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Museum board rejects joint meeting with library board, supes

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The Museum Advisory Board has decided it will not participate in a proposed joint meeting of the Library Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board and the board of supervisors.

The decision was made during the Museum Advisory Board's regular bi-monthly meeting, on September 10.

Chairwoman Rebecca Montez told board members the Museum

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2016 Crop Report: A mixed year for ag

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The gross value of all Mendocino County's agricultural commodities – including timber but excluding cannabis – was \$242.5 million in 2016, up 9 percent from the previous year, according to the 2016 Crop Report, presented Tuesday to the board of supervisors by Commissioner of Agriculture Harinder Grewal.

Within that number, however, there are several significant declines. Nursery production was

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Covelo gunfight ends in two arrests

Two Covelo men were arrested shortly before midnight on September 7 after a gang-related gunfight broke out at a home in the 23700 block of Hopper Lane.

Shooting erupted after 23-year-old Loren Weston Riley reportedly assaulted 28-year-old Isaac Juaquin Islas after the two argued during a conversation about their various gang ties, according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

Following the assault, Riley allegedly left the property, only to return armed with a shotgun, and fired multiple shots at a trailer on the property where Islas was staying in retaliation for the earlier [assault], Cromer said. Islas reportedly returned fire at Riley with a handgun.

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Above: Students and faculty join together to celebrate and enjoy a tasty meal at the Mendocino College North County Center's Welcome Back BBQ on Tuesday, September 11. From left: Stephanie Hopkins, who is studying child development; Antonio Lopez, dean of Counseling and Special Programs, who was manning the grill; Nahum Tolosa, who is studying English; the new dean of Centers, Amanda Xu, left, and Debra Polak, vice president of Academic Affairs.



Photos by Maureen Moore

Above: Mendocino College's Welcome Back BBQ offered tasty treats prepared by North County Center and college staff, including, from left: Debra Polak, vice president of Academic Affairs; Janelle Bird, director of Community Relations and Communications; Amanda Xu, new dean of Centers; Jesse Garcia, part-time center assistant; and Antonio Lopez, dean of Counseling and Special Programs.

Welcome Back BBQ

North County Center holds afternoon barbecue for Mendocino College students and staff

The aroma of barbecuing burgers and hotdogs wafted from the patio at Mendocino College's North County Center Tuesday afternoon, as students and staff popped in for a quick bite on their way to class.

A team of Mendocino College staff cooked and served the lunch, including Antonio Lopez, dean of Counseling and Special Programs, Janelle Bird, director of Community Relations and Communications, Jesse Garcia, part-time center assistant, and, the new Dean of Centers Amanda Xu, who begins her new role on October 1.

"As the MESA [Math, Engineering, Science,

Achievement] director for Mendocino College for the past two-plus years, I am very excited to transition into the dean of Centers position," Xu said. "Since I grew up in a rural 500-population town in central California, I am looking forward to joining the 'large city' of Willits and the surrounding North County Center communities."

The Welcome Back Barbecue was held in conjunction with the start of the two-day-a-week ESL (English as a second language) class that had almost 30 students in attendance. The actual fall semester did start back on August 20, but several late-start and quick classes are available

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Above: Antonio Lopez, dean of Counseling and Special Programs, welcomes students of the English as a Second Language class which started Tuesday. Below, from left: Benches on the college's patio were available for students to sit and enjoy their barbecue meal. ESL students, from left, Hugo Reyes, Tere Nunez, Maria Meca and Maria "Concha" Medina, smile for the camera after finishing their meal. The clouds made a beautiful addition to the sky looking west over Mendocino College's North County Center.



Below, left: Mendocino College's North County Center on East Commercial Street. Below, right: Antonio Lopez, dean of Counseling and Special Programs, works the grill at Tuesday's Welcome Back BBQ.



Allman criticized for expanding Measure B chair's role

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Sheriff Tom Allman, chairman of the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee, was gently but clearly criticized Tuesday by fellow committee member Jan McGourty after he presented the board of supervisors with a subjective, personalized account of the recent activities of the Measure B committee.

At the committee's last meeting, members unanimously accepted the

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School board: New teachers introduced, employees lauded

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The Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees' first meeting of the new school year on September 5 began with new teacher introductions and continued with recognitions for jobs well done, unanimous approval of the district's revised 2018/19 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and general agreement that a measure awaiting Gov. Jerry Brown's signature which would

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Cannabis program: good news, bad news

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Good news, bad news and uncategorizable news about the county's cannabis program emerged at Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting.

The good news is the cannabis unit continues to reach out to growers who might live in the far-flung reaches of the county.

Department staff will hold court in the Wonocott Room of the Mendocino County Museum in Willits on Friday, September 28, from 10 am to 3 pm. The visit will make it easier for north county growers to talk to and work with county staff concerning the status of their cultivation applications, process

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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Cannabis wars

To the Editor:

I moved to Laytonville in 1981, and believe it or not, at that time I knew nothing of the nascent underground industry that the Emerald Triangle would soon become famous for. (Silly me, I moved here for the breathtaking natural beauty of the North Coast.)

Over my 37 years here, I have witnessed "marijuana" go from a total legal prohibition, to legal in California for medical use in 1996, to legal in California for adult recreational use in 2016. While cannabis is now legal in California to use and grow, it is still legally prohibited by the federal government.

Transitioning from a complete black market to a quasi-white market has been a devastating blow to small legacy cannabis farmers here in the Triangle. The reason for this is that small farmers are getting squeezed on both ends: As the pot market is flooded with cheap weed from large legal grow operations that can afford to pay all the consulting fees, permit fees, costs of compliance and taxes that it takes to grow legally, the price of cannabis has dropped so low that small farmers can't earn a decent living, let alone afford the cost of going legal. Large corporate ag is killing the cottage industry. That's how capitalism is designed to work.

While Proposition 64 legalized cannabis for adult recreational use everywhere in the state of California, it also gave each county board of supervisors tremendous discretion over in-county regulation of cannabis cultivation, as long as the local regulations stay within state mandated guidelines.

Here in Mendocino County where small cannabis farmers have been the backbone of our local economy for nearly 40 years, you might expect our board of supervisors to be working overtime to help these farmers hang on to their livelihoods and heritage, but sadly, that has not been the case. Led by the sanctimonious John McCowen, our board has sought to extract its pound of flesh from small cannabis farmers for having grown the devil's weed illegally for so many years.

Instead of regulating cannabis like every other agricultural crop in the state, that is neither taxed nor has to comply with onerous documentation requirements and permits, our board of supervisors has seen fit to strangle small cannabis farmers in a tangle of red tape, fees and taxes that only the largest grow operations can possibly comply with.

One thing our board did get right (even if only out of spite), was to set a maximum size limit for cannabis gardens of 10,000 square feet for growing plants to maturity (for reference: 10,000 square feet is two-thirds of a football field or a little less than a quarter-acre), and no individual or DBA can get permits to grow more than that.

This maximum grow limit should keep large commercial grows out of Mendocino County, but it will not stop other counties in the state from permitting multi-acre cannabis factory farms. To help local small cannabis farmers compete against these large mega-grows, our board of supervisors should make it easy for local farmers to join together in co-ops so they can combine

their resources for more efficient production, processing and distribution.

As with all commercial agricultural operations in California, cannabis farmers must comply with state environmental regulations regarding water use and timber and rangeland management. For some small cannabis farmers who grow out in the hills by diverting water directly from streams during the late summer and fall months, this means either you invest in water storage or you get out of the pot growing business altogether.

This may sound draconian to small farmers in this situation, but honestly, all I can say to you folks is that you should have invested in water storage years ago when times were good in the pot market. It's not like you weren't advised to do so.

There is a lot of flak coming from certain quarters in Mendocino County that the only way to make the legal cannabis market work is for county law enforcement to bust small cannabis farmers who remain out of compliance with the new regulations.

To me, if the object is to enable small cannabis farmers to stay in business and contribute to our local economy, then this punitive approach to cannabis regulation is shooting ourselves in the foot. Why should the county spend any law enforcement time or money enforcing poorly drafted regulations that shouldn't exist in the first place?

Black market cannabis sales still bring in millions of dollars to our county that supports local storefront businesses and non-profits and provides jobs for many county residents. If non-compliant cannabis farmers stay within the maximum size limit and are not negatively impacting the environment, then county law enforcement should hold their fire.

Humboldt County, our sister Emerald Triangle county to the north, has declared all-out war on non-compliant small cannabis farmers. Their board of supervisors directed their Department of Building and Planning to issue abatement notices to any landowner who has an unpermitted greenhouse on their property, as identified from satellite imagery.

The landowner has 10 days to abate this "nuisance" or be fined \$10,000 a day until the greenhouse and its contents are removed. Though there are many questions over the legality of this building code enforcement program, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has clearly decided to throw small legacy cannabis farmers under the bus in favor of large-scale corporate factory farms.

As long as cannabis prohibition remains in effect at the federal level, there will be a black market for Emerald Triangle premium-quality bud in other states where cannabis is still illegal to use or grow. And as long as this black market exists, small non-compliant legacy cannabis farmers here in the Triangle will grow cannabis to satisfy that demand. Law enforcement will not determine the fate of small legacy cannabis farmers in the Emerald Triangle; that shall be determined by the inscrutable laws of economics.

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

Willits Friday Peace Vigil

To the Editor:

September 21 is International Peace Day. Since this is also a Friday this year, we who gather every Friday to stand for peace (and wish for it) hope that fellow peace supporters will join us this special afternoon.

We will stand at Babcock Park from 3 to 4 pm.

Please come and join us with or without banners and/or signs celebrating peace.

We will adjourn to attend the Peace Day event at Recreation Grove at 4 pm.

Sally Rohlicek, Willits

Caltrans releases 2018 California State Rail Plan

Submitted by the California Department of Transportation

SACRAMENTO – Today, the California Department of Transportation released the 2018 State Rail Plan – a bold vision for state rail that aims to boost the economy, help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve safety statewide over the next 20 years.

"Rail is a key part of the solution for addressing California's transportation challenges," said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. "In this Rail Plan, we lay out the goals and investment strategies necessary in both the short- and long-term for improving access, mobility and efficiency for both our passenger and freight rail systems, while also making a major contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to the transportation sector."

With a vision to increase passenger rail travel by 92 million passenger miles per day, the 2018 Rail Plan presents a plan for an integrated system that will allow passengers to easily and efficiently transfer from local transit services to regional, intercity and future high-speed rail. The outcomes described in the Rail Plan will help California achieve its ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, boost the state economy, and potentially eliminate 250 fatalities and 19,000 transportation-related injuries per year by 2040.

The passenger vision will create a coordinated, statewide travel system to enhance multimodal access for residents across the state. The vision will allow people to:

- Travel seamlessly across urban, suburban, and rural areas of the state with more trains to more places more often;
- Save time with significantly faster trips;
- Enjoy the journey on modern, safe, clean, and comfortable trains;
- Transfer quickly and easily at hub stations with coordinated arrivals and departures that significantly reduce wait times;
- And plan an entire door-to-door trip and purchase a single ticket using a streamlined trip-planning portal.

The freight vision provides a customer-focused system that will eliminate rail freight bottlenecks on transcontinental trade corridors by investing in dedicated rail freight capacity and passenger improvements that support rail freight movement. The freight component also supports short-line improvements, grade-crossing improvements at a corridor-level to address community safety needs, and integrating as much service as possible.

Caltrans worked extensively with state, regional, and local partners to develop a consensus vision that supports increased efficiencies and connectivity across the state.

