

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again, and Willits Area Cyclists will be hosting the 2nd annual Taco Rampage! On Friday, November 3, come enjoy mountain biking insanity, food, drinks, and friends at the Brooktrails Community Center, from 6 to 9 pm. What more could you want?? This party is also a fundraiser for WAC, the local bike trail group. So, that money you throw down for food, drinks and raffle prizes directly improves our local trails.

We will be showing this year's Red Bull Rampage on the big screen. If you like watching guys on bikes do backflips off of drops that you wouldn't even stand next to, this is right up your alley.

Admission is free!

\$10 will get you a plate of world-famous fresh fish tacos, with rice & beans.

\$20 will get you a limited edition WAC double-wall stainless steel pint glass, and a few drink tickets to fill it up.

Drinks will be sold by \$4 suggested donation – last year we served up donated Eel River Romi's Blonde Ale, Lagunitas IPA, and Russian River Pliny and Defenestration, as well as wine & soda.

There will be a raffle! Goods donated by local businesses and good Samaritans will be given away in a ticket raffle. You'll get a raffle ticket just for showing up, and you can buy as many additional tickets as you'd like. There will be some great prizes. It may get competitive.

We will also have some activities going for the kiddos this year. It's still up in the air, but worry not, the little ones will be entertained.

99.9 percent of the food, drinks, labor, raffle prizes, and everything else going into this event has been donated. 100 percent of the proceeds will go directly to WAC, and in turn directly into improving local mountain bike riding. Visit the WAC page on Facebook, www.facebook.com/wactrails, to keep up with WAC activities.

Hope to see you there!

Adam Sherf, director, Willits Area Cyclists

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

Thanks to all for Willits's First International Peace Day Celebration!

On September 21, 2017, peace lovers of all ages from many segments of our community came together to celebrate International Day of Peace at Willits High School, filling the auditorium. This event grew out of a spirited collaboration among more than 20 people, culminating in a program of peace-themed music, dance, poetry, blessings and prayers, with a cast and crew of almost 100 people.

Willits Mayor and Rotarian Gerry Gonzalez presented an 8 foot peace pole to the Willits High School PeaceWorks! Club and its faculty advisors, Carolyn Bakewell and Marisela de Santa Anna – a gift from Willits Rotary Club and Rotarian Mike Smith. Like thousands of other peace poles around the world (and three others already in Willits!), our new WHS peace pole states "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages. Ours includes English, Spanish, Central Pomo, and five other languages.

May this first Peace Day celebration be the beginning of greater connectedness among all Willits folk. To that end – calling peace-minded people of all ages, faiths, cultures, skin colors, nationalities, backgrounds, sexual orientations, and gender identities – we want you! Please join us in planning next year's Peace Day celebration as well as other possible multicultural events in the coming year.

Many thanks and blessings to our sponsors, partners and supporters this year: Adam's Restaurant, Emandal Chorale, Flowers by Annette, KLLG Radio, La Siciliana, Loose Caboose, Mariposa Market, NuestrA Alianza de Willits, Rotary Club of Willits, Safeway, Willits Community TV, and Willits Interfaith Council.

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For more information or to join our ongoing celebration of peace, diversity and togetherness in Willits, please call or e-mail me: 459-2456, roovin13@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Randi Covin, Brooktrails

Thank you

To the Editor:

The Grange says: Thank you, Willits for a great evening!

Our T Sisters concert Friday, September 29 was a great success. The music was fabulous and lyrical, and enjoyed by many recognizable locals, who joyfully danced and imbibed together.

Along with our flank of big-hearted

volunteers, we want to thank the beauty, grace and harmonies of the T Sisters, the energy of Pick & Pull, and especially to give applause for the generosity of Pete Swanton and Nite Bite Cafe, Frey Wines, and the professional talent of Hal Wagenet - Modern Music Sound Service, who went over the top with special effect lighting as well as enhancing the acoustics of the Grange Hall. Thank you all.

These community-minded folks enabled us to enjoy a celebratory evening at Little Lake Grange with some of the best music to be had this year.

Thank you also to the local media for supporting our community events with your community calendar.

Annie Waters and Richard Jergenson, event producers and Little Lake Grangers, Willits

Measure B and the pharmaceutical industry

To the Editor:

The November ballot will have a measure to decide whether or not to build a \$30 million (estimated cost) mental health facility or facilities to be paid for with increased sales taxes.

