There are also volunteer positions available in our dining room.

Volunteering is a very rewarding experience. If you have some spare time and enjoy helping others, please contact Deb Holcomb at 459-6826. She can answer any questions you may have.

Richard Baker, director,  
Willits Senior Center

## Outlet Creek landowners and public invited to free 'streamflow enhancement' and water security workshop

Submitted by Trout Unlimited and Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

Trout Unlimited and the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District have been awarded a planning grant to help rural landowners on key tributaries of Outlet Creek in the upper Eel River watershed to reduce the impacts of their water use on salmon and steelhead trout.

The grant comes from the State of California Wildlife Conservation Board's Streamflow Enhancement Program, a \$200 million fund dedicated to projects that enhance streamflow for the benefit of California's fish and wildlife. The program was established by Proposition 1, the water bond passed by California voters in 2014.

"The goal of our work is to get more water in streams for fish, but we have found the way to do that is to create projects that also work for people," said Matt Clifford, an attorney with TU's California Water Project. "To reliably maintain streamflows over time, we need to find ways to increase people's water security. This grant will help us achieve that goal in one of the last, best river systems for wild salmon and steelhead in California."

"The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District is excited to collaborate with TU on this important project," said Patty Madigan, Conservation Programs manager for MCRCD. "Outlet Creek is one of the longest migration corridors for coho salmon in California – and we need to

ensure that both people and fish have water, when they need it most."

A proven and increasingly common solution to such challenges is to build storage tanks or off-stream ponds where water can be stored during the winter rainy season, when water is plentiful, which enables water users to reduce or eliminate pumping water from the creeks during the dry season.

Other solutions include rooftop systems to collect and store rainwater, efficiency measures to reduce overall water use, and coordination of diversions among neighbors so that fewer of them pump water from the creek at the same time. All are techniques that have been used successfully in other coastal California watersheds.

On February 6, 2019, TU and MCRCD will hold a public meeting in Willits with farmers, residents, and businesses who get their water supply from Outlet Creek's key spawning tributaries of endangered coho salmon, as well as for native Chinook salmon and steelhead. The meeting, to be held from 6 to 9 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, will focus on finding ways to help water users reduce their water diversions during the summer dry season, when streamflows are at their lowest, and implement land management that promotes groundwater recharge in the winter which can help sustain streamflow in the summer.

"In most coastal California watersheds, we find that

there is actually more than enough water to meet the needs of both fish and people," said Clifford. "The key is to collect the water when it's abundant – basically the winter season – and to use it as efficiently as possible."

In addition to landowner outreach, the project also includes measuring existing streamflows, developing streamflow objectives, designing projects to help meet those objectives, and securing the water rights, permits, and funding needed to construct the projects. TU and MCRCD will follow up with subsequent grants to help landowners with construction costs. The ultimate goal is both to enhance stream flows and create a more secure dry season water supply for people.

Trout Unlimited is America's largest and oldest sportsmen's organization dedicated to conservation of trout and salmon. Since 1959, Trout Unlimited and its 450 chapters nationwide have worked to conserve, protect, restore and sustain cold water habitat, trout and salmon populations, and angling opportunities.

The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District was established in 1945. The mission of MCRCD is to assist communities to voluntarily conserve, protect, and restore wild and working landscapes in Mendocino County. The RCD provides technical assistance, education and outreach programs, monitoring and assessment services, and funding opportunities to help land managers improve the long-term stewardship of the county's natural resource base.



Above, from left: Willits mayor and Rotarian Gerry Gonzalez helps Sarah Mayfield, center, and some young customers. Mike Tobin encourages drivers to stop. Jason Korte and Alexander Rich lift the boiled crabs out of the pot. At right: Tim King, Chris Neary, Alexander Rich, Jason Korte, Laura Sleeper and Jerry Turner display the crabs for sale. At right, below: Kitty Norris smiles for the camera with her crab. Dolene Carrillo wraps the crabs. At right, bottom: Laura Sleeper smiles with hands full of crabs. Steam rises into the air as Rotarians start boiling crabs in the early morning.

Photos by Mathew Caine



## Crab Sale

Willits Rotarians boil 1,600 pounds of crab for annual fundraiser

Metacarcinus magister, better known as "Dungeness crab," is a species of crab that inhabits eelgrass beds and ocean bottoms on the west coast of North America. The crustaceans are named after the port of Dungeness in Washington state, and are prized for their sweet and tender flesh – especially when cooked by the Willits Rotary Club which has been providing this exquisite treat once a year at the corner of Main Street and San Francisco Avenue.

This year's crab sale on Friday and Saturday last week was a bit later than usual, due to the lack of availability of legal-sized male crabs, and the annual Rotary sit-down crab feed will not be held at all this year.

But the "drive up" crab sale sold out once again, procuring ample funds for the service club's many worthy causes.

Both sale mornings started out cold, below 40 degrees, but the intrepid Rotarians braved the gelid temperatures for the sake of the causes supported by the crab sales, some arriving around 6:30 am to set up and prepare for the day.

Coffee and donuts helped to blunt the sting of the cold although some of them managed to find their way close to the heat of the steaming crab boilers to stand in the rising mist and wait for the warmth of the

day. Other than the initial cold, the weather was excellent for people to come choose crabs to take home to their families.

The Willits Rotarians have become experts at providing this once-a-year delicacy to the people of the Little Lake Valley. The 1,600 pounds of crabs are delivered by Caito Fisheries of Fort Bragg in two large containers filled with ice to keep them fresh and alive through the two days of the sale.

The crabs are transferred into large boiling baskets a few at a time and lowered into the boiling water cauldrons for a few minutes until the shells are red and the meat is tender. They are then transferred to the washing tables where they are rinsed off.

Finally, they are moved to the viewing and sales area for the grateful Willits buyers to find just the right crab or two (at \$20 apiece). There's no real science to the choosing process. Most just want the largest crab they can find. Some leave it up to the expert Rotarians to choose for them.

The Willits Rotary Club uses the funds from the sale to pay for several of their worthy causes, amongst them, the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center which provides horsemanship training and confidence to many developmentally

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## Rain Totals in Willits

Precipitation in the Willits area as of January 30  
(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

High clouds and increasing southeast winds are expected to spread across the north county tonight, with light rain forecast for Friday morning, becoming heavier in the afternoon. The heaviest rain looks to be focused over Mendocino County, according to the National Weather Service's Eureka office.

Snow levels will be around 5,000 to 5,500 feet with this initial round of precipitation, then drop to around 4,000 to 4,500 feet.

Rainfall totals for Friday and Saturday are expected to be around 1 to 2 inches with local amounts up to 3 inches.

Sunday through Tuesday, colder temperatures are forecast to spread southeast across the area, lowering freezing levels to around 3,500 feet by Sunday, and potentially drop below 2,500 feet through Monday night,

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 1/30/2019 at 12 pm	26.16"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 1/30/2019 at 12:00 pm	23.30"
Willits sewer plant as of 1/30/2019 at 10:00 am	25.67"
Highway 20, Willits as of 1/23/2019 at 12:00 pm	27.46"
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits as of 1/29/2019 at 11 pm	23.26"

the NWS says. Light snow appears probable over interior mountains as showers spread east-southeast over the region.

Visit the National Weather Service online at www.weather.gov and type "Willits, CA" to get local weather forecasts and information.

– Dan McKee

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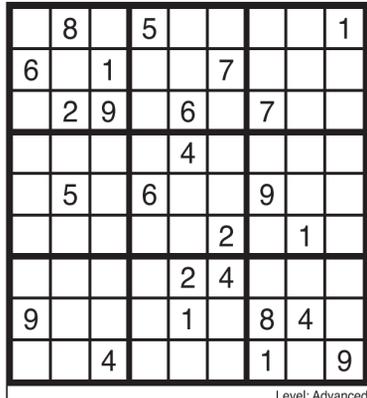
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# Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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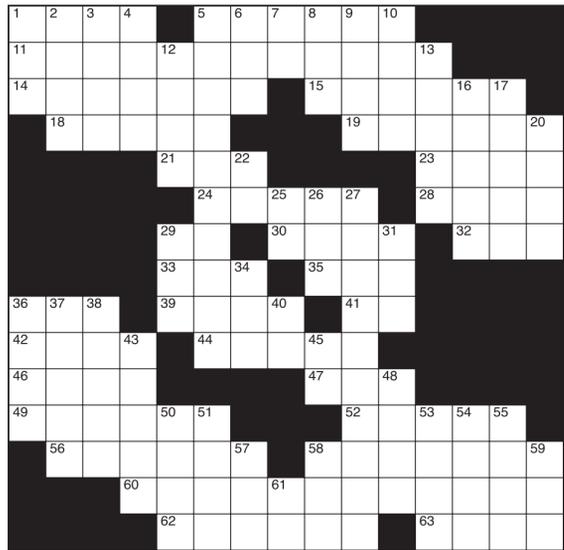
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in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

## COLD SPORTS WORD SEARCH

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BANDY	HELMET	MOGUL	SLALOM
BOBSLED	HILLS	OBSTACLES	SLOPES
BROOM BALL	HOCKEY	OLYMPIC	SNOCROSS
CLIMBING	ICE FISHING	PARTNER	SNOW
COMPETITION	ICE SKATING	RACING	SNOWBOARDING
CURLING	ICE SPEEDWAY	RINK	SNOWMOBILE
FREESTYLE	LIFT	SKATING	SYNCHRONIZED
FROZEN	LUGE	SKIING	TRACKS



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Sheep sounds
5. Turn up
11. Statements of support
14. Spells
15. Evildoer
18. One-time baseball stadium staple
19. Activities
21. WWII-era US President
23. Soft, flexible leather
24. Proverb
28. Wish (Hindu)
29. Injury treatment
30. Red Sox ace
32. 'Deadliest Catch' captain
33. Baseball stat
35. Where marine life lives
36. Heartbeat test
39. Signs on the dotted line
41. Atomic #24
42. Bind securely
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Fragrant brown balsam
47. Where you were born