The Rail Plan is available at www.californiastaterailplan.com

PG&E seeks offers to purchase Potter Valley hydroelectric facilities

Submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company

UKIAH – Pacific Gas and Electric Company announced on September 6 that the company had begun the auction process for soliciting proposals from parties interested in purchasing its Potter Valley Project, a hydroelectric facility in Mendocino and Lake counties.

The Potter Valley Project consists of two dams along the upper Main Stem Eel River, a powerhouse in Potter Valley, and about 5,600 acres of land, including Lake Pillsbury in Lake County.

PG&E is in the second year of the minimum five-year process of obtaining a new operating license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the project. PG&E will continue to own, operate and relicense the project throughout the auction process.

The new owner will take over the relicensing process after the project sale and transfer is complete. The current FERC license expires in 2022, but Potter Valley Project will continue to operate on annual licenses if the relicensing process goes beyond the current license expiration date.

PG&E announced it would auction the project last May, and today's action begins the marketing phase of the auction process. PG&E is using a "request for offers" type of auction process that is intended to meet the needs of both seller and buyer – and considers other factors in addition to price.

"PG&E wants to find a new owner with the appropriate qualifications and experience to operate the project in a safe and compliant fashion. The project has unique characteristics, and we believe they have the potential to yield significant value for the right owner," said Alvin Thoma, senior director of Power Generation at PG&E.

The project diverts about one-fifth of the average annual flow of the upper Main Stem Eel River at Van Arsdale Reservoir through a tunnel and penstock to a powerhouse located in Potter Valley, where it is used to generate electricity.

The amount of water diverted by the project represents only 2 percent of the total flow of the Eel River at its mouth. Before it

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Above, left: Roots of Motive Power's newest locomotive, the Port of Olympia #2, or "POO 2." Roots' Chris Baldo notes the name comes from "the years the locomotive served as a switch engine at the port from 1926 until being purchased by Charlie Morrow in 1955. The locomotive spent more time at the port than it did working for its first owner, the Mason County Logging Company." Above, right: Hundreds of auction participants dine at the Steam Festival dinner held at the Rec Grove on Saturday. Below, from left: Roots member Ric Martin explains the history of the historical Rainbow Winch behind him. Rob Pegg and Nicole Noricks with kids Lilly and Mateo enjoy a ride on the train. Richard Larson tends to the lamb skewers.



Steam Festival

Roots of Motive Power shows off its collection of historical steam-powered equipment

"My name is Digger Bob, sometimes known as William Underhill (Scott Furlman). I am the sheriff, also the undertaker, justice of the peace, party planner, caterer, and I also rent out mourners which is a pretty profitable business in these parts," he explained to Willits Weekly after saving a train full of families from the clutches of the despicable pair of dastardly criminals by the names of "The Montana Kid" (Al Robinson, Jr.) and "Doc Lefty" (Mike Burgess).

Mathew Caine Digger Bob was aided in his endeavor by Shotglass Anne (Patricia McBride), Etta Frost (Melissa Bouley) and Bella Rose (Linda Palmer) with whom he was enjoying a pleasant afternoon picnic when the two scofflaws decided to try and disencumber the honest train riders of their worldly possessions.

As luck has it, Digger and his bevy of comely deputies got the drop on Montana and Doc, and after making them dance a jig to avoid getting their toes shot clean off, delivered them to the local hoosegow and possibly whatever hangin' judge was on the circuit.

The venerable team of Black Bart Gunfighters were only one of the attractions available at this year's Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival, where hundreds of partially or fully restored, steam-powered logging and railroad implements, tools and engines were on display for people of all ages to delight in.

Roots has been in existence since 1982, founded by a group of friends interested in restoring these bits of local history. The organization has expanded over the years, and they now have over 700 members worldwide, although mostly the people in the 95490 zip code come and work the equipment.

All the members are a storehouse of knowledge and very willing to talk about their areas of expertise, like Ric Martin, who on this day was tending to the Rainbow Winch, called that because "it's different colors. It's a fixed position winch," Martin explained. "They used it to load and unload ships and move cargo. They run the line up over a boom, and it picks up out of the hold or loads lumber in.

"The big one is a Humboldt yarder [indicating

one of the big pieces with a huge boiler]. They used the drums there, and they ran a line out to a tree and they pulled the logs in from the woods."

The collective lore and knowledge at Roots of Motive Power could fill many books and provides a historical link to the machinery that helped build this part of the state, as well as much of the country. The big Bucyrus Erie steam shovel was actually used in the construction of the Panama Canal. Many of today's automobiles could fit in its huge bucket.

Bobbie Yokum, one of the charter members of the organization, was in charge of the raffle and the auctions which occurred directly after the barbecue dinner, which is both a fundraiser and an appreciation for the members, many of whom contribute much more than the \$35 annual dues.

"The money we get goes for the restoration and preservation of railroad and logging history," said Bobbie Yokum, a longtime Roots member. "We started out with one little steam donkey 40 years ago, and now we have over 400 pieces of equipment in our collection. We try to restore them and run as many as we can.

"It's hard finding operators," Yokum said. "We do have two classes every year. One on steam engineering and operating safety and one on railroad engineering and operating safety. Anybody can come to those classes. They are two days in the classroom and working on the equipment. You can learn how to operate these pieces of equipment.

"We used to have a lot of oldtimers join who were familiar with the equipment," continued Yokum. "Some remembered operating them as young men out in the woods. A lot of those people have passed away. Now we have a lot of new people who are interested, and they remember their grandpas, running the equipment or talking about it. We do a newsletter also called the Highline, more like a magazine. It's about railroad and logging history." The Highline is mailed to all Roots members.

Last year, the Roots appreciation barbecue served 345 people and brought in around \$8,000. It is quite expensive to fire up the equipment due to the cost of fuel.



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At top: Sheriff Digger Bob corrals train robbers, the Montana Kid and Doc Lefty, with the help of deputies Etta Frost, Shotglass Anne and Bella Rose.

Above: The Bucyrus Erie 50B steam shovel, used in the construction of the Panama Canal, is on display.

At right: Desiree Oliver, Callie Brown and Hailey Riley prepare to serve the hungry guests.

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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!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Feel pain
5. Interest rate
8. Long narrative poem
12. Sedimentary rock
14. No (Scottish)
15. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
16. Sleep gear
18. One who buys and sells securities
19. Cincinnati ballplayers
20. Of the backbone
21. Car mechanics group
22. Iranian village
23. Canadian peninsula
26. For all ills or diseases
30. Known for his 'razor'
31. One who plays the viola
32. Resinlike substance
33. Educational association
34. Inappropriate
39. A team's best pitcher
42. The cost of bus travel
44. Badgerlike mammal
46. Popular sport in Ireland
47. Written works
49. Pop

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers
2. Pal
3. One who has been to Mecca
4. Energy and enthusiasm
5. Leaf-footed bug genus
6. Southern belle accessory
7. de Mornay, actress
8. Print errors
9. Preceding
10. Asian nation
11. The people in a movie
13. Liberate
17. Strong laxatives
24. Tub
25. Happening
26. Polyvinyl acetate
27. Small island (British)
28. Neither
29. The G.O.A.T.
35. What Goodell oversees
36. One who engages in Dawah
37. Tall, rounded vase
38. Electroencephalograph
40. Made of clay and hardened by heat
41. Great happiness
42. Chinese surname
43. Supposed emanations
44. Travelers
45. Loss of bodily movements
47. Los __, rock group
48. Seabirds
49. Used to store grain
52. Whale ship captain
53. 'Joker' actor
54. Portends good or evil
55. Organized group of criminals

COLLEGE CAMPUS WORD SEARCH

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

September 3 to September 9

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 294 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 3

12:43 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Madden Lane.
12:57 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Coast Street.
1:30 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of Coast Street.

3:07 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

9:58 am: Officers responded to a report of an "aircraft down" at the Willits Airport, Poppy Drive.

3:51 pm: Officer responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

7:17 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

September 4

8:41 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

9:25 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:15 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.

10:27 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Coast Street.

10:57 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.

1:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

11:39 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

September 5

12:45 am: Officers initiated an attempted murder investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

4:26 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

10:09 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:27 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

1:58 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.

2:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Holly Street.

3:14 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Locust Street and Holly Street.

9:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Eva Claire Street and Holly Street.

September 6

8:33 am: Officers arrested SMITH, Gabriel John (44) of Willits in the 500 block of East Commercial Street after he turned himself in to authorities. He was arrested on felony charges of attempted murder and using a firearm during commission of a serious felony.

10:51 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:03 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street.

11:04 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

11:59 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

1:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 400 block of North Street.

8:04 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of Magnolia Avenue.

10:04 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Magnolia Avenue.

September 7

3:54 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street.

4:24 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

4:54 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

2:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Bush Street.

3:25 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:16 pm: WAKEFIELD, Selah Marie (31) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Street and Central Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08 Percent or Higher), and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

11:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Marcela Drive and issued a warning.

September 8

3:13 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Pine Street.

12:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:25 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

1:51 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Highway 20 and Blosser Lane.

6:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Holly Street.

8:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

September 9

2:14 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:04 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

4:09 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

10:14 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault near the intersection of Franklin Avenue and South Main Street.

11:41 am: YOUNG, Silas Nathaniel (36) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 148 PC (Resisting a Police Officer), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

1:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Madrone Street and Magnolia Avenue.

Compassionate Communication

September Avenues to Wellness talk featured Willits local Sam Senerchia

On Tuesday evening, September 4, Samuel Senerchia generously greeted more than 20 locals as they arrived at Willits Center for the Arts. He had prepared a talk for them. They had come to hear him speak about compassionate communication. Senerchia's presentation was part of the Avenues to Wellness lineup for 2018.

Alyson Bailey Features Willits willitsweekly@gmail.com Avenues to Wellness is an addendum organization of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Their mission is to engage the community in "innovative and accessible wellness programs, activities, resources and education which encourage healthy eating, exercise, and other life-affirming behaviors while nurturing the body, mind and spirit." ATW offers a consistent calendar of speakers, services and activities in keeping with their mission.

Senerchia began with a humble request to offer information to the elders and mothers in the room, acknowledging the difference between them and him without assumptions. The tone of the evening was decided in this act of awareness, and the audience sat attentive, somewhat astonished at having been recognized in such a way.

Senerchia continued, discussing the roots of compassion. "Practice" was the first tenet, and primarily dealt with removing oneself from unhealthy societal labels and constraints. He also mentioned the relationship between the pain of life, and love therein. "Confession" was the second tenet, framed as an understanding of the situation or moment, and one's involvement and feelings in that space. It's used as a combatant against both blaming and shame.

Other concepts discussed were: apologizing, returning

to intentions, mindfulness, morality, failure and patience. Each concept was presented gently, though the weight of the subject matter impacted everyone in attendance in a different way. The stillness in the room was punctuated by encouraging murmurs and muffled tears.

After a brief stand and stretch led by Senerchia, the subject changed from compassion to communication. The speaker broke the process of communication down into three parts. "Stop" (in other words) don't react; allow thought to rule over impulse. "Hear," really listen instead of thinking of what you might say next. Allow yourself to "be curious about the person" you're speaking with. "Say," let only what you mean or intend to do become part of the conversation. "Let go of what [the issue or topic is], and look at who [you are having the conversation with; this person has value]," entreated Senerchia.

Once the talk was completed, the attendees were reluctant to leave. The crowd stood in silence, just looking at Senerchia. After a few moments, people started to shuffle and speak loudly as they moved toward the door or each other to network and discuss the experience they had just shared. This reporter waited and asked for a moment of Senerchia's time. Using the skills recently learned regarding communication, we discussed many things.