Now that psychiatry has become an arm of the pharmaceutical industry (as Dr. Peter Breggin so convincingly argues in his book, "Medication Madness"), it is appropriate to consider that public safety is being harmed by the drugs so easily distributed by doctors who are being deceived by the pharmaceutical industry. In some people these very common antidepressants, antipsychotics, mood elevators and tranquilizers cause suicide, violent behavior and murder. We may rationally consider each mass murder event in terms of psychiatric drug use, also, each suicide.

The same drugs may help some people; for many there are better ways to help. The psychiatric drug companies can not possibly pay to correct all the harm they do to individuals, families and communities. This proposed facility risks being an outpost of the pharmaceutical industry. Maybe they should pay for it.

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Patricia Freeman, Willits



Photos by Mathew Caine



Far left: The mighty diesel-electric GP-9 locomotive pulls the Skunk Train along the tracks.

At left: Riders enjoy picking their own pumpkin at the Clare Mill ghost town and pumpkin "farm."

Below, left: Mark and Rylan Riccabona and Monique Lekse-Riccabona came from Walnut Creek to ride the Pumpkin Express.

Below, right: Avery Williams knows her pumpkin when she sees it.

Pumpkin Express

Skunk Train makes Halloween excursions to Clare Mill 'ghost town'

"This is adorable. I love it. This is amazing. What a great experience for all the families!" exclaimed Monique Lekse-Riccabona, who rode the train along with her husband, Mark, and son, Rylan. They were up here from Walnut Creek to celebrate Mark's birthday.

The riders came from Brooktrails, Palm Springs and places farther away to ride the Pumpkin Express, the Skunk Train's annual family-oriented Halloween 2.5-hour excursion to a Malakai Schindel-designed ghost town at Clare Mill, a stop along the train's route.

One by one the riders filed onto the passenger car with kids, dogs and anticipation. They could choose to ride in the comfort of the two sitting cars at the back of the train, one with a concession stand where they could purchase drinks and snacks. However, as the train continued to wind its way through the hills to the summit (1,740 feet) and down the back side past old ruins of mining towns, most of the passengers found themselves drawn to the open-air car directly behind the 1955 diesel-electric GP-9 engine.

As the families entered the train, after having their tickets punched by Conductor Adam Roberts, resplendent in bright red vest and official conductor's hat, they were treated to cupcakes (for the kids), Kemmy's pumpkin pie, and hot mulled cider. The train whistle blew loudly, letting everyone know they were starting off, and the train jerked forward with a jolt to get it going toward its destination, the gentle town of hiding ghosts, goblins and pumpkins at Clare Mill.

Leaving town and beginning to rise into the mountains past local landmarks, the train reached the first stop at the KOA Campground station, where additional passengers (and two small dogs) were taken aboard.

Heading west from Willits, the powerful engine pulled the three-passenger cars past resplendent fall foliage, old trestles, and remnants of towns long past. The kids enjoyed the myriad of curves that buffeted the cars from side to side, making it difficult to stand still at times. On the long curves, they could see the engine ahead of them. The wind in the forward open-air car was cool and fresh, providing an immediate and real feel to the ride.

Along the way, the families were treated to Willits' one-of-a-kind train singer, Greg Schindel, who delighted the kids (and the adults as well) with songs of railroads and old times, all very sing-able and fun. When Schindel wasn't singing, he was regaling

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Above, left: Greg Schindel, the Train Singer, delights riders with Halloween-themed songs. Above, right: The GP-9 locomotive pulls the cars along one of the many curves on the route.

Below, from far left: Dad carries the "findings" home for the kids to carve into jack-o-lanterns for Halloween. A young rider spots his pumpkin before even setting foot on the ground. Skylar Cessna delights in chasing bubbles let loose by Train Singer Greg Schindel as the Pumpkin Train rolls along the tracks. Angel gets a kiss from a skunk puppet held by Train Singer Greg Schindel.

County library adds Axis 360 audiobooks

The Mendocino County Library announces the addition of the Axis 360 library of digital audiobooks to the collection of digital materials available to library cardholders. Axis 360, provided by Baker & Taylor, is a digital media platform that enables patrons to easily access the collection through the easy-to-use Axis 360 app or through your favorite browser.

In celebration of adding this new resource, Baker & Taylor has donated a Kindle Fire that will be awarded in a free drawing to a patron who will be attending the Mendocino County Library New Book Festival at the Fort Bragg Library on Sunday, October 15.