49. Sells a ticket for more than its price
52. Where goods are presented
56. Jewish salutation
58. Fruits
60. Poorly educated
62. Microorganism
63. Depicted

### CLUES DOWN

1. Ballplayer's tool
2. Hairdo
3. From a distance
4. Belt one out
5. Revising a text
6. More (Spanish)
7. Beloved Spielberg alien
8. BBQ dish
9. Provoke
10. Within
12. Canadian flyers
13. Smugly smile
16. Buffalo
17. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
20. Grab
22. Rural delivery

25. Equally
26. It's sometimes passed
27. Citizens who are qualified to vote
29. Greek letter
31. Body part
34. Boxing result
36. News
37. Predatory semiaquatic reptiles
38. Cockatoo
40. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
43. Leguminous east Indian tree
45. News reporting organization
48. A nemesis of Batman
50. Legal term
51. Not all
53. A way to greet
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Russian space station
58. A baby's mealtime accessory
59. Stitch together
61. \_\_\_ and behold

# WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

January 21 to January 27

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **226 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

### Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

#### January 21

9:28 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
2:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.  
2:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.  
3:10 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main Street.  
3:11 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

#### January 22

2:44 am: POTTER, Noelle Elizabeth (35) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order, failure to appear, and violation of probation.  
9:05 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1200 block of South Main Street.  
4:56 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Redwood Avenue.  
9:28 pm: SOLARES, Silvia Maria Lara (29) of Redway was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 10851 VC (Vehicle Theft), 14601 VC (Driving with a Suspended License), on felony charges of receiving stolen property, and on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
11:23 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

#### January 23

5:48 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.  
8:33 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Holly Street.  
12:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of East San Francisco Avenue and South Main Street.  
2:32 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.  
3:17 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.  
3:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

#### January 24

8:45 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.  
9:37 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 700 block of Coast Street.  
10:30 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1400 block of South Main Street.  
3:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

#### January 25

2:44 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
5:23 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.  
4:36 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
5:03 pm: PICKETT, Jason Edward (41) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Locust Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order.  
6:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of School Street.  
9:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School Street.

#### January 26

2:13 pm: WINGER, Joshua Isaiah (46) of

responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School Street.

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## LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

# FIRE CALLS

January 24 to January 28, 2019

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

#### 01-24-19 (Shimmins Ridge)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported motorcycle over the bank. Upon arrival fire units met the patient in a separate privately owned vehicle. Fire units at scene assessed the patient, then turned over patient care to the arriving ambulance. 10 firefighters responded for service.

#### 01-24-19 (Alice Drive)

Smoke in structure: Little Lake Fire responded to reported smoke inside the residence. Upon arrival the occupant advised the fire was coming from the flue pipe from her wood stove. Fire units checked the attic space as well as the roof for fire extension. No extension was located. 11 firefighters responded for service.

#### 01-24-19 (Barbara Lane)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire was requested to assist the current medic unit at with patient packaging as well as removing the patient from the residence. 5 firefighters responded for service.

#### 01-16-19 (Hearst Willits Road)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire provided patient care for a person having complications from new medication. Once the ambulance arrived, patient care was transferred. 4 firefighters responded for service. 4 firefighters responded for service.

#### 01-27-19 (Oak Street)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire arrived at scene and provided patient care until the ambulance arrived. Fire assisted with packaging and loading the patient into the ambulance. 8 firefighters responded for service.

#### 01-28-19 (Highway 101, mile marker 40)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident. Upon arrival it was determined to be non-injury. Fire personnel provided traffic control and general cleanup. 12 firefighters responded for service.



At left: Stage director Bill Barksdale uses hand motions to explain his point during his lecture, "The Director: Creative Muse & Control Freak." Below: All seats were filled for the lecture given at the Willits Center for the Arts.



## Theater Talks

Stage director Bill Barksdale shares his thoughts on the creative process

"I'm only going to talk for about 20 minutes about the director's part in making a play," promised Bill Barksdale, as he began his first in a series of two lectures at the Willits Center for the Arts. "The creative process is a study in problem solving, just like if you are in business. You just have to think outside the box. That's where the solutions reside."

After holding his audience in rapt attention for an hour and 40 minutes, Barksdale concluded his talk. "The Director: Creative Muse & Control Freak" was a combination of lecture, theater exploration, and in large part, performance of memories, emotions, instruction, information and song, peppered with anecdotes from his many years in the theater.

He offered his takes and philosophies

of the art of directing, working with all the disparate elements of theater productions, to create a final presentation that both held true to the author's original intent and to the director's personal take and understanding of the material.

"The playwright, David Mamet, said 'All you need to make theater are actors and an audience.' At its most basic level, that's true," began Barksdale. "You can have actors in street clothes, out in a park, who know how to improv, and you've got some people sitting around, and that's theater. More often than that, you're working with a script.

"A play is not literature. It is a blueprint for the dramatic action of a theatrical production. As a director I have to find a play that inspires me - the characters,

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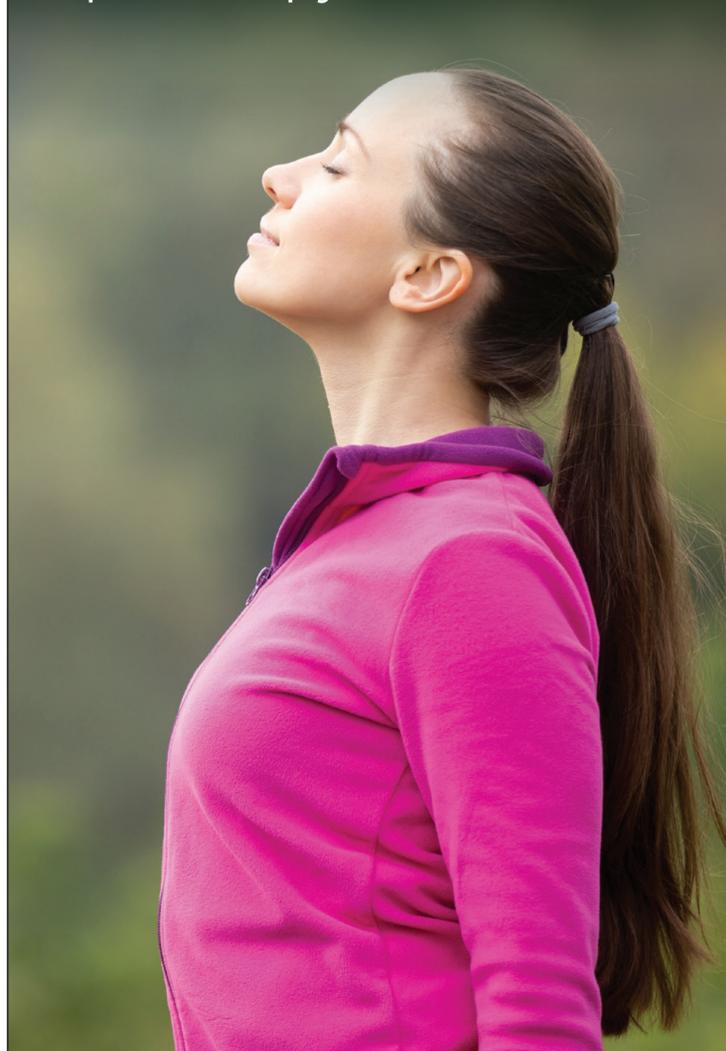
Above: Bill Barksdale has a dramatic moment while discussing theater. At right: Earlene Gleisner asks a question after the lecture. At right, bottom: Barksdale, who studied at a prestigious acting school in New York, performed off-Broadway, and was a founding member of an improv theater in San Francisco, shares his headshot from years ago. Below: Bill Barksdale illustrates the emotions of theater for the audience at the WCA.



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funds for the development of a crisis residential treatment facility, a crisis stabilization unit, and a psychiatric health facility" without making a specific recommendation on which proposed facility should be explored.

Diamond said there were two main reasons why the committee's action on this item was not punting. "It fits with my motion that we use the Kemper Report as a guide," Diamond said, "because in the Kemper Report were those top three issues. To me, by sending those three broad areas, by saying to the board of supervisors, 'These are the three things that we as a committee recommend that the board consider,' to me, that was doing two things I think were active and valuable.

"By doing that, it asserted, not only that we are taking the Kemper Report as a guide, but also that we are recommending the same three top priorities the Kemper Report recommends," Diamond said, "and that we understand there is still a lot of detail that needs to be worked out.

"Clearly, the board of supervisors – with what we sent them – doesn't have enough information to fund those three things," he added. "Undoubtedly, they are going to [say], 'Give us more information,' or they may say, 'We're going to direct Carmel Angelo, by the next meeting, to come up with specifics on the Orchard Street piece of this.'

"I think that was probably a wise way to do it," Diamond said. "It moved things ahead, so that now the supervisors know we are recommending those three, and now we need to pick the next thing we need to drill down on."

When asked if he was certain supervisors will send the recommendation back to the committee with a request for more detailed information, Diamond replied: "Maybe they will say to Mental Health Director Jenine Miller, 'Look, you've already been working on this. Why don't you just finish it up and get back to us, because it's already been in the works.' That wouldn't be surprising if they did something like that. But someone on our committee – my guess is would either be Carmel Angelo or Jenine Miller – but somebody's gonna have to get more information to the board.

"I don't think it's inevitable that they will come back to us, but I suspect they will," Diamond said.

Diamond said he thought the committee had made significant progress over the past year, progress misrepresented by the term "punting."