Senerchia was born and raised in Willits. In fact, he made mention of being a part of the refurbishment team 20 years ago that had sanded the beams in the room in which we were sitting. As a young man, he started the peer counseling service at Willits High School. He trained various student counselors over the course of 15 years.

Read the rest of Senerchia Over on Page 13



Avenues to Wellness September speaker Sam Senerchia poses with his mother, Cindy Morninglight, at the event. Photo by Alyson Bailey

Ukiah shelter now offering feline adoptions at Fish Out of Water pet shop in Willits

Mendocino County Animal Care Services recently welcomed Willits pet shop Fish Out of Water as an off-site adoption location. Cats and kittens are available for adoption through Animal Care Services at this location. Felines can be seen, and adoption applications can be picked up at the store located at 1661 South Main Street in Willits.

The entire adoption process can occur under the oversight of store owner Melissa Marsh, thereby saving adopters a trip to Ukiah. Animal Care Services is happy to have Willits residents have an local adoption option. See all of Animal Care Services' adoptable animals online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com.

Submitted by Sage Mountain fire, shelter supervisor, Mendocino County Animal Care Services

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A memorial celebration of the life of Marlana River will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018, at the Brooktrails Community Center, from 3 until 6 pm.

Any gifts or donations should/will go to the School of Adaptive Agriculture, a favorite organization of Marlana's, who loved to farm and teach farming skills to the family and others. Make checks out to: NCO (North Coast Opportunities, a Ukiah non-profit, which collects, deposits and channels payments to the school). You may contribute in person, or you may send donations to NCO, 413 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Please note on the check "Marlana River" to ensure the proper distribution of the funds to the school.

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recently written report by Kemper Consulting Group and voted to forward the report to the board of supervisors. Group members agreed they were not voting to endorse any of the recommendations in the report, which the committee had not yet had an opportunity to discuss.

Nevertheless, at supervisors' September 11 meeting, Allman went well beyond what the Measure B Committee had decided to tell the board.

"I think I am more interested in what Kemper and Associates have documented [concerning] the facts in this county ... than I am in their opinion about where we need to go," Allman told supervisors, "because we live in the county and are responsible for our own situation.

"While I appreciate the consultants gathering the facts, I think we are intelligent enough to come up with our own solution," he said.

He told supervisors he personally favored siting a crisis residential treatment facility on the coast, arguing because the Mendocino Coast was "one of the most beautiful spots on the planet, we ought to use that area's natural beauty to help improve the mental health of those who are having a mental health crisis."

Allman also disagreed with Kemper's recommendation that the county give \$4.75 million to Redwood Quality Management Company so it could proceed with building a crisis residential treatment/crisis stabilization unit in Ukiah – the first major construction project that would be funded by Measure B money.

Allman said he believed building a psychiatric health facility was more important and should be built first.

Contacted by Willits Weekly, Allman explained why he thinks building a PHF unit should be the county's first mental health priority. "Back when I was a young deputy working out of Laytonville," Allman said, "if I picked up someone who was a danger to himself or others, I could put him in my patrol car and drive down to Ukiah to the PHF unit. It might take 45 minutes, or less. I would put that person in there and I would be done.

"Now, we have to take these people to hospitals," Allman continued, "where our guys [must] sit with them for an entire shift, or longer.

"I think a PHF unit is what our citizens need, and I am a strong supporter of starting out with the PHF unit, and then putting in the other pieces as we see what we need."

After Allman presented his report, McGourty took the podium. "I want to thank Sheriff Allman for explicitly sharing his opinions on the recommendations of the Kemper Report," McGourty said. "At the Measure B meeting we just nominally agreed to accept it and share it with you [the board of supervisors]. We haven't had the opportunity to discuss it in the least."

McGourty told supervisors the board she chairs – the Behavioral Health Recovery Services Advisory Board – will be discussing the Kemper Report at its September 19 meeting, which is begins at 10 am at the conference room at 1120 South Dora Street in Ukiah.

Allman said the Measure B Committee would be discussing the Kemper Report in detail at its next meeting, scheduled for 1 pm on Wednesday, September 26, noting the committee would be making important decisions at that meeting and supervisors should be prepared to do the same.

"It is very clear that the rubber is meeting the road," Allman said. "The board of supervisors is going to be the driver of the car as the rubber meets the road, because the decision is going to be coming to you, with the Kemper Report and with the recommendation that hopefully will be made by the Measure B Commission at the meeting this month, that we are going to be asking the board of supervisors to make a decision on where the mental health services will be provided."

Later, Allman reiterated: "We are at the point where the rubber is meeting the road, and you can count on the Measure B Committee making a decision and coming to you in October – and clearly coming to you and talking about what our decision is."

Meetings of the Measure B Committee take place in Conference Room C at the county administrative building, 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah.

is diverted, some of the water is collected during the wet season and stored in Lake Pillsbury for later release – also providing lake-based recreation opportunities.

After the diverted water leaves the Potter Valley Powerhouse, it enters a canal and the East Branch of the Russian River, where it provides water to farms and communities in southern Mendocino and northern Sonoma counties as well as improving fish habitat in the Russian River.

Per the conditions of the project's operating license, water flows in the upper Main Stem Eel River below the Van Arsdale Reservoir are managed to closely mimic the upper Main Stem Eel River's natural flow.

PG&E is seeking a new owner for the project as it no longer serves as an economical source of electricity generation for its customers. Potter Valley Project is far from PG&E's other hydroelectric facilities and regional headquarters, making it especially costly for PG&E to operate. An increasingly competitive energy market, lower generation needs forecasted on PG&E's system, and the increasing cost of operating the facilities were all factors in PG&E's decision.

Depending on how many proposals are received and need to be evaluated, PG&E expects to select proposals and begin formal negotiations with a buyer by mid-2019. If all goes well, the sale and transfer of the project could be completed within 1.5 to two years.

Approval by FERC and the California Public Utilities Commission will be needed prior to transfer of ownership.

Advisory Board had been invited by Library Advisory Board Chairman Marc Komer to participate in a joint meeting between supervisors and the library board, and asked her board members what they thought of the proposal.

Roots of Motive Power's Troy James said he saw no reason to meet with supervisors. Assuming the topic under discussion at the meeting would be formation of a cultural services agency, James said. "What would be the point? It's done. Our job now is to work to make this museum the best that we can for the people of this county."

Mendocino County Historical Society representative Roger Kruger also opposed taking part in the meeting. "It sounds to me like it would just be one person ranting, and we would be there in the background, nodding,

"I don't see much point in having that meeting at all."

The only other Museum Advisory Board members present were First District rep Jim Eddie, new Third District rep Brent Walker and new Fourth District rep Ric Martin. It was the first board meeting for both Martin and Walker, and neither they nor Eddie offered an opinion on the matter.

Chair Montez determined the will of the board was to not participate in the meeting.

Cultural Services Agency Director Karen Horner said administrative steps towards creating the CSA are still occurring, and salary splits proposed in the case of Horner and other administrative personnel are continuing.

"The library administration is now the cultural services agency administration," Horner said.

Horner informed board members she had proposed that – in celebration of the formation of the CSA and in acknowledgment of the nationally declared Library Card Sign-Up Month – anyone with a Mendocino County Library card will be admitted into the museum free of charge. According to an item on the board of supervisor's September 11 agenda, the free admission policy will be "ongoing."

Supervisors approved the item at Tuesday's meeting, and the proposed free admission policy is now, in the words of James, "done."

Board welcomes Walker, Martin

New members Ric Martin and Brent Walker were welcomed to the board.

Walker is a small businessman and museum volunteer. On his application for the appointment, Walker wrote: "I have been a volunteer at the Mendocino County Museum for the past five years and worked primarily at accessioning donated materials but have also been involved in several other aspects of the storage of museum artifacts."

Walker estimated he had "volunteered several hundred hours in each of those five years."

He added he is "interested in helping to make the Mendocino County Museum a top-notch venue for learning about our history. I am my family's genealogist as a hobby and am very cognizant of the importance of a quality museum in the process of learning about the history of a region."

Mattson discusses works in progress

Museum Curator Karen Mattson discussed the work she and museum volunteers are undertaking to bring the museum up to snuff.

Round Valley Tribal Police officers disarmed Riley and detained him, but Islas refused commands to surrender his weapon made by deputies and state Fish and Wildlife officers.

Instead, he was observed running on Ledger Lane, where he was detained by Fish and Wildlife wardens, Cromer said.

Riley was determined to be on two counts of formal probation in Mendocino County, and he is prohibited from owning or possessing any firearms. Islas was also determined to be a person prohibited from owning firearms due to prior criminal convictions.

Riley was arrested on suspicion of attempted homicide, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm, and violating formal probation. He is being held in county jail without bail.

Islas was arrested on suspicion of battery with great bodily injury, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, and participation in a criminal street gang.

Laytonville escape try misfires

A 25-year-old Laytonville man was arrested on a warrant charging him with violating community supervision conditions just before noon on September 4.

Sheriff's deputies were investigating reported thefts in the 39200 block of Old Sherwood Road in Laytonville and dropped in on Brandon Langenderfer, who was living in a cabin in the area, said sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

A warrant check revealed Langenderfer had an outstanding felony arrest warrant, but instead of submitting to arrest, Langenderfer attempted to flee out the back of the cabin.

Unfortunately, there were two deputies at the rear of the dwelling. When Langenderfer spun around to go back into the cabin, DeMarco said, he encountered another deputy inside the cabin. He "gave up and was taken into custody without further incident," DeMarco said.

He was taken to county jail and is being held without bail.

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

Walker has been heading up the textile freezing project, and both Mattson and Horner described the work as "well underway." The textiles are being frozen to kill moths and moth larvae, which in too many cases infested the museum's textile collection.

Textiles are being individually wrapped and are now housed in the museum's textile room. They are also being photographed and documented in the museum's inventory collection database. "The is our first example of having a place for everything," Mattson said.

According to Mattson, museum volunteers have been building crates and racks, collecting textiles previously stored all over the museum's back rooms and moving them into the textile room, putting oversized artwork into racks designed to hold oversized art. Catalogue information has also been updated.

In addition, museum staff and volunteers have repaired the old Willits Creamery exhibit and added period-appropriate signs that hung in the creamery during its heyday.

Mattson said she is planning to create a simple interactive exhibit to stand in front of the creamery. The intent of this exhibit will be "so kids can pretend that back in the day they were working at the creamery," Horner said.

According to Horner's written report, "The interactive component will be implemented next month."

Mattson, it became apparent, is envisioning a major ongoing effort to clean, organize, inventory and preserve museum artifacts. She has been engaged in this work since being hired last November.

Willits Weekly asked her: "What percentage of the work that needs to be done on this project is now done?"

"Ten percent, and that's being generous," Mattson said. A few seconds later she revised her answer. "Maybe it's more like 7 percent. We're not to the starting line yet in managing our collection."

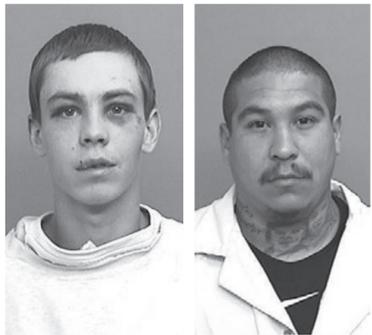
Later, Mattson told board members the same kind of work she is undertaking regarding the museum's artifacts needs to be undertaken concerning the museum's policies and procedures. The museum has no current mission statement, code of ethics, or collections and donations policies, she said.