The addition of this new digital library expands the library's digital collection. The Mendocino, Sonoma and Lake County libraries subscribe to the Axis 360 platform jointly and will continue to provide Overdrive digital books as well. Overdrive has a new easy-to-use app called Libby. You can download the new Libby app and the Axis 360 app through the library digital book provider websites or by searching in the play store appropriate for your device.

These library resources make it easy for cardholders to check out and download library digital books which may be read and listened to through multiple popular devices

including Apple devices and Android smartphones and tablets. The Axis 360 audiobooks can also be streamed on your PC through a browser, and many phone and tablet owners can play digital audiobooks through their car speakers and other speakers using Bluetooth technology.

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– Submitted by the Mendocino County Library

NAMI Mendocino endorses Measure B

Every one of us is touched by mental illness in some form or another regardless of whether we realize it or not. The Mendocino chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness feels that Measure B – on the ballot for the November 7 election in Mendocino County – is such an important issue that we as a community must take the lead now as it has become painfully obvious that if we do not (state and federal mental health funding is dwindling) we will find ourselves in a catastrophic financial situation of monies being wasted by not having the needed facilities at hand.

Too many of our emergency room beds are occupied, sometimes for days, by men and women with a mental illness or suffering from addiction. Early treatment of mental illness and drug addiction breaks the cycle of the revolving door in and out of hospitals, in and out of jail, and reduces costs to taxpayers. The earlier one receives

the proper care, as with any disease, the better the prognosis.

Measure B tax dollars will stay in Mendocino County. Tough legal restrictions ensure they cannot be diverted by state or federal officials. An independent taxpayer oversight committee will review annual audits to ensure that all Measure B funds are spent appropriately.

Voting yes on Measure B will improve the quality of life for everyone in Mendocino County by making mental health services available to traumatized veterans, the homeless, and our residents who need them. Thereby allowing us, their loved ones, friends and community, to also function better and be more productive in our respective occupations, families and community.

– Submitted by Donna Moschetti, chair, NAMI Mendocino County Board of Directors

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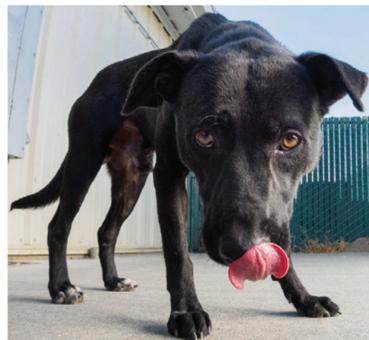
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Active Bing

Mr. Bing loves to play fetch with a tennis ball or romp in the play yard. Bing is a 1-year-old male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 57 pounds. He was well-behaved when he met our female tester dog and might enjoy a canine pal. We think that Bing's personality will make him a good fit for kids of all ages. He would be a wonderful addition to an active family.



The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Please join us the second Saturday of every month, coming up on October 14, for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!

Gentle Matty

Do you have room in your home and heart for a senior dog that lost her home when her owner passed away? Matty is a 13-year-old dachshund that came in with two other older dogs, and they all needed a quiet, loving place to call home. Matty has some hearing difficulties and also a suspected cataract, but she gets around well and likes walks and attention. She's sweet and gentle and needs an adoption or foster situation as soon as possible so she can get into a warm, quiet place as the weather cools. Come meet her soon – she's waiting for someone to love.



For more information on Matty or other adoptable animals, call Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

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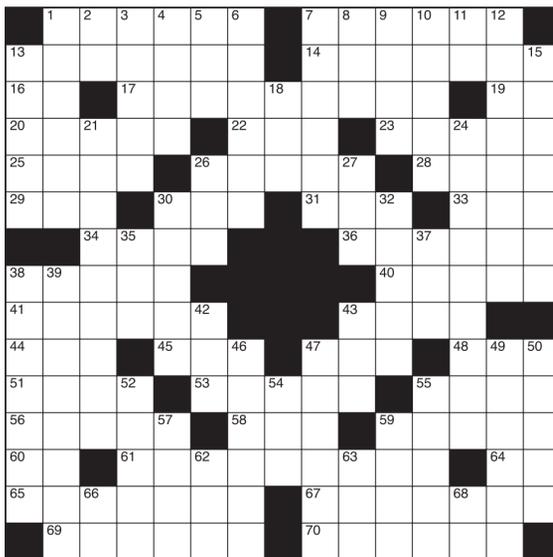
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in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