"I've been working in mental health for a long time, and we are absolutely in new territory," he said. "What we're doing here in this county is breaking new ground. This has never happened. As far as I know, there has never been a county that has taxed itself for a specific purpose around mental health and done it in a way that brings in a significant amount of money. This is totally new.

"Secondly, there is the constituting of this 11-person committee: five members from each supervisorial district, and then five county officials, plus Donna Moschetti, the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) representative.

"This has never been done. It's new. We're doing something that's never been done. We ought to give ourselves some kudos, because we did it," Diamond said. "Any time, on any kind of decisions, when you make an 11-person anything and you're asking 11 people to make recommendations or decisions, that's a tough thing. The fact that it's so big makes it difficult, of necessity.

"Plus, the people that are on it, we're all heavy-hitters," he noted. "Sheriff Allman is [someone] I certainly would characterize as a charismatic leader – powerful – but he certainly is not able to just exert his will over the other 10 of us. Carmel Angelo is a powerful person, and you could go right down the list, of each of the people that are on there.

"So, making decisions of any kind is going to be difficult, both because of the size of the committee, and because of the people who are on it who have strong positions in addition to being charismatic individuals.

"The Kemper Report," he said, "was the most significant decision we made. We didn't get the Kemper Report until August 21 or something. It wasn't until then until in a sense we had a blueprint for moving ahead. Then you have September to talk about it. We had October to talk about it. We didn't meet in November because the sheriff was in Washington. And then we had December. So, we haven't had a lot of time to digest the report.

"I think we've moved fairly significantly in decision-making, based on my motion, getting the Kemper Report approved by a unanimous vote, as providing the guidance for our decision-making. So, we got that. And we took the first three priorities in the report and recommended them to the board. That's significant," Diamond said.

"This is a hard job," he added. "Those of us who are appointed to be on the committee by ... our supervisors, we are volunteers. We don't get paid to go to the meetings. We don't get paid to do any of the background. I don't get paid to go to the [Willits] city council meeting, to report to the city council. It's a volunteer job. We're working hard because we believe in this.

"Collectively, we did this wonderful thing, to tax ourselves, and we are in a position no other community is in: We are raising between a half-million to sometimes close to a million dollars a month, for this, and you've provisioned an 11-person committee to help make decisions.

"I want the community to feel good about what we're doing," Diamond said. "I don't want the community to feel that you've put a lot of energy into doing this, and now you've got this board that either does nothing and just talks, or you spend huge amounts of money without considering it.

"I just want the community to see us in an accurate light. I want people to recognize, one, how good we did by voting for this, and I think, how good we're doing – even with all the challenges – to move this ahead. And I think we are going to continue to do that."

the project."

The second announcement was made January 29, when PG&E announced it has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

PG&E provides electricity and natural gas service to more than 16 million customers in Northern California, from Bakersfield and Barstow to nearly the Oregon border.

According to documents filed on September 30, 2018, with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, PG&E had assets of \$71.39 billion and liabilities of \$51.69 billion on that date.

Over the past two years, the company has suffered significant exposure to litigation following a series of wildland fires that ravaged California. An article by Sharon Bernstein published online by Reuters on January 29 claimed PG&E anticipates "liabilities in excess of \$30 billion from the deadliest wildfires in California's history."

CalFire investigators have concluded PG&E equipment was responsible for causing nine of 2017's wildfires, including the Redwood fire that burned 36,000 acres in Redwood Valley and Potter Valley.

There is some evidence that faulty PG&E equipment may have been responsible for causing the Camp fire last November, the deadliest fire in California history. The cause of that fire remains under investigation.

However, on January 24, a CalFire report concluded PG&E was not responsible for causing the Tubbs fire, which swept through the Santa Rosa area in October 2017. Rather, a private electrical system next to a Napa County home ignited the deadly blaze.

In a statement concerning the Potter Valley Project, written by Annette Faraglia, chief counsel for the company's Hydro Generation Division: "After extensive deliberation, PG&E has determined it would be contrary to the interests of its electric ratepayers to continue relicensing the Potter Valley Project. Hence, PG&E is discontinuing its efforts to seek a new project license.

The Potter Valley Project "has long been recognized by PG&E as uneconomic for PG&E's ratepayers (i.e., the cost of production exceeding the cost of alternative sources of renewable power on the open market). Regrettably, continued declining energy markets, potential increased costs associated with anticipated new license conditions, and challenging financial circumstances have caused PG&E to conclude it cannot justify further expenditures to its ratepayers associated with the [Potter Valley] Project," Faraglia said.

In a separate PG&E statement addressed to FERC, company spokeswoman Deanna Contreras said: "Although the timing is unclear at this point, we anticipate PG&E's action will result in FERC initiating its orphan project process." The statement went on to describe what an "orphan project" is.

"In accordance with the orphan process, FERC will provide interested parties the opportunity to submit an application for a new project license. We believe this path will allow interested parties more time to prepare for the acquisition of the project and

the ability to submit a license application on their own terms rather than assuming PG&E's current application.

"If the orphan process does not result in the issuance of a new project license, it is expected FERC will order PG&E to prepare and submit a surrender application and decommissioning plan," PG&E continued.

**Stakeholder reaction**

Inland Water and Power Commission chairwoman and Potter Valley rancher Janel Pauli told Willits Weekly the IWPC remains interested in purchasing the project.

"Our path has changed," Pauli said Tuesday. "We were right at the end of the FERC indicative proposal process; in fact, we were going to submit it today."

"That path is gone," she noted. "We will see what FERC's response to the PG&E announcement will be. We expect they will shift over to the orphan project process, which means, from the date that FERC declares that process to have begun, there will be a 90-day period in which interested parties can submit what amounts to a notice of intent that they want to seek a license for the project.

"After that there will be an 18-month period in which, basically, the applicants are winnowed down to one," Pauli said, "and the application for that one license is approved. There are still a lot of questions remaining."

Asked if she anticipates the licensing process will be as difficult as the previous relicensing period, which began in 1972 and was concluded in 2004, Pauli sounded relatively optimistic.

"At the end of 2006, the flows out of the Potter Valley Project were cut by 50 percent, all based on a biological opinion produced by the National Marine Fisheries Service incorporated into the license," she said.

"Since then, studies have shown the way the water is being released at Cape Horn Dam and at Scott Dam mimics the natural hydrological cycle very well. The big question is: How do we get fish above Scott Dam?"

An ad hoc committee convened by Congressman Jared Huffman has been working for a year on the question of how to get fish past the 130-foot-high Scott Dam, which backs up water for Lake Pillsbury.

In a January 26 press release responding to PG&E's announcement concerning the Potter Valley Project, Friends of the Eel River's Bay Area Director David Keller noted: "The full picture of the liabilities associated with the Eel River dams has yet to emerge.

"PG&E may be facing financial reality here," Keller said, referring to the Faraglia statement, but the company "has yet to come clean either about the potentially disastrous safety situation at Scott Dam, or about the ecological impacts of the dam on Eel River salmon, steelhead and lamprey."

In the same press release, Friends of the Eel River Conservation Director Scott Greacen described the PG&E decision as "the turning point."

"This is by no means the end of the story," he said. "But this is the turning point. Removal of at least Scott Dam is now more likely than not."

Third District Measure B Committee representative Jed Diamond, was: "Discussion and possible action including review of Kemper Report, as recommended the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, and adoption of recommendations contained therein."

The motion that was brought to a vote, offered by Third District representative Diamond, was that the Measure B Committee "accept the Kemper Report as a guideline for this committee to make recommendations to the board of supervisors regarding program priorities and funding." McGourty's motion elicited strong reaction from some committee members, including Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, former Measure B committee chair, who told McGourty the committee had already reviewed the Kemper Report. Allman said everyone on the committee had read the report, and many members had read it more than one time. Diamond told the committee he had read the report four times.

McGourty argued that for individual members to have read the report was not the same thing as for the committee to review the report. McGourty had distributed a study guide for the Kemper Report, which was included in the agenda packet for committee members and the public. She urged the committee to use the study guide as a template for its review of the report.

In an article by this reporter published on January 24 ("Measure B Committee punts"), the story said the committee "decided to simply abandon McGourty's proposal. Without bringing the matter to a vote, the committee moved on to consider the crisis center proposal." That piece of reporting was in error. A vote did occur; but it was not on McGourty's motion, it was on Diamond's motion, which superseded McGourty's motion.

**Other committee news**

In other Measure B Committee news, Mendocino County Deputy Clerk of the Board Karla Van Hagen has been appointed to serve as secretary and clerk for the Measure B Committee.

Van Hagen replaces Dora Briley, a clerical person and grant writer for the Sheriff's Office who performed clerical and secretarial duties for the Measure B Committee throughout 2018.

Van Hagen displayed a firm hand throughout the meeting. At one point, Diamond moved that the committee accept the Kemper Report, and that it should elect a subcommittee which would set the agenda for the committee.

Diamond said his goal was to create a small subcommittee that would direct the committee to review and make recommendations on specific items in the Kemper Report. But Van Hagen nixed Diamond's motion, telling him it wasn't on the January 23 meeting's agenda and so couldn't proceed to a vote.

County Auditor Lloyd Weer told committee members the Mental Health Treatment Act fund now holds \$4.5 million. Funds have been collected for the months of April through October 2018.

The Measure B account has collected \$4.71 million, and the committee has spent \$199,048. Of expenditures, \$161,578 was paid to the office of the Assessor/Clerk-Recorder for election costs associated with the November 2017 vote on the Measure B ballot measure. Other costs include \$37,470 to pay for the Kemper Report. The account has earned \$3,400 in interest. The current balance stands at \$4,516,255.

County Counsel Katherine Elliott, who was present at the meeting, said the board of supervisors has directed her to attend future Measure B Committee meetings.