Horner opined the museum's vision statement is misleading and needs to be rewritten.

"There are many different versions of our various collections and donations policies floating around," Horner said, "but they don't agree with each other, and in some cases, they contradict each other. The only way we can move forward is to agree on one policy and get rid of the others."

Montez asked for one or more board volunteers to collaborate with Horner and Mattson to draft five key policy statements, including the mission statement, the vision statement, the code of ethics, the collections policy, and guidelines for disaster preparedness. Walker and Montez agreed to work on that committee.

At the end of the meeting, Montez noted that, since the resignation of former Willits representative Saprina Rodríguez, the board does not have a representative from the City of Willits. Board members also noted they no longer have representatives from either the second or the fifth supervisory districts.



Loren Weston Riley of Covelo. Isaac Juaquin Islas of Covelo.

Islas was released September 9 after posting \$55,000 bail, according to Sheriff's Office booking records.

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

Willits man held in midnight shooting

A 35-year-old Willits man was airlifted to an out-of-county trauma center after being shot in the chest at a gas station on the north end of town just after midnight on September 5.

A suspect in the shooting, 44-year-old Gabriel John Smith of Willits, later contacted county Sheriff Tom Allman and arranged to surrender himself. According to Willits Police Chief Scott Warnock, Smith and Allman had known each other for about 20 years.

Smith met Allman on September 6 and was taken to county jail on suspicion of attempted murder, according to a WPD press release.

This report was based on a press release from the Willits Police Department.

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Amazing Athletes of Willits High School



Soccer | Kiley Butler, 17, Senior

How long playing the sport: Five years
Breakfast of Champions: Waffles with syrup
Love of the sport: Love being a part of a team.
Other sports played: Basketball

Kiley Butler is playing sweeper this year for the first time, and she is doing an amazing job directing the defense. She is also team captain for the WHS Girls Soccer team.

– Submitted by Coach Tatiana Contrell



Soccer | Aldo Perez, 16, Senior

How long playing the sport: Since he first learned to walk ... maybe age 1.5?

Breakfast of Champions: Eggs and bacon

Love of the sport: Got into it because it's a family thing. It's a part of life.

Other sports played: No other sports.

WHS Soccer Captain Aldo Perez, offensive midfielder, has stepped up his offensive skills in the last two games and managed to score two goals vs. Southfork and two goals vs. Cloverdale helping his team ensure a victory in both games.

– Submitted by Coach Martin Rodriguez

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By Roland Spence, president, Long Valley Skaters Association

Northern Mendo's outdoor farm-to-table dining experience returns, Saturday, September 22, with an evening of friends, family, food and fun! Featuring a gourmet feast of locally sourced ingredients, this fundraiser for the Laytonville Skate Park will take place outside, under the stars, at the grounds of the future skate park site. The dinner will also include a variety of delicious appetizers and dessert, along with local wines and beers available for purchase in the drink garden, as well as non-alcoholic drinks for free. Gates will open at 6:30 pm.

This event will sell out. Tickets are on sale now: \$30, available at the Big Chief restaurant and Healthy Start in Laytonville.

If you would like to reserve a table for your group, or learn more about the Laytonville Skate Park Project, call Laytonville Healthy Start at 707-984-8089.

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Above: Peer Helpers are ready for their first day on the job (at the table), ready to answer questions and have conversations with their fellow Baechtel Grove students. From left, front row: Harley Lukenbill, Laila Britton, Jaydon Vargas, Sheyla Sanchez, Mariah Rodriguez, and Kaira Mora. Back row, from left: school counselor and group advisor Toni Bravo, Jadelyn Caldwell, Aidyn McFadden, David Cramer, Ava Kelly, Damian Lopez, and Dean of Students Mackenzie Erickson. Below: Student Ava Kelly models the back of the Peer Helpers informative T-shirts.

Peer Helpers

New Baechtel Grove student group seeks to turn conflict into communication

Into our world of seemingly ever-increasing polarization, there enters the inspirational and healing voices and actions of ... middle-school students?

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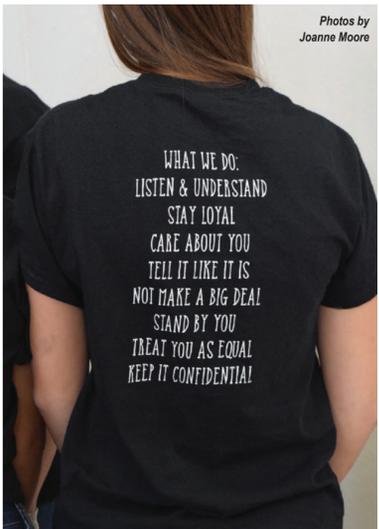
This is the first year for the Baechtel Grove Middle School Peer Helpers, a group of 11 extremely enthusiastic and excited students on a mission to turn conflict into communication.

With the help of their advisor, school counselor Toni Bravo, the students have taken time out of their summer vacations for mediation training and team building.

"They're all involved in different things and friend groups, and they learned to work with each other," said Bravo. "They will help students see with empathy, take responsibility in conflict, and make suggestions on how to avoid conflict."

Dean of Students Mackenzie Erickson works along with Bravo and the Peer Helpers in this splendid collective effort at middle-school peace and harmony, and funding from the Willits Police Department has helped the program get up and running.

"This is one small part of how they support prevention of youth violence, bullying, and drug and alcohol use by teens," said Bravo of the support from the WPD. "They have invested in our kids, and we are so grateful."



Photos by Joanne Moore

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 Main Street Music, Shanachie Pub, Yokums Body Shop

Thursday, September 13

“Paint the Town” Work Party: Help paint the k-rails at the site of the old Willits Cafe, Main and Commercial streets, as part of an effort to beautify the downtown Willits area. Sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization). Thursday, September 13, 10 am, to begin cleaning and prepping the k-rails (with assistance in power-washing provided by Little Lake Fire Department); and Sunday, September 16, 11 am, to continue the project with painting a base coat. For info and to get involved, contact Paul at 4paull@gmail.com or Midge at mstrong@willitsonline.com or 459-1493. To contribute to expenses, send tax-deductible donations to WELL, PO Box 42, Willits 95490 with “Paint the Town” in the memo line.

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, September 13, 3 to 6 pm. Summer veggies, including heirloom tomatoes, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Call for Entries Deadline: “Out of the Ashes,” an art show occurring in various venues, including the Mendocino County Museum and the Willits Center for the Arts, is calling for entries created by those affected by the Mendocino County fires of 2017. “Seeking a broad variety of photography, sculpture, paintings, drawings, collages, etc.” The shows will mount in October 2018. Submit email images by Thursday, September 13 to jamosciariello@gmail.com. For info: 310-970-4517.

Shanachie Pub: Tucker James Music: “Enjoy life, enjoy music, enjoy each other,” as TJM does a tour for their new CD: “Cosmic Love and Alive Vibe.” Visit www.tuckerjamesmusic.bandcamp.com. Thursday, September 13, 5 pm. Followed by Jazz Night with the Tree Tones, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, September 14

Laytonville Art Fair: End of the summer party. The Laytonville Art Angels Art Fair. Live music, arts and crafts, food and spirits. Music by Blue Luke and the Elements. Nook burgers by Greengro Cart. Beer, wine and kambucha from Draft Punk. Friday, September 14, 4 pm to sunset. Interested vendors inquire at laytonvilleartangels@gmail.com.

Retired Teachers Party: A wine and cheese party will be held in a Brooktrails home on Friday, September 14, from 4 to 6 pm. For information and to make a reservation contact: edtpes47@gmail.com or 456-0908. “For any retired teachers of Mendocino County. You can bring a friend if you wish. Sponsored by California Retired Teachers Association of Mendocino County. The site address will be provided upon RSVP. It will be potluck style with attendees bringing finger food or something to drink.”

John Haschak Meet and Greet: “The community of Laytonville is invited to a meet and greet with John

Haschak, candidate for 3rd District Supervisor.” Friday, September 14, 5:30 to 7 pm. La Casana Del Cielo, 44901 Highway 101, Laytonville.

WCA Art Talk: Willits Center for the Arts presents a talk on Friday, September 14, by curator Gary Martin on “Surrealism.” 6:30 pm in the classroom at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. No charge. “Join us for this informative and free event.” Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Zodiac House Party: One Tribe Collective presents the Virgo edition of this monthly party Friday, September 14 at 7 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Buti Yoga, local DJs, Soundscape Journey, Altered Space, Late Nite Munchies, Magical Elixir Bar, OhmGnomes Gallery, Tarot Tent, Live Painting, Bodywork. \$15.

Shanachie Pub: One Grass, Two Grass: “delivers high energy, hard-driving, fun-loving, old-timey, new-timey, good-timey, rockin’ California string band music.” Visit <http://onegrasswotwo.com>. Friday, September 14, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, September 15

“Art in the Plaza”: Saturday, September 15, 9 am to 4 pm, and continuing every weekend through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: www.artintheplaza.com. Umbrellas are permanent on site to provide shade and

backdrop. Spaces are available for artists to sell their handmade goods. Info: Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

Mendo Mill Bucket Challenge: with the Willits High School Boosters. Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16. Participants can purchase a plastic white bucket for \$5, fill the bucket to overflowing with almost anything in the store (with the exception of power tools) for a 20 percent discount (generously offered by the store). Mendo Mill then donates \$10 for every bucket to the local school to support their athletic programs. At Mendo Mill, 305 East Commercial Street.

Coastal Cleanup Day: “Please join us for Coastal Cleanup Day, 2018 on Saturday, September 15, from 9 am to 12 pm. We will meet at the City Hall parking lot and join other community activists in cleaning our creeks to prevent refuse from entering our fragile and important Eel River. The City of Willits was the first inland chapter of California Coastal Cleanup. Now there are over 1,000 inland chapters. Join your neighbors in making our city creeks cleaner and safer.”

Shanachie Pub: Redbud Trio: “Hot - cool - spicy - quirky - FUN - original - and danceable! Redbud, a homegrown Mendocino favorite, inspires folks to get up and shake their booties.” Saturday, September 15, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

What’s Happening Around Town

Life’s a Circus: A nonprofit sideshow-themed variety show out the Bay Area. “Not for the faint of heart!” At the Big Chief, 44400 Highway 101, Laytonville. Saturday, September 15. Doors 8 pm, show 9 pm. Age 21 and over. Serving up Big Will’s fried chicken. \$15 suggested donation to benefit local causes.

Sunday, September 16



One Grass, Two Grass

Mendo Mill Bucket Challenge: Sunday, September 16. See Saturday, September 15 listing for details. Mendo Mill, 305 East Commercial Street.

“Paint the Town” Work Party: Sunday, September 16, 10 am. See Thursday, September 13 listing for details.

Stella Heath and The French Oak Gypsy Band: Live at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, September 16 at 2 pm. French and American Jazz and Swing Era classics, French Chanson, Gypsy Jazz, Dixieland Jazz, traditional World Folk music, and modern tunes from around the world. Tickets, \$20 at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 247, 800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Tuesday, September 18

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, “Alpha” and “The Nun.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, September 19

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, September 20, 3 to 6 pm. Summer veggies, meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Music in the Park in Willits: The “Falling Out of Summer” concert series, presented by the City of Willits, is set for every Thursday from 5 to 7 pm, in the Rec Grove from September 20 to October 11. Tonight’s act will be Willits native,

Palmer Runberg, local country talent who now plays in Nashville. He will be opening for Sam Williams, son of Hank Williams, Jr., Americana, ballads and blues. “This is Willits’ first Music in the Park event. Bring your own chairs, sweaters and blankets!” Hamburgers and hot dogs served by the Willits Lions Club, Ramirez Mexican Food Truck, and a churro cart.