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CLUES ACROSS

- Spanish city
- Middle ear bone
- Satisfy to the fullest
- Able to be consumed
- US island territory (abbr.)
- Predatory reptile
- Beachwear manufacturer
- European space program
- Alias
- Metrical feet
- Large integers
- Matrilineality
- Snouts
- Giants' signal caller Manning
- Pacific Time
- Electronic countermeasures
- 'Anna Karenina' author
- Snare
- Sleeveless garment
- More arctic
- Clean off
- Signs
- Common Japanese surname
- Allow
- A way to mark
- Ballplayers need one
- ___ and cheese

CLUES DOWN

- Whiskey receptacle
- Western State
- Cereal grasses
- Snare
- Relating to the ears
- Mathematical ratio
- Dignified
- Pacific sea bream
- One of Thor's names
- Song of praise
- Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)
- Drools
- Cluster
- One in a series
- Egyptian unit of weight
- Broached
- Skin cancers
- Second sight
- Shock treatment
- Whittled
- Murdered in his bathtub
- A way to soak
- Small piece
- Relating to Islam
- Climbing plant
- Drunard
- Test for high schoolers
- Least exciting
- Amanda and James are two
- Something comparable to another
- Soothes
- Month in the Islamic calendar
- White gull having a black back and wings
- Japanese seaport
- The south of France
- Batman villain
- British air aces
- Body part
- Clearinghouse
- Manganese

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

September 25 to October 1

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 185 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 25

12:31 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Mendocino Avenue.
 11:34 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
 11:35 am: WESTBROOK, Christopher (32) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (E) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Drugs) and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

1:07 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of South Main Street and California Street.

2:19 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:16 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

6:55 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

8:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

11:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

September 26

5:48 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Primrose Drive and Goose Road.

7:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

8:36 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

8:51 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of West Oak Avenue.

10:58 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road.

8:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Main Street and Highway 20.

September 27

1:39 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

4:34 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

4:45 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection

of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street.
 5:07 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:19 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.

11:50 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

6:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

10:36 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

September 28

3:03 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of Coast Street.

9:40 am: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

12:19 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

1:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

2:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Main Street.

4:13 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

7:55 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:08 pm: WALKER, William Scott (50) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on charges of misdemeanor failure to appear.

September 29

4:35 am: CORDOVA, Ricky Joseph (27) of Talmage was contacted in the 100 block of Kawi place. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

7:18 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

7:20 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:40 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

7:55 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

12:12 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

1:43 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

5:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

September 21 to October 3

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

09-21-2017 (Highway 101, mile marker 58)

Responded to reported single-vehicle rollover. Little Lake Fire was cancelled during response. 10 firefighters responded for service.

09-22-17 (Creekside)

Responded to medical call. Little Lake Fire assisted the current medic unit at scene load the patient. Fire also provided one firefighter to assist the medic unit during transport to Howard Memorial Hospital. 7 firefighters responded for service.

09-22-17 (Highway 20 by Irmulco Road)

Responded to a reported debris fire.

Little Lake Fire arrived on scene and extinguished the fire. 12 firefighters responded for service.

09-28-2017 (Ridgewood Road)

Responded to reported traffic collision. Little Lake Fire was cancelled during response. 10 firefighters responded for service.

10-03-17 (West Commercial Street)

Responded to a reported commercial structure fire. Little Lake Fire was canceled during response – incident was not as reported. 10 firefighters responded for service.



Community Foundation

Holly Madrigal continues her civic career as program officer with countywide nonprofit

Holly Madrigal is a high-energy, "can do" woman who grew up in Willits and graduated from Willits High School. She left the community to go to the University of California Santa Cruz, and graduated with a degree in business management and economics.

Ree Slocum

Features Writer
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In 2000, soon after graduation, she and her husband, Gabe, returned to Willits. They decided to buy a house in town and settle in. Madrigal then began her professional, civic and volunteer careers in Willits. She managed the wholesale end of Sparetime Supply, and served three terms on the Willits City Council, serving as mayor for three years. She is serving as president of the Willits Rotary Club this year.