Elliott noted her attendance at the meeting will be paid for by the county. She also said the board of supervisors had approved in concept the county's willingness to hire outside counsel to handle questions from the committee that were exceptionally difficult to answer.

Elliott responded to four questions that had already been presented to her from previous meetings. She was asked to render a legal opinion regarding City of Willits' claims in the case of the old Howard Hospital, specifically, if the hospital building would be subject to city regulations or county regulations.

Elliott told the committee that, if the county owned the building, the building would be subject to county regulations. She added the state can impose local restrictions from the local entity, such as for example, the City of Willits, depending on what kind of license the state grants the facility.

Elliott was asked if the board of supervisors has a legal ability to spend Measure B funds on building and/or improving facilities not owned by the county.

Elliott affirmed the board did have the legal ability to do so but added: "It would be very difficult indeed. It would probably be a very bad idea because we would not have control over how those funds are being used."

She was asked to comment on the conditions under which Measure B funds could be used for the construction of facilities without paying prevailing wage rates.

Her answer was terse. "Generally, there are none," she said.

Committee Chairman Ace Barash reminded Elliott that Redwood Community Services has stated it would be employing its own in-house construction team to do the work on its proposed Orchard Street mental health crisis center in Ukiah. He asked Elliott if that situation would alter Elliott's opinion.

Elliott replied, "You are asking me, as lawyer for the county, to find a way to get around prevailing wage."

The fourth question Elliott commented on was: Can the company that designs the building also be the company that builds the building?

Elliott opined that, generally, that was not legal, because it gave the company that designed the building an unfair advantage in bidding for the project.

Elliott was contradicted by Fourth District representative Mark Mertle, who told Elliott he sees design-build contracts every day.

**Happy Queenie**

Queenie came to us with a significant injury to her leg, which thankfully turned out to not involve her muscle or bone ... it was just to her skin. Under the careful care of our clinic staff, Queenie has recovered and is ready to roll out the door with you today! Queenie is a happy dog who loves the couch!



Happy Queenie

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Lola is a beautiful 10-week-old mastiff mix puppy. She has big shoes to fill and lots of love to give. Lola is hanging in foster care while we get her ready for adoption. Submit an application now at mendohumanesociety.com or contact the shelter to learn more about Lola!

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How Long Playing the Sport: Seven years

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– Submitted by Coach Brian Bowles

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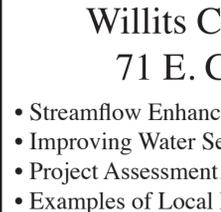
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**Helen Bartow**

Helen Bartow of Willits was born January 27, 1926 and died on January 14, 2019 in her home with family around her. Helen spent her life working tirelessly beside her husband, William Bartow, on their ranch, settled by her ancestors, and located just down the road from where she grew up. She and William raised their own meat, fruits and vegetables.



Helen always made time for her own interests and activities. She enjoyed her sheep, cattle, garden, berry patch and sewing. Throughout her life Helen worked to promote ranching and agriculture by her participation on the Mendocino County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for over 40 years, and served on its Scholarship Committee for many of those years. She was a lifetime member of the Grange of yesteryear for more than 80 years.

Helen was on the Election Board and helped with every election for more than 60 years. She also participated on the Mendocino County Planning Commission. As a child Helen was a 4-H member, and when her children were in 4-H she was a project leader and the Community Leader.

Helen liked to sing while she worked and during the time her children were very small she went on a few trips to sing with a group who called themselves "The Mothers Singers."

Helen is preceded in death by her husband, William Bartow, and survived by their three children, Emma Thompson (Les) of Williams, Ruth Ford and Robert Bartow (Carol) of Willits. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and their spouses, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 from 1 to 4 pm at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, to share memories of Helen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund, Howard Memorial Hospital, Willits Senior Center, or your favorite charity.

**Free Workshop Outlet Creek Watershed Streamflow Enhancement & Rural Water Security February 6<sup>TH</sup> • 6-9 pm**

Willits Center for theArts 71 E. Commercial St.

- Streamflow Enhancement for Salmon and Steelhead
- Improving Water Security in Rural Settings
- Project Assessment, Permitting, and Funding
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**SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS**

**Agape Bible Church**

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

**Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church**

803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Pastor, Bill Nobles Information: 456-9668 EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

**Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom**

• Sound of Soul events • Membership Discourses • Spiritual Discussions • ECK Light & Sound Services More information? Call 707-972-2475

**Grace Community Church**

Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church - 11 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies Potluck every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Alan Klier, Lead Pastor 459-3106

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**

61 W. San Francisco Ave. Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Brundmann Mass times: Saturday confessions - 4:45 p.m. Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m. English 10:30 a.m. Spanish We welcome All Walks of Faith

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**

1 North Main Street, Willits 707-459-3066 Church Services / Communion & Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Healing Prayer 3rd Sunday ALL ARE WELCOME The Rev. Betsy Brunau

**St. John Lutheran Church**

Karl Bliese, Pastor Church Service: Sunday 10:00 to 11:00 Bible Study / Sunday School following the service. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME

**Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

399 W. Mendocino Avenue 707-459-5714 Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service - 10:45 a.m. 1st Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school. 22751 Bray Road, Willits

**Willits United Methodist**

A Christ centered, progressive church ALL ARE WELCOME 286 School St. (at Pine) Rev. Rosemary Landry, pastor Worship Celebration Sundays - 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School - 11:15 a.m. 459-2855 Facebook: www.facebook.com

If you want to be included in this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475 april@willitsweekly.com

Thursday, January 31

**Willits Farmers Market:** Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, January 31, 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.

**Willits Redwood Little League:** Last two days to register, Thursday, January 31 and Friday, February 1. Boys and girls, 4 to 16 years. \$100 per child for the season. Discounts for multiple children. Info: Craig Dudley 707-489-7003 or ashlynnndad@yahoo.com Online registration only: wrllisplay.com.

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Cloverdale: Thursday, January 31, 6 pm JV, 7:30 pm Varsity. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Mark Westberg).

Friday, February 1

**Lady Wolverines High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Cloverdale at home, Friday, February 1: JV 6 pm, Varsity 7:30 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Fred Austin).

**Behind the Mic Youth Poetry Night:** Friday, February 1, 7 pm, at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. "Come share your words, the words of those who inspire you – poetry, sing a song acapella, beatbox, rap, spoken word – choose your verbal medium. We want to hear what you have to say."



**Shanachie Pub:** One Grass Two Grass: Friday, February 1, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Delivers high-energy, hard-driving, fun-loving, old-timey, new-timey, good-timey, rockin' California string band music." 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, February 2

**Four Chaplains Memorial Service:** On Saturday, February 2, St. John's Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive, will be hosting a Four Chaplains memorial service at 2 pm. The American Legion Post 174 will be assisting as the honor and color guard.

**"Pure Imagination":** Lynn Zachreson, Oils and Watercolors, and David Weitzman, Jewelry. Show opens at the Willits Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 2, with a reception: 6 pm for members, 7 pm to the public. The show runs through February 24. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

# What's Happening Around Town

**Shanachie Pub:** Jon Gonzales: Friday, February 2, 8:30 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Weaves ukulele folk-hooks with lyrical psychedelic satire and 'pushing-the-envelope' paradoxical, universal subjects." Visit [www.jongonzales.com/indexed.html](http://www.jongonzales.com/indexed.html). 50B South Main Street.



Jon Gonzales

Sunday, February 3

**Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast:** Sober Grad's annual Pancake Breakfast at the Grange is set for Super Bowl Sunday, February 3. "Our breakfast is a fantastic way to start your Super Bowl Sunday!" Menu includes the Grange cooks' delicious pancakes made from scratch, scrambled eggs, bacon, OJ, and coffee, hot chocolate or tea. 8 to 11 am, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. \$7 adults; \$6 seniors; \$4 kids 10 and under. Tickets are available from many seniors, the WHS office, at the door or by calling Angi Edgar at 459-2260. To go breakfasts will be available. The Sober Grad Valentine's Raffle Basket will be on display, with raffle tickets available: \$1 or six tickets for \$5.

**Sunday Bingo:** at the Harrah Senior Center, Sunday, February 3. Lunch special: hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos, chili, chips and desserts. Doors open 10 am, snack bar 11 am, games begin 11:30 am. Minimum bingo buy-in \$10. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Ecstatic Dance:** Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sunday, February 3, 10 am Movement Workshop, 11 am Ecstatic Dance. Every first Sunday. Facebook.com/EcstaticDanceMendo.

Tuesday, February 5

**Twining Time:** Enjoy lunch with 'Twining Time' (John Wagenet and Anita Blu with guest singer Helen Falandes), Tuesday, February 5, 12:30 to 3 pm and the first Tuesday of every month, at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Folk/Country/Americana Roots plus new and old favorites as well as original music. Polished two vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard 459-1598, twiningtime.weekly.com.

**Ecstatic Dance Mendo** with guest DJ & movement facilitator Gabriel Francisco. Sunday February 3. 10a movement workshop 11a ecstatic dance. Willits Center for the Arts 71 E Commercial St. Willits Every First Sunday 4-5. Facebook.com/EcstaticDanceMendo.

**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: All three films: "The Kid Who Would Be King," "The Upside," and "Vice." Visit [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com) or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

**Edie Ceccarelli's 111th Birthday:** Happy Birthday to Willits' supercentenarian, Edie Ceccarelli. Help celebrate Edie's 111th birthday, on Tuesday, February 5, by enjoying a no-host lunch at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 11:45 am to 1 pm. Lunch tickets: \$8 or \$6.50 55 and older. Open to the public. 459-6826.

**Art Night:** "Lunar New Year Bookmarks," Tuesday, February 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Celebrate the "Year of the Pig" and create your own personalized Lunar New Year bookmark. Supplies provided. Ages 5 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 459-5908.