Thursday, September 20

“Tomorrow”: Tonight’s screening in the Now & Then Film Series, is “the beginning of a movement seeking to encourage local communities around the world to change the way they live for the sake of our planet.... The documentary ‘Tomorrow’ sets out to showcase alternative and creative ways of viewing agriculture, economics, energy and education, and offers constructive solutions to act on a local level to make a difference on a global level.” Thursday, September 20 at 7 pm; trailers and short films at 6:30 pm. Donation: \$5 or more. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with organic butter.

Shanachie Pub: Ricky Montijo, out of wine country, playing Soul, Rock, Latin, Blues, Reggae, and world beats. Thursday, September 20, 8 pm. Visit www.rickymontijo.com/home.html. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, September 21

International Day of Peace in Willits: “Gather for International Day of Peace, Friday, September 21, from 4 to 6 pm, at Recreation Grove Park. A bilingual gathering (Spanish and English) including song, dance, and prayers for peace with Wallace Clark, Elder of the Konkow band of Maidu, Emandal Chorale and Nuestra Alianza Baile Folklorico. Free. Refreshments provided by the Willits High School Art & Travel Club (donations accepted.) Bring your own chair or blanket. Presented by the City of Willits, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, WHS Art & Travel Club, Willits Interfaith Council, Willits Rotary Club and other peace-loving groups and individuals. This year’s theme is “The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70.”

Día Internacional de la Paz: “El viernes 21 de septiembre estaremos celebrando el Día internacional de la paz en el parque Rec Grove de 4 a 6 pm. Este festejo será Bilingüe en inglés y español e incluirá canciones,

baillables y oraciones por la paz, con Wallace Clark, Mayor de Konkow Banda de Maidu, el Coro de Emandal y Nuestra Alianza Baile Folklorico. Habrá comida por Parte de Willits High School Art and Travel Club, donaciones serán aceptadas. Este evento es gratis. Favor de traer su propia cobija y silla.”

Shanachie Pub: The Cult of Ours: “Come on out for a fun time with music from many of our locals!” Friday, September 21, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, September 22

“Fancy Dinner in a Field”: Farm to Table Dinner for Laytonville Skate Park Project. Saturday, September 22. Bar/Appetizers 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:30 pm. An evening of friends, family, fun and food featuring a gourmet feast of locally sourced ingredients benefiting the Laytonville Skate Park on the grounds of the future park, 351 Harwood Road. Tickets,



on sale now: \$30, available at The Big Chief and Healthy Start in Laytonville. If you would like to reserve a table for your group, or learn more about the Laytonville Skate Park Project, call Laytonville Healthy Start at 707-984-8089. This event will sell out.

Shanachie Pub: Forrest & Friends: “Good friends led by Forrest Glycer of Schindig come together for a night of heartfelt original and familiar songs, playing their unique brand of folk Americana.” Saturday, September 22, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, September 23

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: “Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, September 23 (and every fourth Sunday through October). Free breakfast for firefighters! (one breakfast per official ID). \$8 buys you a plate of the best ‘scratch’ pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods: Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank’s Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler’s Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street).



Ongoing Events

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

“Made in Mendocino”: The September show at the Willits Center for the Arts, with more than 20 Mendocino County quilters, featuring the work of Holly Brackman. The show runs through September 23 at the WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org. Gallery hours, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm.

Brooktrails Golf Course: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 am, Senior League. Age 50 and over. Lifetime membership \$10. Green fees extra. Thursday, 5 pm, Working Man’s Scramble with \$12 green fees, \$5 buy in, cash prize for 1st place. Drink and snack provided. Saturdays, 8 am, “Sweeps” utilizing NCGA handicaps. Sundays, 5 pm, free golf for kids, 5 to 18, with paying adult. For times and information: 459-6761. 24660 Birch Street.

“Art in the Plaza”: Saturdays and Sundays through September. Come see local artists and artisans – free – in the congenial plaza behind Cafe 77. Info: www.artintheplaza.com. Contact Morgan Rex at 841-0913 or see the application online.

Intentional Community: Creating ideas for serving the community with gardens, art and other concepts. Meeting Wednesdays at 7 pm. Willits Hub (Willits Environmental Center), 630 South Main Street. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: general meeting, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays: FOCUS meetings, 5th Wednesdays: pot luck. Info: janae@heartfuliving.net for vision statement.

Social Dancing: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. No partner required. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Club atmosphere in which the participants teach each other swing, salsa and other types of partner dancing. Collaborative playlist.

Ridgewood Ranch Tours: The Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation Saturday tours include: vintage Seabiscuit film footage, stud barn, mare barn, carriage house and Howard House (built in 1905). Reservations suggested but not required; children under 11 free. \$20 for non-Mendocino residents, \$10 with proof of Mendocino County residency. Reservations or info: seabiscuit@instawave.net or 707-391-3872.

Willits Summer Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm at the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video. Summer veggies, local meats and local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

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

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

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational

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

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am “Play Group,” and 3:30 to 5:30 pm “Lego Day” (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am “Story Time.” Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. “Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in.” Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotus3@earthlink.net.

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women’s service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza in reserved room, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. However, there are NO MEETINGS in July or August. Meetings will resume in September. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

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

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

Shanachie Pub: Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. “Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable.” Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. “An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adams’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willits Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of September 17 through September 21

Monday: Tamale Pie
Tuesday: Country Fried Chicken
Wednesday: Spinach Lasagna
Thursday: Steamed Potluck with Lemon & Dill
Friday: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap

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.

Book Launch Party and Talk with Jed Diamond

September 27

Local author Jed Diamond hosts a talk and book launch party for his latest book, “My Distant Dad: Healing the Family Father Wound,” on Thursday, September 27, at 6 pm at the Willits Library, 390 E. Commercial Street. “I’ll share my experiences and clinical research over the last 40 years about the impact the father wound has on our lives growing up and on our relationships as adults. You’ll hear about my own 70-year healing journey, and learn simple tools you can use to heal your past, your present, and future relationships.” Hardcover, paperback, e-book and audiobook editions. Free gift: a copy of Diamond’s best-selling book, “Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places.”

Revelation’s Path to Hope: Finding Peace in a World of Chaos Begins September 28

“We’re living in chaotic times-economic uncertainty, political violence, and rumors of war. Is it all about to end? What does the future hold for you and your family? Can you have peace in this storm? Yes! Learn stunning truths of peace and love from the Bible that will give you assurance for these troubling times.” Series topics include: The Antichrist & 666, The Mark of the Beast, The Seal of God, Revelation’s Lake of Fire, The USA in Prophecy, Armageddon, and much more! Plus: Children’s program (ages 4 to 10) and nightly giveaways. Speaker: Daniel Hudgens. The free 10-part series begins Friday, September 28 at the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church Auditorium, 399 West Mendocino Avenue. Continues through October 13. Register in advance at www.ProphecySeminars.com to receive a free gift on opening night. Info: www.willitssda.com



ERRP Field Trip to the Redwoods

September 29

Eel River Recovery Project teams up with the Institute for Sustainable Forestry (a project of the Tree Foundation) for a free day-long field trip to visit a demonstration sustainable forest and talk with local forestry experts, at the Redwood Forest Foundation’s Usal Redwood Forest. RFFI is a non-profit organization of loggers, environmentalists, community activists and foresters. Saturday, September 29; meet at 9 am at the Willits Environmental Hub, 630 Main Street to carpool. Info: Robin 459-0155 or RFFI or ERRP websites.

Call for Artists/Crafters

Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the 32nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, December 7, 8 and 9, 2018 to be held at the Willits Community Center and The Willits Center for the Arts-Upstairs Gallery. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs, who hand-make their own products, should request application forms by e-mail to: Bonnie Belt at bonnie@willits.com or by mail: Willits Holiday Craft Fair c/o Bonnie Belt, 2291 Buckeye Dr. Willits, CA 95490 and enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope. Applications will be e-mailed to all previous year’s applicants and new requests by August 31, 2018. Please note acceptance is subject to quality of work and earliest postmark date.



The Hog Farm and Friends in Open Celebration

September 28, 29, 30

The Hog Farm in Laytonville invites extended family and friends to this “Hog Farm in Open Celebration” event and rent party at their home on the Black Oak Ranch. Great music, games, bingo for prizes, excursions, costumes, Hog Farm Film Festival. Delicious meals provided, daily cocktail hours, beer and wine. Info: www.blackoakranch.com/hog-farm-celebration. Tickets at Eventbrite: weekend adult \$150, weekend youth \$75, Saturday only adult \$75.

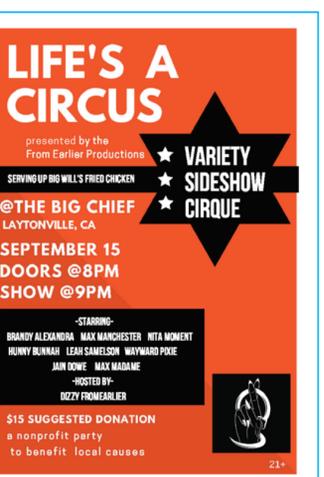


Literacy Tutoring Workshop

September 26

Literacy Volunteers of Willits seeks tutors: If you can read, then you can teach someone else to read, write and speak English. We’ll train you and furnish you with all the tools you’ll need. Come and see if this program will fit your volunteer commitment to improve the quality of life in our community. Tutor Training Orientation: Wednesday, September 26 from 3 to 5 pm at the Willits Library conference room. Basic Tutor Training Workshop: 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday, September 29 at the library. For reservations call Pam at 459-1586, leave a message on our office answering machine, 459-5098 or email us at lvw@willitsonline.com. We have learners patiently waiting for a tutor.

– Submitted by Literacy Volunteers of Willits



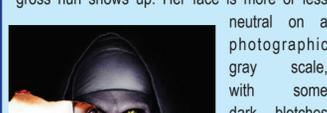
AT THE MOVIES



neutral on a photographic gray scale, with some dark blotches around her/or its eye sockets. A demon is involved. It’s all very mysterious with gross dead things and lots of shadows.

“The Nun”

The Story: Horror movie about demonic possession and a haunted convent; also, the flick is a prequel to “The Conjuring 2.” Father Burke (Demian Bichir) and Sister Irene (Taissa Farmiga) investigate terrible events at a Romanian convent. A really gross nun shows up. Her face is more or less



My Thoughts: Taissa Farmiga is Vera Farmiga’s little sister. They look quite a bit alike. I found that a bit confusing because Vera played Lorraine Warren, the female lead in “The Conjuring 2.” That aside, my overall feeling about “The Nun” was solid production values, a fine, suitably Gothic medieval convent, and more mysterious spookiness than cheap jump scares. And there’s plenty of picturesque Catholic iconography. That’s spooky, too. The main characters do quite a bit of unfortunate, maybe pointless wandering about which didn’t seem to have much to do with the plot. Or, maybe I’m just a tad dense. Mea culpa! At any rate, “The Nun” is good enough. And it will scare some people.

Parents: No, don’t even think about bringing your children. My friend Renata’s granddaughter caught a glimpse of the Evil Nun from previews and was terrified for a week. Older teens and adults.

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

Preventing suicide

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – a good time to increase awareness about signs and symptoms of suicide, and to share information about resources that can help those suffering from severe depression.



Grace Ivey, LCSW
Counselor

Suicide is more common than many people realize, and it is on the rise. Between 1999-2014, the U.S. suicide rate increased by 24 percent. Suicide sends waves of sadness, guilt, disbelief and loss through the friends,

family members, coworkers, classmates and others left behind.