Madrigal also ran twice for Mendocino County Third District supervisor – campaigning being a more-than-part-time job in itself. Because Madrigal understood Mendocino County's allure for creative thinkers and people caring about a clean environment and delicious food – and everything about food – she started publishing Mendocino County's food and community magazine, Word of Mouth, in the summer of 2016.

At the time she was also working part-time as manager for the Willits Center for the Arts, bringing new and creative energy to the well-established non-profit. Madrigal has a firm belief in community and has a drive toward helping communities flourish in all ways. When she was mayor of Willits, Madrigal set up a table at the farmers' market to hold "office hours" to be accessible to her constituents. Also, for the past five years, Madrigal has been volunteering with the Community Foundation of Mendocino County as a regional advisor, administering grants in Willits with five to eight other advisors from Willits.

Early this year Madrigal became aware that the Community Foundation was opening a position for a program officer in charge of grants and scholarships. She immediately applied. "They [the Community Foundation] are one of the single biggest organizations in Mendocino County as far as impacting the county and its well-being. The Community Foundation is a good fit for me," she said.

Madrigal's enthusiasm for helping the county, her background running for supervisor, and meeting people from all walks of life throughout the county, and her longtime volunteering and making connections in various communities has helped her gain a wealth of rich experience and knowledge about Mendocino County.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County was established in 1999. According to the foundation website, it is "a county-wide nonprofit organization that administers permanent charitable funds established through gifts and bequests from individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations. Our mission is to offer people effective ways to engage in advancing the well-being of our communities. We accomplish our mission by serving donors, making grants, and acting as a community catalyst for positive change. We bring together people and organizations that want to make a difference in our corner of the world."

If a person wants to be a donor, the Community Foundation helps them identify and select the most personally gratifying ways to make charitable contributions in Mendocino County, helping them sort through the hundreds of nonprofit, scientific and educational organizations to which they could potentially give.

For Mendocino County nonprofit organizations, the foundation has many ways to apply for grants. The foundation's main goal is to make sure the money given to a nonprofit organization will be used on a project that "will give and keep on giving." For example, the Willits Center for the Arts applied and was awarded a community enrichment grant for a ceramics studio. The WCA asked for money to have a 220-volt outlet installed for the donated kiln, for money

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Above, left: Holly Madrigal, at right, with her Community Foundation co-workers, from left: Neil DiBernardo, administrative coordinator; Michelle Rich, senior program officer; and Megan Barber Allende, president and CEO. Above, center: Anderson Valley Fire Chief Andres Avila talks with a volunteer and Holly Madrigal during a Community Foundation photo session. Photos courtesy of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County

Above, right: Holly Madrigal outside the Community Foundation's home in the refurbished Christian Science Church building at 204 South Oak Street in Ukiah. At left: Program Officer Holly Madrigal at her desk in the Community Foundation of Mendocino County offices in Ukiah. Photos by Ree Slocum

Community Foundation Enrichment Grant workshops

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is pleased to announce that the 2018 Community Enrichment Grant guidelines and online application are now available. Organizations in Mendocino County are invited to apply by December 8, 2017. Up to \$130,000 in total funding is available this year. Individual grant awards range from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Guidelines and a link to the online application can be found at www.communityfund.org.

Applicants are *strongly* encouraged to attend one of the Community Enrichment Grant Information Workshops. The workshops will offer an interactive opportunity to learn about the online grant platform and answer questions. Participants are encouraged to bring laptops; brown-bag lunches ARE welcome.

Willits: October 6, 12 to 1 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Ukiah: October 9, 12 to 1 pm, Community Foundation of Mendocino County Community Room, 204 South Oak Street.

Fort Bragg: October 13, 12 to 1 pm, Fort Bragg Library, 299 East Laurel Street.

South Coast: October 20, 12 to 1 pm, Point Arena City Hall, 451 School Street, Point Arena.

Each workshop will be followed by an optional technical assistance workshop from 1 to 2 pm. This optional workshop, "Protecting Your Organization" – Internet Security Basics, is presented by Tom Jacobsen. It will feature simple steps and tools to better protect organizations, including sharing examples of ransomware, hacking, and other cyber security problems that have affected local and neighboring non-profits. Jacobsen will provide an overview and specific tasks such as:

- Frequent back-ups to the cloud and hardware devices.
- Information on free software tools to assist password protection, such as LastPass.
- Setting up a VPN to protect against WiFi threats in public spaces.

Both workshops are offered at no cost to participants. RSVP appreciated, but not required. Contact Holly Madrigal, program officer at holly@communityfund.org with any further questions.