**Avenue to Wellness:** The ATW speaker series presents, "Cultivating Positivity in Our Relationships," by Doris Wier, certified organization and relationship system coach. "So often we only see what we don't like in our partner, child or significant other. We are well aware of what frustrates us and are often stuck in that position. This hurts our relationships. We need to understand this phenomenon and cultivate positive interactions in order to create healthy and fulfilling relationships." Tuesday, February 5, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. A program of the Howard Foundation, with a speaker series event the first Tuesday of the month. Info: 456-9676 or [www.avenuestowellness.org](http://www.avenuestowellness.org).

Wednesday, February 6

**North County Women in Business:** This month's meeting features a presentation on 100+ Woman Strong Inland Mendo, a new women's giving circle based on the nationwide 100+ Strong movement, which seeks to magnify and focus individual philanthropy. Wednesday, February 6, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Presenter is June Ruckman, president of the board of directors for WCA. Networking: 8



to 8:15 am, meeting: 8:15 to 9:30 am. Coffee by Krista Pickens of Showoff and healthy refreshments by Jocelyn Friend of Friend Enterprises Ltd. Jennifer Zeek of Jenunive Designs will facilitate the meeting. First-time attendees and Willits Chamber members, free. \$5 for non-Chamber members returning. RSVP on our Facebook page, "North County Women in Business," or 707-888-7834, by February 3, so Jocelyn knows how much food to bring!



Birthday girl Edie

**Adventist Health Howard Memorial Open House:** "Join us for a Community Open House at Roots Restaurant on Wednesday, February 6, at 5:30 pm and learn more about how Adventist Health is working together to improve healthcare in Mendocino County. Howard Memorial's Jason Wells has also been named president of Adventist Health Ukiah Valley hospital, and will be available, along with other representatives, to answer questions about our services and share our plans for the future of local healthcare. Hear about new services, community outreach programs and new things happening in healthcare in our county. Bring your questions, ideas and feedback on how we can best serve you and your family! Appetizers and refreshments will be served."

**Free Heartsaver CPR Classes:** Starting Wednesday, February 6, 8 to 9 pm at the Seabiscuit Conference Room at Adventist Health Howard Memorial. The three-hour class, accredited by the American Heart Association, teaches adult and child CPR and AED use, infant CPR, and how to relieve



June Ruckman

**Willits Science Fair:** The annual Willits Science Fair is set for February 4 through 7 at the Willits Community Center, and is open to the public Wednesday, February 6, from 8:30 am to 7 pm, and Thursday, February 7, from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Features individual and class projects by students from Willits Charter, Willits High, Sanhedrin High, Willits Elementary Charter, Blosser Lane, Brookside, Baechtel Grove, and Sherwood schools, and non-public school students. Info: Erin Vaccaro at 707-513-8742 or [sciencefair@willitsunified.com](mailto:sciencefair@willitsunified.com).

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Kelseyville: Thursday, February 7, 3:30 pm JV, 6:30 pm Varsity. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Mark Westberg).

**Winter Band Concert:** Baechtel Grove Middle School Band Concert. Thursday, February 7, 7 to 8 pm, Willits High School Auditorium, 299 North Main Street.

**Clue - The Musical:** Saturday, February 9, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 8 listing for details.

**Fire Art Demonstration:** Brickhouse Coffee hosts a demonstration of Julie Bullock's ink-on-glass fire painting. Bullock is also offering custom paintings that you can take home that night. You pick the colors and frame, and she will paint you something right there in front of you! Or, take home one of her beautiful paintings available in the coffee shop. Saturday, February 9, 6 to 9 pm. 3 South Main Street.

**Zodiac House Party:** Aquarius: Live local DJs, Tarot readings, live art, local craft vendors, massage table. Enjoy a hot soak in the "Yot" Tub; bring a towel. Elixir Bar, kombucha on tap, late-night munchies by the Zocalo Collective. Saturday, February 9, 8:30 to 10 pm DJ Victorious (SpiralVine); 10 to 11:30 pm DJ Lunar Sound System; 11:30

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**Mendocino College Scholarships Available:** Applications for scholarships for Mendocino College for the 2019/2020 school year are available at [www.mendocino.edu/student-services/scholarships/application-criteria](http://www.mendocino.edu/student-services/scholarships/application-criteria). Tuesday, March 1 is the last day to apply.

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choking in adults, children and infants. The hands-on course is for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs the certification as part of job requirements or for those who just want to learn how to save a life. Pre-registration is required because space is limited. Call 456-3156 to register or for more info.

Thursday, February 7

**Willits Science Fair:** Open to public, Thursday, February 7, 8:30 am to 3 pm. See February 6 listing for more details.

**Parenting Apart Workshop:** "Looking for some solutions to increase quality of co-parenting with your ex-partner? Come learn some positive co-parenting skills that can be applied to past or current separations. Open free to the entire community, childcare included, and light snacks/refreshments. I am an accredited facilitator so if you need this course for court this will work! Please follow this link to register online and reserve your spot!" Begins Thursday, February 7, 10 am to 12 pm. Each Thursday through March 7. Facilitated by Grace Rowen. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/triple-p-parenting-workshop>

**Willits Farmers Market:** Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, February 7, 3 to 5:30 pm. See Thursday, January 31 listing for more details.

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Kelseyville: Thursday, February 7, 3:30 pm JV, 6:30 pm Varsity. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Mark Westberg).

**Winter Band Concert:** Baechtel Grove Middle School Band Concert. Thursday, February 7, 7 to 8 pm, Willits High School Auditorium, 299 North Main Street.

Friday, February 8

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**"Love Uncorked" February 8:** Parducci Wine Cellars invites you to attend "Love Uncorked" Friday, February 8, in Ukiah to 9:30 pm, Parducci Tasting Room in Ukiah. Features: chocolate and wine pairings, music by Fat Chance Truckin' Band, and dinner available for purchase by Pilon Kitchen. "With fire pits lit and the energized music of Fat Chance Truckin' Band, it's sure to be a festive evening for all." Wine Club members, please sign in to [www.parducci.com](http://www.parducci.com), 707-467-3480. Ages 21 & up. 501 Parducci Road just off of the Lake Mendocino exit in Ukiah.

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**Shanachie Pub:** The Cult of Ours: Friday, February 8, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Tribal groovejam vibe through a mix of skillful electric improvisation and the blending of energies between the audience and the band." 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, February 9

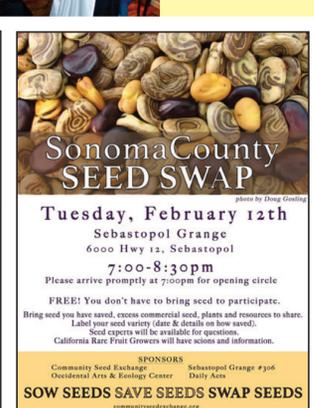
**Black History Month Celebration and Dinner:** Saturday, February 9, 3 to 8 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Dinner Details: Soul food dinner with traditional and vegan platters. Educational art display: "Contemporary Black Artists" with a focus on Bisa Butler's work. Also jazz musician collages made by students, curated by Jazzminh Moore. Collage workshop with Jazzminh Moore, all ages. Exhibition of African masks from Marlena River's collection, as well as fetishes and kachina statues. Poetry and storytelling circle, all ages, especially children. Film: "Black America Since MLK." Live music and dance with Amadou Camara and Maria Soumah. Local vendors. Raffle. Suggested donation \$10, dinner \$25 advance, \$25 at door. Tickets: J.D. Redhouse, [www.monemonics.com](http://www.monemonics.com) and Taste Buds in Ukiah.



**"Clue - The Musical":** Saturday, February 9, 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 8 listing for details.

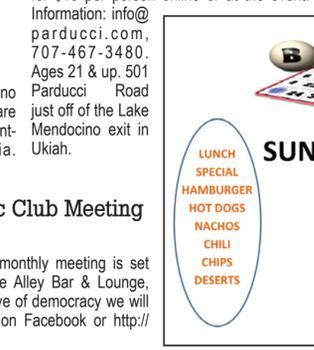
**Fire Art Demonstration:** Brickhouse Coffee hosts a demonstration of Julie Bullock's ink-on-glass fire painting. Bullock is also offering custom paintings that you can take home that night. You pick the colors and frame, and she will paint you something right there in front of you! Or, take home one of her beautiful paintings available in the coffee shop. Saturday, February 9, 6 to 9 pm. 3 South Main Street.

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pm to 1 am DJ NiteOwl (SpiralVine); 1 to 2:30 am DJ Mountain Man. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

**Shanachie Pub:** Holus Bolus performers on Saturday, February 9, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Holus Bolus means 'All at Once'." Holus Bolus is one person, multi-instrumentalist Tom Boylan." 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, February 10

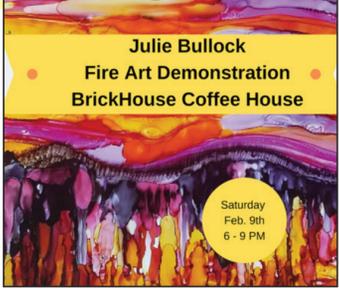
**Willits Classic 10 Mile, 5 K Race Event:** The North Coast Striders present the annual Willits Classic Foot Races at the Willits Recreation Grove, Lenore and Commercial streets, Sunday, February 10. Registration at 9 am; 10 mile and 5K races start at 10 am; free kids race starts at 9:30 am. Entry fee: \$20 adults, \$18 Striders members, \$10 ages 10 to 18, \$40 for the whole family. Kid's Mile is free. To register visit: [www.striders.org](http://www.striders.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) (search for "Willits Classic").

**Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop:** Due to popular demand, a second workshop has been scheduled for Sunday, February 10, 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. The first part of the workshop will be indoors at the Grange. After a short lunch break the workshop will resume at Jeske's home orchard on East Hill Road. \$20 workshop fee. RSVPs required. To register call Richard at 459-5926. Space is limited.

**Chris Webster and Nina Gerber Country Music Concert:** 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. 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).

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AT THE MOVIES



## 'The Kid Who Would Be King'

**The Story:** A classic quest! Teenagers fight elemental fire monsters, find honor, and give meaning to their lives. Young Alex generally feels powerless, and adding to his unhappiness, he and his best friend are bullied at school. Miraculously, Alex finds the sword Excalibur. He gains power, and he gains an enemy. The ancient necromancer Morgana wants Excalibur. She sends fiery skeletons to attack. Alex must then choose to protect the sword. To save himself. To save the world.

**My Thoughts:** It is a simple movie, and it is not a simple movie. This flick very studiously and very specifically follows Joseph Campbell's stages of "the hero's journey." Thusly, Alex, the protagonist leaves the ordinary world; he receives a call to adventure; he refuses the call, but he meets a mentor who convinces him of his duty. Then, Alex passes various tests; he gains allies; he descends deep into the earth to confront his enemy. Finally, young Alex triumphs over the enemy and his own fears and childish illusions, and he becomes a hero. This is a great flick for older boys and girls. "The Kid Who Would Be King" is old-school traditional British didactic drama. Drama with a lesson. It has my respect. Well done!

**Parents:** Not for little kids, there are fiery demons in the flick that would scare them. But for slightly older children, around age 10 and up, this is a highly moral movie with a great ethical and spiritual message. It teaches honor, truthfulness, loyalty and courage.

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

## Senior Center Lunch

Week of February 4 through February 8

**Monday:** Hot Dogs & Macaroni & Cheese

**Tuesday:** Spinach or Meat Lasagna

**Wednesday:** Chicken with Gruyere & Mushrooms

**Thursday:** Ground Beef Tacos

**Friday:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

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.

## 'An Evening to Remember': Valentine Dinner Fundraiser

February 14

This year's annual fundraising dinner is to benefit the Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth group, the Pathfinders, to help replace camping gear lost when the trailer storing the gear was stolen from the school grounds. On Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14 from 5:30 to 7 pm, the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School gymnasium, 22751 Bray Road, will become an "Italian Villa" with ambience, lighting, and décor to make your experience memorable. The meal will feature a variety of pastas and sauces, a full salad bar, wonderful desserts, and a photo opportunity. Fundraiser tickets purchased in advance are \$12; at the door, \$15. Tickets available at Mazahar, or RSVP at 707-954-0649.



**\*Soroptimist Night at 'Clue the Musical' February 14:** On Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, the Willits Soroptimists invite you to a special performance of "Clue - the Musical" at the Willits Community Theatre. The play, directed by Jason Edington, is based on the board game Clue and promises to be a wonderful and enjoyable evening. The Willits Soroptimists are hosting this special performance to raise funds for their local scholarships and awards. Tickets \$20 each, include appetizers, coffee and water. Wine is also available for purchase. Appetizers will begin at 6:45 pm, with the play starting at 7:30 pm. We hope you can join us! Please contact Marilyn Harden at 459-5649.

**FREE HeartSaver CPR AED CLASSES:** Includes Adult, Pediatric, Infant/CPR. FREE TO THE COMMUNITY. 2019 CLASS SCHEDULE: February 19: 8:00am - 9:00pm; March 10: 11:00am - 2:00pm; April 10: 11:00am - 2:00pm; May 21: 8:00am - 4:00pm; June 10: 8:00am - 4:00pm; July 21: 1:00pm - 4:00pm; August 11: 1:00pm - 4:00pm; September 22: 1:00pm - 4:00pm; October 13: 1:00pm - 4:00pm; November 13: 1:00pm - 4:00pm. All classes will have a RESCUE CERTIFICATE. Spaces are limited. Call 707.456.3156 to register. Prior registration required.



Above, from left: Maya Waters and Kara Wilkes contemplate getting a drink from the punch bowl during "Lady Mac B's House Party." Caleb Luna is dressed to impress. The action ensues as Mason Smith, Shyann Barney and Audrey Sharf take the stage. Below: Zoe Alvarado, Myranda Seddon and Willow Daun-Widner ominously surround the punch bowl. At bottom: Students perfect their makeup and practice lines before the show begins.

Photos by Mathew Caine



At left: Chris Lockhart, Josiah Jones and Michael Azevedo hang out at "Lady Mac B's House Party."

## 'Lady Mac B's House Party'

Willits Charter School students put a fun twist on a Shakespearean classic

"It's kind of like getting kids to eat their vegetables," mused Billy Hetherington, theater teacher at the Willits Charter School.

**Mathew Caine**  
Features Writer  
mathew@willitsweekly.com

"Getting kids to learn Shakespeare. You have to disguise it and make it a bit more fun, so they can gain the benefits of exposure to the Bard."

Indeed, "Lady Mac B's House Party" last weekend – based on a leading character from "Macbeth" – was a zany bit of Shakespearean confection. Even the flubs and goofs and unforeseen barbs added to the delight of this spirited production, showing the resiliency and creativity of the students as they deftly covered for each other and turned the errors into assets with their timing and humor.

"Lady Mac B's House Party" is a device I've used in the past," said Hetherington, "where we take a couple of different scenes, a couple different iconic Shakespeare scenes and characters, and mash them together and modernize them. 'Lady Mac B's House Party' is what happens when

you get some of Shakespeare's finest characters together at one house party and it turns into a riot."

"Some of the students have really taken it on," continued Hetherington. "What I did originally is I kind of threw out a lot of these different scenes, more scenes than what we ended up including in the final production. I noticed what they were drawn to and what they talk most about and what they got the most. Those were the scenes that I coordinated together to create this version of 'Lady Mac B's House Party.'"

It is obvious from the way that the kids interact with Hetherington, the love and respect they have for his teaching methods. They seem to respond to most of his suggestions and patient explanations. In the end, they created a production that was entertaining and fun for both audience and participants.

This year Hetherington is having to make do without several of his stalwart

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BEAN**  
CASE NO. SCU-CVPB-19-27148

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate of both of LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BEAN

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by CHARLENE BIGGS and MARSHA BAKER in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: February 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: CHRISTOPHER J. NEARY, JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S MAIN ST, STE C, WILLITS, CA 95490. Telephone: (707) 459-5551.

Publication Dates: 01/31, 02/07, 02/14/2019

WW197

**NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 2nd day of February, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. or immediately following the GLENMARK SOUTH auction, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK NORTH, 395 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:

Michael Britton	233
Scott Maingi	215
Richard Pool	701

The goods are described as: Tools, Furniture, Misc Totes, Misc Electronics.

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2018-F0708

The following person is doing business as Diamonds & Gold, 75 South Main Street #A, Willits, CA 95490: Stephanie D. Casella, 25859 Madrone Drive #B, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on November 18, 2018.

/s/ Stephanie D. Casella

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

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Jacque Slagle	F24
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Above, from left: Actors from Ukiah Players Theatre's *Repose in Action* are thrilled to receive money for their organization from a Savings Bank fundraising campaign. Savings Bank employees hand a check to a member of the Walk & Bike Mendocino Low Cost Helmet Program as part of the bank's 2018 Casual for a Cause – Denim Days year-long fundraising campaign. A Savings Bank employee shakes hands with Redwood Valley / Calpella Fire Department Fire Chief Don Dale, as she awards him a check for the fire department.



## Savings Bank and its employees contribute to local non-profit organizations

Submitted by Savings Bank of Mendocino County

Eleven non-profit organizations in Mendocino and Lake counties have received a portion of the \$11,386 contributed by Savings Bank employees and the bank during the 2018 Casual for a Cause – Denim Days year-long fundraising campaign. Due to the ongoing success, this effort will continue in 2019.

"Over the past seven years, this effort has made a great impact in our communities with donations totaling \$89,000," said Katie Kight, Savings Bank director of marketing and community outreach. "Our employees and the bank are investing in our local youth, senior citizens, those in need, the arts, education, public safety, and economic development to strengthen the quality of life in our communities."

The idea of Casual for a Cause – Denim Days began in January 2012 with a group of Savings Bank employees who

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Above: Savings Bank employees pose with two women from the Laytonville Booster Club after awarding a check to the organization which supports Laytonville athletics.

At left, above: The Redwood Community Services Arbor Youth Resource Center in Ukiah receives funding that was raised through the 2018 Casual for a Cause – Denim Days campaign. At left: Two representatives from Project Sanctuary, a domestic violence and sexual assault support center in Ukiah, receive a check from Savings Bank staff members. The money was raised through a program where bank employees dress casual on Fridays and Saturdays while making voluntary donations to local non-profits.

From far left: The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center out of Willits is awarded a check from the Savings Bank – the money was raised by bank employees as part of an ongoing fundraiser started in 2012. A rescue dog and two members of BONES Pet Rescue out of Covelo smile with Savings Bank employees after receiving funds for the pet rescue.



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pipe and a loaded .380 caliber pistol, Mason said.

Harrison was arrested on suspicion of possessing a loaded firearm while in possession of a controlled substance and possessing a concealed, loaded firearm without a permit.

He was taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$35,000.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

Colvig, who was originally arraigned on the charges January 16 in Mendocino County Superior Court, entered the not guilty plea on January 30 before Judge Keith Faulder in Superior Court.

One of the two alleged sexual assault incidents reportedly took place during an off-campus party that involved heavy drinking.

Under California law, all school district employees, administrators, and athletic coaches are "mandated reporters," and are legally required to report any "reasonably suspected" incident of child abuse or neglect – either on or off campus.