Although suicide occurs in people who suffer from mental illnesses such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, it is most common in people with severe depression – and it is twice as common in Mendocino County as it is in the state of California.

Part of why people commit suicide is because they feel hopeless and isolated. They convince themselves that the world would be better off without them or that death would be preferable to the pain they're experiencing.

Signs and symptoms

They withdraw from the life they once had, pulling away from those they love and stopping activities they once enjoyed. They sometimes engage in risky behaviors with drugs and alcohol, or get into self-destructive habits. They may stop making plans for the future, and sometimes go as far as getting their affairs in order – giving away prized possessions and finding ways to say goodbye.

As you can imagine, it takes time for people to go from mild depression to suicidal thoughts, but without intervention, it happens all too often.

Overcoming social stigmas

In our society, the ongoing stigma around mental illness makes it hard for people to receive the help they need. Those who suffer from depression are often secretive about their struggle because they're ashamed. They worry others will judge them, or they judge themselves. People may believe that if they had more willpower and a positive attitude, they'd be fine.

When people receive a cancer diagnosis, it's perfectly acceptable to talk about their battle with cancer. When someone attempts suicide, people often speak in hushed tones about what happened. We need to bring mental illness into the light and share the treatment options like we do with so many other diseases.

Can you imagine telling someone with diabetes or heart disease to use their willpower to heal themselves? Neither can I. In reality, asking for help is a sign of great strength. It shows a willingness to risk rejection for the chance to heal.

How to help

If someone you care about stops accepting your invitations to go out, seems sad more often than not, complains they can't sleep, is tired all the time, has major appetite changes, has trouble focusing, or just seems like they're not themselves, trust your instincts that something is wrong.

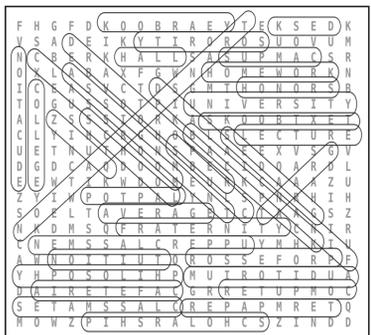
The worst thing you can do for that person is to disengage, which can be challenging when they seem negative or avoid your company. It's far more helpful to ask questions to show you care, and to encourage your friend to seek help. Consider offering to schedule an appointment with a doctor or therapist on your friend's behalf and promise to drive them to their appointment. Sometimes these small acts of kindness can make all the difference.

Depression is a disorder that, once it reaches a certain point, requires treatment to overcome. It gains momentum and may become harder for an individual to manage on their own as time goes on. This is when behavioral health services can help reduce depressive symptoms and increase a sense of hope.

If you'd like more information about depression or other mental illnesses, a great online resource is www.helpguide.org. If you or someone you love is in crisis, the local 24-hour suicide hotline number is 855-838-0404.

In inland Mendocino County, there are several resources to help people suffering from depression. Visit www.namimendocino.org to learn more. At MCHC Health Centers, we provide behavioral health care for children and adults affected by depression. We integrate medical and behavioral healthcare because we understand that physical and emotional health are inextricably linked.

Grace Ivey is a licensed clinical social worker at MCHC Health Centers, a local, non-profit, federally qualified health center offering medical, dental and behavioral health care to people of all ages in Lake and Mendocino counties.



Above, left: The Fortunate Farm farm team, Linnea, Megan, Gowan, Cameron and Megan, gather in front of the sign for Fortunate Farms. Above, right: Farm manager Gowan Batist inspects some carrots in the fog-covered Fortunate Farms garden.



Farmer to Farmer Field Days

Lean thinking on your farm: how to work smarter, not harder

Submitted by the School of Adaptive Agriculture

Ben Hartman's "The Lean Farm" has inspired many farmers to find efficiencies on their farms and increase profits without increasing their work. On Monday, September 17, from 9 am to noon, at Fortunate Farm in Caspar, the next workshop in the Farmer to Farmer series will address the principles of lean farming with a focus on the practical steps you can take to increase efficiency.

Fortunate Farm is producing mixed vegetables on the Mendocino coast and a large amount of compost. This workshop will focus on how to design your farm layout, whole farm systems, and things to consider when planning and mapping out production space. Space is limited. Please RSVP to office@adaptiveagriculture.org by September 10.

Attendance is free and open to specialty crop growers – fruits, vegetables, nuts, flowers, herbs – as well as anyone aspiring toward a career in production agriculture. Tours take around three hours and are followed by a potluck lunch. Travel reimbursement is available. This is a project of Mendo-Lake Food Hub, the Farmers Guild, CAFF, the School of Adaptive Agriculture, and the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program.

About Fortunate Farm

Fortunate Farm is an intergenerational family farm that grows heirloom vegetables, berries and flowers in the small town of Caspar in Mendocino County. They farm with sincere care for the land and are committed to improving and protecting its beautiful, rock-free sandy loam soil. The

farm's 40 acres are made up of pastures, creeks, forest, and a large spring-fed irrigation pond. Fortunate Farm's mission is to feed people locally, sequester carbon, and empower their community.

About the School of Adaptive Agriculture

The School of Adaptive Agriculture is a vocational training center that equips the current and next generation with essential skills in the science, art and business of food production. Through workshops and a residential practicum program, the School of Adaptive Agriculture has gained a reputation for being one of the premier agriculture schools in Northern California.

About the Mendo-Lake Food Hub

The Mendo-Lake Food Hub is the "easy button" for farmers and retailers when it comes to wholesaling local produce. They work with farmers and food businesses from the Mendocino Coast to Clear Lake and south to the San Francisco Bay Area.

About the Farmers Guild and CAFF

The Farmers Guild is a collection of farmers, ranchers, and sustainable food system advocates. With a passion for feeding local communities, they unite to share skills and knowledge, and forge a collective voice for sustainable agriculture. Founded by farmers for farmers, they support healthy food production by collectively striving toward the economic viability of farms as well as the social networks to attract, cultivate and sustain a new generation ready to work the land. In 2017, they merged with Community Alliance with Family Farmers, CAFF.

UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

Healthy agriculture and food systems are fundamental to the quality of life in California.

The UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program is committed to strengthening California's agriculture by advancing knowledge of the science of sustainability, supporting farmers and ranchers working to develop more sustainable agricultural practices, and assisting communities in building strong and healthy regional food systems. UC SAREP is a Statewide Program of UC Agriculture and Natural Resources.

For more information, please contact: Ruthie King, director of School of Adaptive Agriculture, ruthie@AdaptiveAgriculture.org, 707-225-0145.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Samuel Walter Denton
CASE NO. SCUK-CVPB-18-27079

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Samuel Walter Denton.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by George Gulbranson in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that George Gulbranson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: October 5, 2018 Time: 9 a.m. Dept.: E Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

If you object to the 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 personal delivery as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner George Gulbranson, 819 Solano Ave., Sonoma, CA 95482; 707-938-4021.

Publication dates: 08/30, 09/06 and 09/13/2018

WW185

CITY OF WILLITS

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-03 AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 OF THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE BY MODIFYING CHAPTERS 17.04, 17.06, 17.10, 17.12, 17.14, 17.16, 17.18, 17.20, 17.22, 17.24, 17.26 AND 17.28, AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.61 ENTITLED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 17.63 ENTITLED EMERGENCY SHELTER REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 17.65 ENTITLED REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND CHAPTER 17.67 ENTITLED DENSITY BONUSES.

The City Council of the City of Willits shall convene at a duly noticed council meeting on September 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Willits City Hall Council Chambers, 311 E. Commercial Street, Willits, to consider the adoption of a new City ordinance amending various sections of Title 17 of the Willits Municipal Code by modifying Chapters 17.04, 17.06, 17.10, 17.12, 17.14, 17.16, 17.18, 17.20, 17.22, 17.24, 17.26 and 17.28, and adding Chapter 17.61 entitled Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations, Chapter 17.63 entitled Emergency Shelter Regulations, Chapter 17.65 entitled Reasonable Accommodations Policy and Procedures and Chapter 17.67 entitled Density Bonuses relating to the implementation of State law and City housing goals regarding a variety of housing types including Accessory Dwelling Units as well as the allowance of Emergency Shelters in the Heavy Commercial Zoning District, establishing procedures to request reasonable accommodations for person with disabilities and establishing incentives to promote affordable housing.

The following summary of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code section 36933 which provides that a city council may publish a summary of a proposed ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the city council meeting at which the proposed ordinance is to be adopted. The full text of the proposed ordinance shall also be posted in the office of the Willits City Clerk for at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting of September 26, 2018.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE:

- The proposed ordinance contains findings and declarations including the following:
 - The proposed amendments are to achieve various housing goals identified in the City Housing Element and to comply with recent changes to State law.
 - The modifications to City Code are intended to remove obstacles to the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units ("ADUs") by streamlining the permitting process and reduce the overall cost of ADUs;
 - The City supports a fair housing reasonable accommodation procedure for individuals with disabilities and developers of housing for individuals with disabilities to seek relief in the application of land use, zoning and building regulations, policies, practices, and procedures will further the City of Willits' compliance with federal and state fair housing laws and provide greater opportunities for the development of critically needed housing for individuals with disabilities;
 - The City desires to amend City Code to further encourage and facilitate the development of, or conversion to, emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, farmworker housing and single-room occupancy units as provided in SB2 and AB 2634.
 - The City desires to provide incentives for the production of affordable housing and address housing needs in the community, and ensure consistency between local regulations and California Government Code Section 65915 (State density bonus law).

The proposed Ordinance will establish regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (secondary residential units), regulations for reasonable accommodation requests for individuals with a disability, regulations for Emergency Shelters, regulations for the granting of Density Bonuses for residential projects, allow Supportive and Transitional Housing in certain zoning districts as well as allow for a variety of residential use types to be permitted in certain Residential, Commercial and Industrial zoning districts.

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An Initial Study has been performed for the proposed project. Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined that a Negative Declaration can be adopted.

/s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk
Publication Date: September 13, 2018

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0501

The following person is doing business as S.E.E.D., 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490; Rose Raiser Jeavons, 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on August 14, 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on August 14, 2018.

/s/ Rose Raiser Jeavons
Pub dates: 8/23, 8/30, 9/06 and 9/13/2018

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TSG No. 87348817
TS NO.100069451

APN: 100-226-02-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 24185 Azalea Street Block 28 Lot 10 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision, Willits, CA 94590

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED

May 5, 2001. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Monday the 1st day of October, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc. the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION.

And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows:

Block 28 Lot 10 of Tract 86, Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1 Mendocino County Records, as amended by Map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2Drawer 7, Page2;

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING all water and water rightsin, under or flowing over said property or appurtenant thereto;

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APN: 100-226-02-01

If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: **Minda M. Felix, a single woman**, as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of **The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation, Dated May 5, 2001 and recorded May 11, 2001 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book N/A of Official Records at page N/A. Document No. 2001-08412.**

The Total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: **\$37,383.95**. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times to the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800)824-9809 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for information.

The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd, Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583, (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted, is: The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525

Dated 8/31/2018

The Deerwood Corporation

Publication dates: 9/6, 9/13 and 9/20/2018

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Above, left: Members of Sherwood Firewise Keith Rutledge, Elizabeth Hart and Sharon Bauman volunteer their time at the Firewise and Fire Safe Expo. Above, right: Guy and Linda Grey and Meca Wawona look over the fire maps provided by Forestry Service.