The Community Enrichment Grant program is made possible through the Community Foundation's "Community Endowment Fund." The fund has

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9:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of California Street.

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12:12 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:23 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

9:39 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

October 1

1:41 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Raymond Lane and Coast Street.

11:13 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

11:17 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

4:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area in the 100 block of Sherwood Hill Drive.

6:17 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

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Trudy Pearl Tuck

Trudy Pearl Tuck died on September 9, 2017, following a long illness. She was 62.

One of six children of Mildred and James Tuck, she was the descendant of a pioneer Willits family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, by a brother, Alvin Hill, and by nephew Ed Bennett.

She leaves sisters Darleen Ward of Willits; Kathy McKee and Wanda Bennett, both of Ukiah; and a brother, Danny Tuck of Ukiah.

No services are planned.

The family would like to thank Phoenix Certified Hospice for providing support and care during her illness.

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been built by contributions that vary from a check for \$25 to an estate gift valued at several hundred-thousand dollars. Donors who give to the Community Endowment Fund know their gifts will be used for long-term benefit, here in Mendocino County.

For more information about applying to the Community Enrichment Grant program or about how you can make a gift to the Community Endowment Fund, visit www.communityfound.org.

— submitted by **Holly Madrigal**, program officer, **Community Foundation of Mendocino County**

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the people with bubbles blown in the wind of the forward open car or tales of the train and its history, keeping everybody's smiles beaming and encouraging singalongs.

After passing the ancient, 1,200-year-old Wolf Tree, a giant-trunked and gnarly redwood, the train arrived at its destination, the eerie but bright and colorful ghost town of Clare Mill, full of scarecrows, hay bales, abandoned building and pumpkins. The passengers were encouraged to come down from the train and enter the pumpkin wonderland, where they could each pick out a pumpkin to take home and carve for the upcoming Halloween holiday.

According to Schindel, the ghouls, goblins and ghosts had all retreated into the woods and were waiting for the children to leave before reclaiming their town. Some of the kids could sense their presence – but they were too intent on picking their pumpkins to care.

After reboarding the train, it was time to retrace the route back to the Willits station with the mighty engine pushing the cars up the hill and back down the grade into the town. From the smiles as the passengers were detaining, it was easy to see the joy and the fun that was had by all.

The Skunk Train is more than just the hardware and history. The crew is a colorful mix of train aficionados and enthusiasts. As previously mentioned, Train Singer Greg Schindel (who estimates he has travelled over 350,000 miles on the train) is on hand to entertain with his mix of music, jokes and bubbles. Conductor Adam Roberts, in training to be an engineer, is also the announcer, over the P.A. system, pointing out landmarks and offering pieces of the history of the rail line. Pam Baskin, station manager, conductor, engineer and today's concessionaire, has all the information about the history and special trains. "The Pumpkin Express is a train we do on Sundays in October for the children," Baskin said. "It starts today and it goes the 8th, the 15th and the 29th. It leaves at 11 am, and you get back to town about 1:30.

"We have the Christmas Train coming up in December," she added. "It is a 90-minute ride. We leave at various times starting December 3, throughout the month. We have Santa on the train. We have elves. We have music. We have sugar cookies and cocoa. If you're looking at a certain date, you might want to get a reservation soon."

As sung by Schindel: "Oh the Pumpkin Train is comin'. I hear it close at hand. Hear those goblins groanin', all across the land. Get on board little zombie. Get on board. Get on board little werewolf. There's room for many a more...."

For more info and online tickets for the Pumpkin Express, visit <https://www.skunktrain.com/experiences/pumpkin-express>. For the Christmas Train, visit <https://www.skunktrain.com/experiences/magical-christmas-train>.



'Black Bart Strikes Again!'

Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation presents October 14 fundraiser

The Redwood Empire Lions Club and the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, located at historic Ridgewood Ranch, home and final resting place of the horse racing legend, Seabiscuit, are gearing up for "Black Bart Strikes Again!" a day of family fun to promote tourism in Willits on Saturday, October 14. This public benefit event is sponsored by Frank R. Howard Foundation, Mannon, King & Johnson, Baechtel Creek Inn & Spa, Sparetime Supply, and SHN Engineers & Geologists, Inc.