"It is not the job of the mandated reporter to determine whether the allegations are valid," the California Penal Code states.

The report "must be made," and "no supervisor or administrator can impede or inhibit a report."

The 44-year-old Colvig failed to report the incidents, the DA's Office alleges, although he was aware of them.

Under state law, Colvig faces up to six months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000 for each incident.

WHS Vice Principal Marian Lohne has been named acting principal during Colvig's absence.

The Willits Unified School District "takes students' safety as our highest priority and will be closely monitoring the situation," Superintendent of Schools Mark Westerburg told Willits Weekly on Wednesday morning.

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Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear and violation of probation.

2:55 pm: LEFFLER, Sean Christian (48) of Burbank and AVALOS, Ashley Ann (35) of Willits were contacted in the 21000 block of Meadowbrook Drive. Leffler was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear and violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance. Avalos was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

5:35 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 700 block of Coast Street.

5:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

7:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Pine Street and North Street.

8:01 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

8:24 pm: LUNDIN, Scott Phillip (33) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content higher than 0.08 percent.

10:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Boscabelle Avenue and issued a warning.

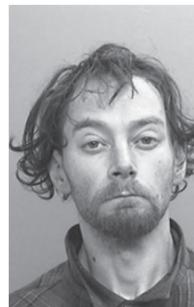
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10:07 am: ROSADO, Agustin (58) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of a protective order.

7:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:49 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 21000 block of Baechtel Road.

9:13 pm: ADAMS, Curtis Benjamin (34) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of School Street and Wood Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 HS (Possession of Methamphetamine), on felony charges of offenses committed while released on bail and failure to appear, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear, and violation of probation.



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## Rep. Huffman elected chair of Water, Oceans, and Wildlife subcommittee

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Jared Huffman (CA-02)

Washington, D.C. – The Democratic members of the House Committee on Natural Resources on Tuesday January 29 elected Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) to serve as the chair of the newly established Water, Oceans, and Wildlife subcommittee.

"I'm honored to be elected by my colleagues to chair the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife subcommittee," said Rep. Huffman. "We have a lot of work to do, and I'm looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and working as a team to provide much-needed oversight of the Trump administration, improve the health of our oceans and economy of our coastal communities, respond to the threat of climate change on water supplies, and advance smart solutions to natural resources challenges. I am eager to move forward as chair by starting with the facts, not ideology, to see where we can build consensus and tackle some of the most challenging conservation policy problems of our time."

"Protecting our environment, taking climate change seriously, and putting the public interest first are not optional on this committee, and that's what Democrats are going to do every day for the next two years," said Natural Resources chair Raul Grijalva. "The American people want clean air and water and public lands protected for the future. It's our job to make sure they get them. Our entire team is excited to get started right away, and everyone should expect big things from this committee."

In this role, Rep. Huffman will work to:

- Provide long-overdue oversight of the Trump administration;

- Fight against the Trump administration's industry giveaways, which threaten wildlife and outdoor recreation;

- Champion the health of our oceans, by using his agenda-setting power to get the facts out about the importance of our oceans and the impacts of climate change, and help keep U.S. fisheries sustainable under a strong Magnuson Stevens Act; and

- Help ecosystems and vulnerable communities adapt to water scarcity and drought caused by the impacts of climate change.

Tuesday's election was a contested one, with senior Democrat Jim Costa of Fresno also seeking the post. Huffman prevailed by a more than 2-1 margin.

Rep. Huffman previously served as the ranking member on the Water, Power, and Oceans subcommittee. The renamed Water, Oceans, and Wildlife subcommittee has an expanded jurisdiction, which will include critical water issues such as water rights and settlements, water resource research and development, and irrigation and reclamation projects.

On oceans, the subcommittee will be responsible for overseeing fisheries management and research, coastal and marine issues, oceanography and ocean technologies, and coastal zone management. The subcommittee will also have jurisdiction over measures related to international wildlife, the Endangered Species Act, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rep. Huffman will also serve on the National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands subcommittee, as well as the Energy and Mineral Resources subcommittee.

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agreement. Councilmembers were informed of the problem at last week's city council meeting by City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra and Councilmember Greta Kanne.

The stripes in the bike lanes run perpendicular to the sidewalk and are located at crosswalks and driveways in the downtown area.

In an interview with Willits Weekly, City Planner Dusty Duley said the problem was the state requires that kind of stripes to be painted green instead of white, and since they were applied with thermoplastic paint, the only way to remove them is to grind them off.

According to Duley, once the stripes are removed they may either be reapplied in the color green, left off completely, or some kind of combination of the two. As of last week, they were still considering their options.

Councilmember Kanne emphasized to her colleagues the city was not responsible for the error.

"I just want to make sure the public understands that was not a city mistake," she said, "and city funds are not being used to correct that problem. We're hoping to have a resolution on that soon."

Duley said Caltrans agreed that the City of Willits was not at fault, and they were working together to figure out the best way forward to fix the issue.

**Raise for city councilmembers approved**

At the January 23 meeting, the city council also approved a resolution authorizing an increase in the monthly stipend to councilmembers from \$100 to \$200.

The mayor of Willits, currently Gerry Gonzalez, already has an allotment of \$200 a month as a stipend and so did not receive an increase in pay.

City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra encouraged the

council to consider the raise, noting in her agenda summary report that "councilmembers regularly have to travel to meetings not only throughout the city but to surrounding cities... to attend a variety of countywide meetings or at county offices. They also spend considerable time researching issues, attending events throughout the county, and speaking with constituents."

She also pointed out that in the past Willits City Council members had been paid more than they are now, before councilmembers voted to reduce the stipend or even eliminate it during difficult budget times. Nearby cities similar to Willits' size pay more to their councilmembers, the agenda summary noted, including Fort Bragg and Lakeport, which pay \$300 per month.

Garrabrant-Sierra's report stated that based on the size of Willits, councilmembers could only potentially receive a maximum of \$300 per month according to government code.

Kanne was the only councilmember to vote against the raise, saying she approved of it in general, but didn't feel comfortable voting for a pay raise for herself since she was just starting her first term. She said she would have preferred if the increase wouldn't have started until after the next election.

The raises are scheduled to begin in February.

Garrabrant-Sierra also encouraged the councilmembers to use the city's per-mile reimbursement policy for longer trips, such as to conferences in Sacramento, if they were approved by the city as an appropriate use of resources.

**Housing element**

The city council approved contracts with two different consulting groups to assist in the preparation of the city's housing element and general plan safety element, both of which need

to be updated this year, according to Duley.

He said the housing element update was due in August, but before the city could do that, the state required the city to update its safety element, which deals with emergency preparedness and similar concerns.

Duley explained state guidelines regarding safety elements have changed recently to require jurisdictions to take into account the increasing vulnerability caused by climate change on their environment, and Willits is currently "non-compliant with the state."

"Specifically they want us to update our safety element to address wildfire climate and adaption resiliency," he said. "That's not to say they're looking for us to come up with a plan for reducing greenhouse gases, rather they want us to understand our vulnerabilities in a changing climate."

"So we might expect more severe droughts. We might expect more severe storms. We might expect when wildfires happen, they are going to spread faster than they typically did. And they want us to understand the challenges we face and how do we adapt to those."

While the city's housing element was updated in 2017, Duley said they have been behind schedule in recent years – and by making the August deadline the city should be able to transition to a schedule of only renewing every eight years, while becoming eligible for more grants.

Mayor Gerry Gonzalez noted that money for the housing element and general plan updates had been budgeted for this year and the contracts would come out of that funding.

For the housing element, Placeworks Consulting was hired for an amount not to exceed \$18,745, and for the safety element, Atlas Planning Services was hired for up to \$15,000.

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The Sober Grad Committee's Valentine Raffle Basket is full of wonderful goodies including two Park Hopper tickets to Disneyland and California Adventure good through 12/31/19. The basket also includes a dozen red roses from Flowers by Annette, as well as goodies from Cat's Meow, Tango, Grocery Outlet, J.D. Redhouse, Main Street Video, Noyo Theatre, Willits Power, Old Mission Pizza and senior parents.

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**Happy 111th Birthday, Edie!**

Willits' own "super-centenarian" Edie Ceccarelli invites the public to celebrate her 111th birthday next week on Tuesday, February 5 at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Everyone is invited to wish Edie a "Happy Birthday," and to enjoy a no-host lunch at the senior center, served from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Lunch tickets are \$8 and \$6.50 for those 55 and older.

— Jennifer Poole



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The basket will be on display – and raffle tickets available – at J.D. Redhouse this week. After that it will be at Mariposa and Safeway. The basket – with over \$1,000 worth of items! – will also be at the Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 3 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

The drawing for Sober Grad's Valentine Raffle Basket is to be held on Valentine's Day, February 14. Tickets are \$1/each, or six tickets for \$5.

— Submitted by the Sober Grad Committee

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challenged youths at the Ridgewood Ranch. They also hold the Claws for a Cause fundraiser at the ranch each year to benefit the Riding Center.

In addition, the Rotarians help to support the Harrah Senior Center and several other organizations that rely on the community for support, as well as funding scholarships to Willits High School seniors and other area senior class students, too.

The local Rotary Club chapter is connected to over a million Rotary members worldwide: "Friends, leaders, and problem solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves," states the international Rotary website.

Having begun in 1905 in Chicago, the Rotary quickly grew to a worldwide organization. After only 16 years the club had a presence in six continents. The name "Rotary" derives from the early practice of rotating the meeting places amongst the members, a practice which is no longer in existence.

The Rotary Club is dedicated to six basic areas of focus: promoting peace; fighting disease; providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education; and growing local economies.