Fire Safe

Mendocino County Firewise Expo held Saturday featured emergency resources and prevention tips

Do you know what to do when disaster strikes? If you live in Mendocino County it is not a matter of "if" but when. It is near impossible to find a citizen of this county who has not been affected in some way by a natural disaster, whether it is directly or as a result of something occurring to a friend, family member or neighbor.

Mathew Caine
Features Writer
mathew@willitsweekly.com

Part of the reality of living amongst all this Mendocino County beauty, is that most of it can be, given the right conditions, fuel for fire, or conduit for flooding, or any of several possible scenarios. Luckily, the county has dedicated agencies that are trained to handle dire circumstances to mitigate loss of life or property in these emergencies, and can offer fast, directed action or assistance. But it's also a good idea for residents to become as prepared for disasters as possible.

The Mendocino County Firewise and Fire Safe Expo – held on Saturday in conjunction with the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival – was designed to educate residents about the steps they can take to ameliorate personal dangers in the event of life-threatening situations. There were many informative brochures offering advice. First and foremost, residents need to mitigate the dangers around their homes and property.

Creating a defensible space by clearing brush is imperative. But thinking about the types of plants used in landscaping, where they are planted in relation to the house, and how close they are to power lines is important as well and should be considered when planting or eradicating plants on your property. The brochure, "How to Plant Weed Wise and Fire Safe," provided by the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is a good, concise guide to this aspect of disaster preparation.

There was also a set of brochures called "Ready?" about creating defensible space and hardening your home against wildfire, "Set?" about developing a wildfire action plan, and "Go!" which is a quick evacuation guide. These three brochures were provided by CalFire.

The Mendocino Fire Safe Council provided a brochure called "Are You Prepared? Living with wildfire in Mendocino County," which is a concise overall look at preparation and evacuation in an emergency, including the location and type of vegetation to maintain around the "defensible space" of the home, evacuation plans, and how to assemble a "Go

Bag" with goods you might need to take quickly in case of evacuation.

The Go Bag includes bottled water, cash, clothing, copies of documents, dust mask and gloves, emergency blanket, evacuation plan and maps, first aid kit, ready-to-eat food, personal hygiene products and more. This brochure also outlines step-by-step evacuation procedures, and what to do if you become trapped: while in your vehicle, while on foot, while in your home. The brochure additionally provides emergency numbers.

The California Fire Alliance provided information on how to "Take Responsibility ... Protect Your Home from Wildfires. Create Defensible Space." There were a myriad of educational materials available through the Mendocino Fire Safe Council and CERT (Community Emergency Responsibility Team), supported by North Coast Opportunities.

CERT helps to organize and educate neighborhoods to take responsibility for the frontline response to emergencies. Both organizations stress knowing your neighbors, knowing their special needs, knowing first aid, and generally watching out for one another prior to the availability of first responders.

As a part of the Firewise and Fire Safe Expo, there were workshops on communications, dealing with radio stations, short wave, scanners, ham radio, etc.

Megan McClure, executive director of the Mendocino Fire Safe Council, which started in 2004, emphasized that personal responsibility means getting prepared for wildfires. "You can't just call 911 because everyone is calling 911, so the responsibility comes to you and your neighbors. The wildfires are so dramatic, large and fast-moving that it needs to be the responsibility of individual residents to take care of themselves and each other."

Heather Whitehurst, a volunteer with CERT, has recently taken a course to be a trainer, so she can train others how to be CERT members. "We do disaster preparedness," she explained. "We encourage people to feel more comfortable in their own environment in case things happen – and they've been happening a lot lately. People need to know how to control bleeding, know what to do in case of

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Above, from left: Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey checks out the fire maps provided by the U.S. Forestry Service. CERT trainer Heather Whitehurst and CERT Program Coordinator Kayla Harrison are here to encourage residents to learn how to take care of themselves and their neighbors in the event of an emergency. Megan McClure, executive director of the Mendocino Firesafe Council, is ready to discuss emergency preparedness.

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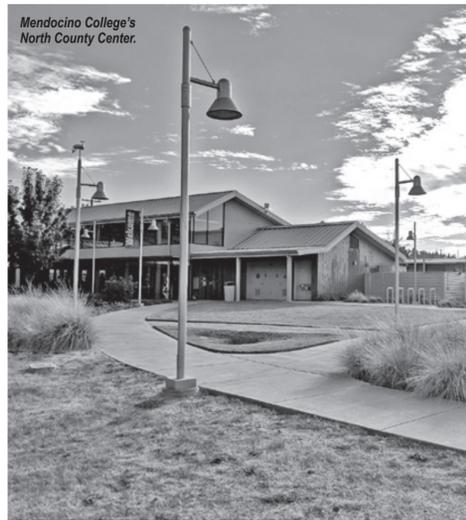
Mendocino Fire Safe Council: 707-462-3662, www.firesafemendocino.org, firesafe@pacific.net
CERT: 707-462-1959, www.mendocert.com
Brooktrails / Willits Team: Tim Hanna, 707-459-4116
California Fire Alliance: www.preventwildfireca.org/
California-Fire-Alliance/
CalFire: www.ReadyForWildfire.org

Websites to keep you informed during a disaster

Mendocino County: www.mendocinocounty.org
Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services: www.mendocinocounty.org/oes
Cal Fire Current Incidents Map: www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents
Caltrans Traffic Conditions: http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov
PG&E Electric Outage Map: https://m.pge.com/outages
Mendocino County Emergency Alert and Warning Notification System (info and how to sign up): www.mendocinocounty.org/mendoalert
Ready Gov (info on planning, responding and recovery from emergencies): www.ready.gov
MyHazards (discover hazards in your area and learn steps to reduce personal risk): www.myhazards.caos.ca.gov/
American Red Cross (how to get emergency kits, make a plan, get informed and trained): www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies

Social media

Mendocino County: www.facebook.com/mendocinosheriff/, www.facebook.com/mendocinocounty
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The rest of **Senerchia** | From Page 5

During this time, he made a vow to be of service.

When asked what he thought the community of Willits needs most, Senerchia thought about the question in silence for a while before answering. "I would like to see the community embrace diversity more. I think there is a lot to share and be learned. It would be good if people were open."

Senerchia added: "I want this community to be better at protecting children. Failure to protect young people as a whole, it's a problem." This last comment comes from personal experience, growing up with other children in the Willits community, and all of the interactions and stories he has heard through the peer counseling program.

In his time away from Willits, Senerchia has worked with several men's groups;

The rest of **Roots** | From Page 3

Those interested in finding out more about becoming members or taking classes can find more information on the Roots website, www.rootsformotivepower.com, or the "Roots of Motive Power" page on Facebook.

At the end of the day, the train robbers and the posse were invited to the festivities. The Black Bart Gunfighters have been around in this area, in various forms, since 1948, having once been known as "The Wild Bunch and Gunfighters of the Redwood Empire." They perform their act at different venues to raise money to support scholarships for high school seniors, mostly for those who are going into vocational colleges. Keep up with the Gunfighters' doings at the "Black Bart Gunfighters" page on Facebook.

Roots of Motive Power is one of Willits' treasures. Here's a toot of the steam train whistle to applaud their restoration and preservation efforts, which will hopefully fascinate new generations of young people with their powerful – and loud – pieces of local history.

all of which involve both teaching and "supporting each other to live lives of integrity." "I learned that men really love their children there," speaking of the groups, "I used to think that children were most loved by their mothers, but that isn't true. When men are allowed to be vulnerable, their love for their children is powerful."

In addition, Senerchia, as an ever-curious person, has looked for inspiration throughout several ideologies. He has lived at the San Francisco Zen Center, learned Somatic Studies at the Strozzi Institute in Petaluma, and has spent the last 30 years being mentored by elders of various Native American tribes. The elders' languages and ideologies teach to talk in descriptions, not absolutes – a very different take on communication compared to English. This leaves room for multiple truths.

The rest of **Barbecue** | From Page 1

throughout the fall 2018 semester, which also happens to be the fifth anniversary of the opening of the North County Center.

"We are proud of our center in Willits," said Debra Polak, vice president of Academic Affairs. "We are able to offer classes and student services for students living in Willits and the greater northern Mendocino County. We have classes serving students with a variety of interests and goals.

"Students attend the North County Center to work on their general education requirements, such as English, math, history, and psychology; to pursue a career interest such as Child Development, Human Services or Fire Science; to learn English as a second language; and to pursue personal interests such as music (voice class)," Polak continued.

"We also provide student services such as counseling, tutoring and financial aid services," she said. "The center serves students taking classes in Willits but also many that live in our area and travel to Ukiah or take classes online. Our beautiful facility is a great place for students to get the support they need."

In addition to the ESL class, other late-start classes that will begin soon include the Beginning Computer Skills (CSC 520), which begins September 24, and meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:35 pm. This class is great for folks who want to get back into the workforce or start gearing up to take more advanced classes to prepare for the college's Business Information Worker certificate.

There's also a few firefighting-oriented classes this semester: Wildland Firefighting (FSC 68), which begins on October 12, will be held at the Weott Cal Fire Station and will prepare students for entry-level jobs with Cal Fire; Fire Science Company Officer 2B (FSC 70) meets October 13 through October 27 on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am to 12:50 pm at the Little Lake Fire Department's substation on Baechtel Road; and Fire Science Company Office 2C (FSC 71) meets November 3 through November 17 on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the Little Lake Fire Department's substation on Baechtel Road.

For more information about classes, applying and schedules, contact the North County Center at 459-6224.

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earthquake or fire. In a situation where you have to get out fast, you don't really think clearly, so if you have everything in order and know where to reference things, it becomes easier to deal with that situation."

All these bits of literature and all these organizations basically stress education and preparedness as well as mitigating dangers. There is much to know, many nuances in the endeavor of keeping you, your family, and your neighbors safe and alive in dangerous circumstances. An inch or two of preparation or defense can make the difference between a situation that is inconvenient and sad, and one that creates tragedy. Take the time to prepare. Read some of the literature. Attend classes. Knowledge is safety.

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At left: A mighty handshake for the camera between candidates for Third District supervisor John Pinches, left, and John Haschak. Above: Lisa Austin, forum organizer from Queen of Cups, an organization of women in cannabis arts and music. Above, right: Candidate for Third District supervisor John Haschak at the mic. Below: Candidate for Third District supervisor John Pinches, left, at the mic on stage at the Laytonville cannabis forum Tuesday night.



Photos by Mathew Caine

on contentious.

Future forums in the supervisors race include a series of three in Laytonville, Willits and Covelo, presented by a dozen various community groups, including the American Association of University Women.

There will be a Laytonville forum on Sunday, September 23 from 2 to 4 pm at Harwood Hall, a Willits forum on Thursday, October 4, from 6:30 to 9 pm at Willits City Hall (free childcare), and a Covelo forum on Sunday, October 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Round Valley Library Community Room.

For more information on these forums, call Judi at 459-4444 or Ellen at 459-2643

— Mathew Caine

General election campaign for supervisor kicks off with Laytonville debate

The Big Chief restaurant in Laytonville hosted the first of the general election forums Tuesday evening between candidates for Third District supervisor John Pinches and John Haschak. This was a debate about cannabis which was supposed to start at 4:20. It didn't quite start on time.

Questions posed by moderator, Mare Murphy, were generated from the audience and concerned many aspects of cannabis culture, economics and regulations.

Pinches was notable for citing his past experience as supervisor and for his dislike of "unnecessary" government interference in the lives of Mendocino County residents and their businesses. Haschak showed his interest in preserving the ethos and personality of the county through reasonable regulations, as well as protecting the small mom and pop growers. The debate was mostly amiable although, at times, did border

Twelve local groups bring you
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...Round Two! (Each event will start with refreshments!)