"The home of Seabiscuit continues to be a draw for tourists," said Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation board chairman, Tracy Livingston. "Each season we receive visitors who choose Ridgewood Ranch as their destination point and want to participate in our nature hikes or historic walking tours. One of our goals is to bolster the local economy by encouraging tourism in Mendocino County."

This first annual event is to be held at the historic Howard House and grounds surrounding Seabiscuit's life-size bronze statue, where visitors can choose from a guided Seabiscuit tour at 10 am or horse-drawn wagon rides. Ticket holders will enjoy a Black Bart BBQ served by the Redwood Empire Lions Club that evening, including beer and wine along with music by "Waylon and the Wild Cats." Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman will be the master of ceremonies and will be teaming up with the talented co-auctioneer, Rachel Britten, for an exciting live auction.

The infamous stagecoach robber and poet, Black Bart, is also expected to make an appearance. "Black Bart or Charles E. Bolton [or Charles E. Boles, as he was also known], robbed stages on Ridgewood property twice," Livingston said. "He was a gentlemen robber who never fired a gun."

Local author Roni McFadden will also be on hand to sign both of her award-winning books, "Josephine – A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings" and "The Longest Trail."

Event proceeds will benefit the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation (www.seabiscuitheritage.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the cultural legacy of Ridgewood Ranch by restoring and preserving the historic buildings that remain from the Howard and Seabiscuit era in perpetuity.

"We are running a race against time," said Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation President Jacqueline Cooper. "To become a member of Seabiscuit's winning team and support historic preservation is easy. Simply make a donation or join us for one of our tours or signature events."

"Black Bart Strikes Again!" event tickets are available for purchase at Mendocino Book Company or DFM Auto Repair in Ukiah, the Willits Chamber of Commerce or J.D. Redhouse in Willits, Visit Mendocino, Inc. in Fort Bragg, or by contacting Sheryl Mitcham, Redwood Empire Lions Club event coordinator, at 707-391-2485. Tickets can also be purchased online at <https://blackbartstrikesagain.eventbrite.com>.

— Submitted by the **Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation**



Conductor Adam Roberts punches tickets before riders board the train.

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Thursday, October 5

WHS Soccer: Willits High School vs. Cloverdale High School. Thursday, October 5. Girls game at 4 pm; boys game at 5:30 pm (Head Coach Tatiana Cantrell).

WHS Volleyball Home Game: Willits High School vs. Cloverdale High School at home. Thursday, October 5. JV at 5 pm. (JV Head Coach Tim Miller); Varsity at 6 pm (Varsity Head Coach Jill Walton).

Friday, October 6

Community Enrichment Grant Workshop: The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is offering workshops for grant seekers on how to fill out online applications (www.communityfound.org). Application deadline December 8. Individual grants range from \$3,000 to \$10,000. The first of several workshops around the county is set for Willits, Friday, October 6, from 12 to 1 pm (bag lunch welcome). Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Followed by an optional workshop on internet security by Tom Jacobsen, 1 to 2 pm. Info: 468-9882, or holly@communityfound.org.

WHS Football Home Game: Willits High School versus St. Vincent High School. Friday, October 6. JV game at 5:30 pm; varsity game at 7:30 pm (Head Coach Chris Bickford).

Dinners from Around the World: The Methodist Church is hosting a "Mexican Dinner Fundraiser" with entertainment, featuring authentic Mexican food prepared by Nuestra Alianza de Willits. Friday, October 6, 5 to 6:30 pm. Donations appreciated. Half of the proceeds will go to Nuestra Alianza. United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Seating is limited, RSVP for a guaranteed seat: 459-2855.

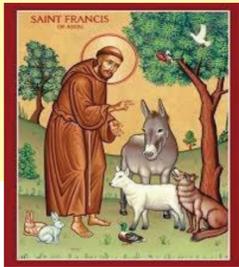
Saturday, October 7

Gateway to The Redwoods Youth Soccer Tournament: Day one of a two-day soccer tournament hosted by Willits Youth Soccer on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. Teams from Lake, Humboldt, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties. For U-12, U-14, & U-16 players. 9 am to 5 pm. Willits Soccer Field on Commercial Street.

Ridgewood Ranch Garage Sale: Community Space Fundraiser/Garage Sale Saturday, October 7 starting at 9 am, 16540 Highway 101 (next to Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant). Proceeds to benefit a new "multi-purpose/retail space project to provide a variety of products and services, including: local produce, processed foods, utilitarian crafts, gifts, books, seeds, and farm-friendly products, a Food Hub and adjacent commercial kitchen."