In 1979, the club took on the fight against polio which was decimating children worldwide. They immunized six million children in the Philippines alone, and now the disease "remains endemic in only three countries (Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria), down from 125 countries in 1988."

"Act locally, think globally," is an axiom that could well apply to the Willits Rotary Club. Their tireless efforts to effect positive change in the community and support worthy local causes is connected to the larger organization which uses its power of numbers to try and create a world that is just a little bit better.

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the story, the world that is created. Sometimes it's just an image that excites my imagination. Then the reality sets in. This is what a director is faced with, a book of words and that's where it starts."

Bill Barksdale is well-known to Willits' theater-goers, and for his successful real estate business. He and his husband, Joe Dowling, have lived in and around the town for 32 years, the last 10 in their current location in town.

Barksdale started his dramatic and artistic journey in Portland, Oregon. As a child he was involved in choir as the star soprano, until his voice changed dramatically and quickly. "And I was unceremoniously dumped from the choir. I was a musician in the orchestra, the choir, and the band. I was fortunate to go to public schools that had great performing arts programs. I did a lot of theater in junior and senior high school."

He was told he needed to go to New York and study acting at the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre, which turned out to be a very well-known theater school that nurtured the careers of such actors as Gregory Peck, Joanne Woodward, and Elizabeth Ashley amongst many others. He was accepted out of hundreds of applicants into the school run by the famous Sanford Meisner.

After graduation, Barksdale did some off-Broadway productions, but primarily, he said: "I was a waiter, a good one who could do French service or carve a chateaubriand at the table. New York was not for me. I was too security-conscious to throw caution to the wind. Very few can make a living as an actor."

After leaving the East Coast, Barksdale moved to San Francisco to work in improv and theater productions. This was at the beginning of the AIDS crisis, at a time when it was still a mysterious illness of which very little was known.

After losing one of his best friends to the disease, Barksdale wrote a play and a segment of another play in honor of his friend. It became a hit as everyone wanted knowledge about the virus, and the play ran for a year as well as several performances on the road. A filmmaker, Peter Adair, made a documentary about the show which played on PBS.

Barksdale and Dowling ended up in Willits by chance, looking for a place to buy after seeing an ad from Tom Woodhouse. They bought a place off the grid and eventually gave up on the clamor and horror in the city and moved into their little cabin for several years before finding a bigger place with electricity, and then moving to their current location.

Barksdale was instrumental in the creation of the Willits Community Theatre, where his creativity has been able to flourish with his many directorial efforts to which he has brought his considerable talents and his worldview.

"The director is embarking on the fool's journey, stepping off the cliff, not knowing where they're going to land," continued Barksdale. "That's where the creative process comes in. It is also the hero's journey. The hero heads out, not knowing what obstacles are going to be in their way."

Each director has their own methods and understandings of the material, their own way of working with the actors in order to create their own vision. Barksdale's approach is passionate, enigmatic and explorative. "Telling the story becomes a steaming hot, sometimes explosive, cauldron of creativity. That's the excitement of doing a live play," shared Barksdale.

The second part of the lecture will be on February 22, at the Willits Center for the Arts. It will be concerned with the job of the actor, entitled, "The Actor: Emotional Engine and Hair Trigger Reaction."

OBITUARY | **Steven Sange**

Steven Paul Sange of Willits passed away on December 28, 2018 at the age of 74 ¾ years. He was born in Oakland, March 26, 1944, to Alexander Sange and Irene "Weinberg" Sange. Never married, he was a person of eclectic artistic interests working as an artist, musician, and leather and wood artisan.

He enjoyed horses, and the study of cowboys, music, literature, the outdoors, and women.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander and Irene Sange, and his older brother, Leon Sange.

He is survived by his younger brother, Peter Sange, and multiple cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of his life on February 2, 2019 at the Baechtel Creek Inn in Willits, starting at 2 pm. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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wanted an additional way to make a difference in our communities during difficult economic times.

Every Friday and Saturday, employees have the opportunity to dress casual by wearing denim jeans to work while supporting a variety of local non-profit organizations through voluntary donations. Each month employees at a designated branch or department select the organization of their choice which will benefit by the monthly contributions.

In 2018 the following organizations received funds from this program: Ukiah Players Theatre Repose in Action, Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, Walk & Bike Mendocino Low Cost Helmet Program, Mendocino County Construction Corp., Laytonville Booster Club, BONES Pet Rescue (Better Options For Abandoned Strays), Redwood Valley – Calpella Fire Department, Orphan Dog Rescue, Mendocino Woodlands Camp Association, Redwood Community Services Arbor Youth Resource Center, and Project Sanctuary.

As the local community bank, Savings Bank is proud of their tradition of giving back to their communities and of the community support and volunteer time their employees provide.

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performers who graduated in 2018, notably Dylan Foley and Jessica Cronin, who always seemed to be in the forefront of each student production, acting, producing, directing, and lending their creative talents.

"I miss my old crew," shared Hetherington. "I'm realizing it's a six-year cycle. I got these kids from sixth to 12th grade and we build it up. The crew that graduated last year was a creative force, directing and writing their own production. Now I'm starting all over. I'm starting to discover and help some of their natural talents develop. I'm just really keeping my eyes open to some of their talents that I'm looking forward to working with."

"There are a few in this production that are already quite extraordinary. Shyann Barney is a real scene-stealer. New to the theater, Mason Smith jumped right in after we had another kid drop out three days before the show. He memorized all his lines in three days, got all the blocking down, and jumped on stage. I'm so enamored of his commitment."

Right before the show started, the fire alarm went off inadvertently. Even though it was a false alarm and most of the audience thought it to be part of the show, it sent Fire Chief Chris Wilkes to his phone to make sure his crew did not respond to the call.

Billy Hetherington was up next to introduce the production: "Every time I do a production, I'm reminded that what you guys see is an end product of an amazing process. It really is wonderful watching your students, some of them on stage for their first time, never having acted before, come alive to this art and this craft, and watching them find their place up on stage. It is an empowering and wonderful thing."

Throughout the Shakespeare mashup of scenes and characters, it was easy to observe how much fun the kids were having. They interpreted and brought life to the words of the Bard, each adding their own personal sense of understanding to their roles, and in the process, learning something about the art of classic theater. The ending was a brilliant pastiche of stroboscopic scenes, individual still photographs in time, in which they depicted the action in stop motion. Even the curtain calls were imbued with this sense of fun.

Willits Charter School is "A Public School for the Arts & Sciences," and the student performers and teachers work hard to live up to that motto.

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hears a pitch from each of three local nonprofits nominated to receive their donation, votes for which nonprofit will receive their donation, votes for their choice of the next nominees, and donates the money to the deserving nonprofit selected.

The volunteer instigator and driving force behind this effort is Katie Fairbairn, putting her skills as executive director of the Mendocino College Foundation to good use on the project.

Two years ago she went to a 100+ Women Strong meeting in Lake County and was "completely blown away." After the meeting, she thought: "It's absolutely incredible what they have done. I have to do this!"

So she recruited a core group of women and a steering committee, and 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino went from idea to reality with donations of time and money that gave rise to the physical infrastructure of a functioning group.

It's "run entirely by volunteers, there are no administrative fees, no budget, and 100 percent of all donations go to a select local nonprofit," wrote steering committee member Heidi Dickerson.

"Meeting venues, refreshments, labor, and administrative costs are all donated," said Fairbairn. "We're not a 501(c)(3), and donation checks are made out directly to the grassroots nonprofit selected by the members."

Becoming a member is as easy as going to a meeting and writing a check or going to their website at [www.100strongmendo.com](http://www.100strongmendo.com) and filling out a form. There's also a Facebook page – "100+ Women Strong Inland Mendo." Members pledge to go to four meetings a year and donate \$100 each time, even if they have to miss a meeting.

If donating \$100 four times a year is too much for your budget, then you can join with a friend or friends, split the amount among yourselves for a membership, and collectively decide on which local nonprofits to nominate and vote for.

Fairbairn also added that, contrary to implications suggested by the group's name, men are more than welcome to become members and local deserving nonprofits located anywhere in the county, not just inland, can be considered for an award.

Over 50 women have already joined through the website, and Fairbairn expects there will be more than 100 at the first meeting, which is scheduled for March 7 from 5:30 to 7 pm at Campovida Farm and Winery in Hopland.

At that meeting, one of the following three organizations will receive the group's first collective donation: School for Adaptive Agriculture ([www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org](http://www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org)), NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Mendocino ([namica.org/directory/nami-mendocino-county](http://namica.org/directory/nami-mendocino-county)), or Caring Kitchen Project-NCO ([www.ncoinc.org/programs/caring-kitchen-project](http://www.ncoinc.org/programs/caring-kitchen-project)).

Future meetings this year are scheduled to take place at Parducci Winery in Ukiah, Frey Vineyards in Redwood Valley, and at the Willits Center for the Arts.

In order to be considered for an award, organizations have to be local, grassroots, tax exempt (501(c)(3)), non-political, non-religious, and not have an endowment over \$100,000.

Beyond the obvious huge impact of donations of \$10,000 to local deserving groups doing the work for us all, being a member of 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino provides members the opportunity to get together four times a year with 100-plus like-minded women for networking and commiserating.

And what could possibly spring from that fertile ground? "I hope it evolves for women too," said Fairbairn. "It's a win-win in so many ways."

If you are interested but want to hear a little more before joining, June Ruckman plans to discuss 100+ Women Strong at the next North County Women in Business meeting on Wednesday, February 6 from 8:15 to 9:30 am at the Willits Center for the Arts. Ruckman, the president of the WCA board, will explain this exciting new idea and answer questions. First-time attendees and Willits Chamber of Commerce members get free admission. \$5 for non-chamber members. Please RSVP on the Facebook page, "North County Women in Business," or at 707-888-7834 by February 3.

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