<p>Laytonville Third District Supervisor Candidate's Forum Sunday, September 23rd 2-4 PM Harwood Hall, Laytonville Mendocino County Observer Willits Environmental Center Laytonville County Water District KPFN radio station 105.1 FM Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association Mendocino Wildlife Association Mendocino County Growers Association Laytonville Healthy Start</p>	<p>Willits Third District Supervisor & Willits City Council Candidate's Forum Thursday, October 4th 6:30 - 9 PM Free childcare! Willits City Hall American Association of University Women Willits Environmental Center Mendocino Women's Political Coalition Willits Economic Localization</p>	<p>Covelo Third District Supervisor Candidate's Forum Saturday, October 6th 6:30 - 8:30 PM Round Valley Library Community Room KYBU Round Valley Community Radio Willits Environmental Center</p>
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application materials, scan and accept documents, and make appointments – without having to drive all the way to Ukiah.

In other good news, the county Department of Agriculture has now received more than 1,000 applications to cultivate cannabis. According to the report presented to the supervisors by Commissioner of Agriculture Harinder Grewal, the department had received 1,002 applications by August 27. This milestone of sorts was not acknowledged by supervisors.

Grewal also presented an easy-to-read chart, which breaks down the number of cannabis permit applications received for each type of zoning district, and for each permit type. That means, for example, one can easily see the department has received 59 applications for the large, mixed-light permit type on agricultural zoning districts, 22 permit applications for large outdoor permit types on ag land, and so forth.

With this newly formatted information, one can tell at a glance that the largest number of applications has been submitted for properties in Rangeland zoning districts. The chart does not, however, show total numbers in either its horizontal rows or vertical columns. As a result, one must break out the calculator to determine (going across) how many applications have been received for Ag land, Rangeland and the nine other zoning districts and (going down) how many applications for the 10 permit types have been submitted.

One of the pieces of news of a more uncertain character is that supervisors determined they will need to hold two more public meetings on proposed overlay zones for Laytonville and the Mitchell Creek area near Fort Bragg.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey described the turnout at the July 27 Laytonville meeting as very poor, with only half-a-dozen or so people attending. Croskey blamed late advance publicity put out by the consultant and the county.

Advance publicity for the July 26 Mitchell Creek meeting was reportedly even worse. Only a handful of growers knew about the meeting and, according to several people who spoke at the board's September 11 meeting, those Mitchell Creek residents not part of the cannabis community did not know about the meeting or learned about it the same day as the meeting.

Croskey directed county staff to attend the next meeting of the Laytonville Municipal Advisory Council and make a presentation about the overlay zone proposed for Laytonville.

As the Mitchell Creek neighborhood does not have a municipal advisory council, Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde directed county staff to set up a meeting in or adjacent to that community.

Both Gjerde and Croskey said they did not want the consultant, Michael Baker International, to attend those two meetings.

The big push is to hold the meetings before the Mendocino County Planning Commission takes up the issue of the five proposed overlay zones. According to Senior Administrative Analyst Sarah Dukett, that issue is scheduled to go to the planning commission on October 18.

As mentioned in earlier editions of Willits Weekly, the county wants to complete planning commission hearings on the overlay zones and forward recommendations to supervisors before the end of the year.

Beginning in January, the board will have two new members, who may not be as well-informed on the aims and purposes of the overlay zones, as Croskey and Supervisor Dan Hamburg, who both are leaving the board at the end of 2018.

The bad news is that, according to Grewal's report, during the month between the July 30 report and the last date of current information in the September 11 report, which was August 27, the cannabis unit had issued or approved only two permits.

By July 30, it had issued or approved 227 permits; by August 27, it had issued or approved 229 permits.

During the 52 days between July 6 and August 27, the cannabis unit issued or approved 10 permits. During that same period, it had received 50 applications.

A total of 23 permit applications had been added to the "under review" category, which, on July 6 contained 490 applications and as of August 27 contained 513 applications. The "in queue" category – those permit applications waiting for processing to begin – now contains 192 applications, up from 180 on July 6.

Grewal said his staff is still working on a set of policies and procedures for the cannabis unit and the various county departments that work with the unit on processing and administering the county's cannabis program.

Grewal has repeatedly said he believes the permit issuing process will move more swiftly when those policies and procedures are in place. He told supervisors the policies and procedures should be finished and ready to present to supervisors "in a month or so."

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down 22 percent; livestock and poultry products were down 7 percent; and livestock production was down 15 percent.

Timber production, in terms of board feet produced, was down 12.4 percent, at 106.7 million board feet in 2016, as opposed to 121.7 million board feet in 2015. In terms of gross dollar value at the mill, 2016 represented an 8.4 percent decline, dropping from \$83.7 million in 2015 to \$76.7 million in 2016.

The Bartlett pear crop had a rough year, too. Acreage shrank by only 11 acres, but total tonnage declined by 4,077 tons. Total gross sales were \$11,666,700 in 2016, down from \$13,797,100 in 2015.

Wine grapes experienced a remarkable year in 2016. Total acreage shrank by 487 acres, but it was a bumper crop year, with tons per acre swelling from 3.4 in 2015 to 4.8 in 2016. Price per ton increased slightly, but total tonnage increased by 35.6 percent, moving from 57,488 tons in 2015 to 77,984 in 2016. As a result, total gross income from wine grapes rose from \$88.2 million in 2015 to \$120.2 million in 2016.

Apple production saw mixed results. Production per acre

declined very slightly between 2015 and 2016; total tonnage of the crop declined by only 82 tons. Yet because of a 31 percent increase in the price of apples, total gross sales of apples increased from \$461,100 in 2015 to \$515,400 in 2016.

Grewal attributed the increase to the appetite for apples fueled by the hard cider market. According to the report, the price for fresh apples was \$2,060 per ton while the price for apples for juice was \$434 per ton.

The 2016 Crop Report is approximately a year late. Usually, crop reports from the Department of Ag are released in June, or sometimes later than June, in the year following the year in under review. For example, the 2015 Mendocino County Crop Report was published in August 2015.

Grewal, who was hired as county ag commissioner in March 2018, did not state why the crop report was a year late; nor did supervisors inquire.

However, Second District Supervisor John McCowen noted several things that were supposed to be done by the ag department in 2016 and 2017 did not get done.



Above: The newly refurbished press box at Willits High School's Maize Field.

Above, right: An "in progress" shot of the work on the press box at Maize Field.

Courtesy of the Willits Unified School District

At right: FFA officers Claire Case Brackett and Ryan Reed tell school board members about their club's successes at the Redwood Empire Fair.

Photo by Joanne Moore



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require later start times at secondary schools is a bad idea.

The board met new high school band and music teacher Meghan Doorty, middle school special education teacher Leah Burns, high school history and PE teacher Chris Carr, sixth-grade math and science teacher Kristin Fraser, high school math teacher Gregory Reese, and middle school science and biology teacher Shane Rasmussen.

Retiring Brookside cafeteria manager Jeanne Cook received high praise for her work since 1994.

And bus driver Jenna Duarte drew excellent marks from both Superintendent of Schools Mark Westerburg and Dan Green, president of the local California School Employees Association chapter, for "taking on responsibility she wasn't required to do" and using part of her summer to become a certified trainer.

"We can do in-house training now, and can train other districts," said an obviously pleased Westerburg.

Future Farmers of America president, sophomore Claire Case Brackett, and FFA secretary Ryan Reed, a junior, described a slew of awards the group's lambs, goats, steers, and hogs brought home from August's Redwood Empire Fair in Ukiah.

A couple of infrastructure upgrades of no small consequence also were brought to the board's attention.

Green received high marks from Westerburg for "turning a mess" of a high school sports field press box into something looking "really, really good."

And he reported Blosser Lane Elementary School's inside drinking fountains are finally a thing of the past. Students now have four chilled filtration stations where they can drink cool, clean water or fill up their bottles.

And watch out if your child is missing too much school. Westerburg reminded trustees that regular attendance is a "primary indicator – a huge part of success." He told them a printout is being reviewed of last year's chronic absentees, and the new student resource officer – part of whose job is to make home visits when students are excessively absent from school

– "has been showing up at school when not working for the city."

The board unanimously approved the revised LCAP, which had been submitted to the county office of education for review. It contained "no significant change," according to Westerburg. The LCAP addresses priorities in the development of the district's budget, and Westerburg indicated next year's process in developing the document will include input from a broader range of interested parties.

Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak, who has repeatedly expressed a wish for more input from teachers, expressed appreciation that Westerburg "was having stakeholders' input in the 2019/20 plan."

The meeting closed with Haschak using public comment time to bring up pending state legislation that could prohibit middle and high schools from beginning the school day before 8:30 a.m. The bill (Senate Bill 328) is on the governor's desk, and Brown has until September 30 to sign it.

"I think it's ridiculous," Haschak said. "It doesn't work for every district and slaps local control in the face."

Westerburg agreed, saying "it's a local issue and shouldn't be imposed," adding that both the California Teachers Association and California School Employees Association opposed the law.

Trustee Chris Neary wondered "what the premise of the law was?"

Board President Alex Bowlds said some studies support the change. Sleep studies done with students have shown that later start times – meaning more sleep – can help students improve their grades. Because it was not an agenda item, however, "an email or letter to the governor" opposing the measure was not an option.

By its terms, the bill doesn't apply to "rural districts," although it doesn't define what constitutes a "rural district."

"I am not sure if Willits would be excluded," said Haschak. "As a matter of principle, this is bad public policy, and we certainly should be concerned that it might apply to our schools."

Laytonville man treads water in storage tank to avoid deputies

A 30-year-old Laytonville man was arrested August 8 after he allegedly attempted to smother and strangle his girlfriend, then spent several hours trying to avoid deputies by hiding in a 15-foot-tall water tank in 44900 block of North Highway 101.

The saga began the night before when the 54-year-old woman told deputies she had been assaulted "numerous times" by 30-year-old Craig Phipps, said sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

"Deputies noticed the adult female had numerous injuries on her face, neck and chest as a result of the incident," Cromer said, in a press release issued September 6 by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Later that day, deputies driving in downtown Laytonville saw a man matching Phipps' description and asked him for his name. The man "immediately fled the area on foot," Cromer said, running east across Highway 101, then onto Harmon Drive, through a creekbed, and into a wooded area.

Deputies established a perimeter

around the area of Harmon Drive and Laytonville Dos Rios Road, and additional deputies and California Highway Patrol officers arrived to join the search.

After about three hours, the search was discontinued because of low light conditions, he said, but one of the deputies "decided to remain in the Laytonville Dos Rios Road area in case Phipps emerged from nearby woods.

Four hours later, Cromer said, CHP officers and the deputy heard a man yelling from the area where Phipps was last seen. Around midnight, deputies and state traffic officers began searching the woods where the man was heard yelling. About 30 minutes later, they located Phipps, who was treading water inside a large water tank.

Phipps told officers he had been treading water for several hours, was exhausted, and unable to swim any longer.

Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department personnel were summoned to help rescue Phipps from the water tank. "A deputy began releasing water from the ... tank, which allowed Phipps to stand while awaiting firefighters' arrival.



Craig Phipps of Laytonville.

Firefighters were able to cut a hole in the water tank and safely remove Phipps, who was arrested on suspicion of felony violence battery, and resisting, delaying or obstructing a peace officer.

Phipps was examined by medical personnel at the scene, Cromer said, then taken to Adventist Health Howard Memorial for medical treatment.

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

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