Cultivate Wellness Studio: Hosts Michelle Cummins LAC, and Claudia Wenning, ND, will have an "Open Studio" to discuss healthy and healing diets and nutrition. Saturday, October 7. 10:30 am to noon. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Free event, please RSVP: 354-3111.

Annual Blessing of the Animals: St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church offers its annual blessing of the animals ceremony on



Willits FFA Cornhole Contest

Saturday, October 7

Willits Future Farmers of America (FFA) is partnering with Willits Frontier Days to hold its First Annual Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, October 7 at 11 am. The tournament will be held at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds and will run during the annual Ranch Rodeo event. Entry fees are \$40 per two-man team. There will be a "double elimination bracket," so each team is guaranteed two games. Here's how the game is played: Cornhole (also known as dummy boards, bean bag toss, or Sack Toss) is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing bags of corn (or bean bags) at a raised platform with a hole in the far end to score points. Play continues until a team or player reaches the score of 21. All proceeds go to Willits FFA. Thank you to event sponsors Mendo Mill of Willits and House Doctor Paints.

This Week @ KLLG

We are taking our posters, handbills, and tickets to print for our October 21 birthday party with the Dirt Floor Band and Tumbledown House. Also, we had a DJ training and look forward to having the Willits Charter School youth broadcasting class along with other new programmers present their shows in the coming weeks.

— Michelle Cummings

Saturday, October 7 at 11 am. All animals large and small are invited, and for their safety, all animals must be restrained in a carrier or cage or on a leash. The blessing takes place at the church garden north of the church, at the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. There will be a brief service of prayer and thanksgiving for our animal friends, and each animal will receive a blessing. Children who do not have a live animal are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal. Questions: Betsy 459-3390.

'Welcome to Willits' Movie Screening: Tim Ryan, writer, of "Welcome to Willits" (directed by Trevor Ryan) has announced a Saturday, October 7 screening of the 2016 science fiction horror film, shot mostly in Shreveport, Louisiana. As per the "Welcome to Willits" Facebook page: "Deep in the Northern California woods, in the heart of the notorious Emerald Triangle, lies a remote cabin. The residents struggle to fight off the repeated attacks and abductions by mysterious creatures that have plagued them for years. When a lost group of campers find themselves caught in the carnage, survival becomes their only goal." Saturday, October 7 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Doors open 3 pm; first screening 4 pm; second screening 6 pm; after-party from 7:30 to 10 pm, with live music and no-host bar.

\$15. Visit www.facebook.com/WelcomeToWillits for more info.

4th Annual KYBU Carnival and Concert: KYBU Round Valley Community Radio hosts its 4th Annual Carnival and Membership Appreciation Concert in the Walnut Grove at the Round Valley Public Library Commons in Covelo on Saturday, October 7, from 3 pm into the night, featuring carnival games for families, food and drinks for purchase, and music, including Beat Syndicate, a Round Valley local progressive fused hip-hop collaborative, and Buyepongo, the Latin soul/Afrobeat/tropical funk ensemble that is making waves in their hometown of Los Angeles. The "Pie-in-the-Face" auction, where a live auction decides who gets to put a pie in the face of local public figures, including Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman, Mendocino County 3rd District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey, and Round Valley Unified School Superintendent Mike Gorman, is at 6 pm.

Free admission. Info: KYBU at 707-983-6677 or mail@kyburadio.org. **Fundraiser for Rich Venturi:** Spaghetti feed fundraiser to raise money to aid Rich Venturi with his mounting medical costs in his ongoing battle with cancer. Along with

the meal, there will be silent and live auctions, and a 50/50 raffle. Also, DJ Mike Tobin. Advance tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and children; at the door: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and children. Saturday, October 7. 4:30 to 7 pm. Brooktrails Community Center, 5798 Ridgewood Road. Info and tickets: Mylinda 472-8474, Shalyn 972-1669.

St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta: The public is invited to a barbecue feast with chicken and beef marinated in Mexican spices, rice, beans, salad, elote (corn on the cob), tortillas, bread, dessert and hot dogs for the kids. Also, music, a pinata, Bounce House, silent auction, and 50/50 auction. Saturday, October 7. 1 to 5 pm. St. Anthony's Parish Community, 61 West San Francisco Street. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets available at Flowers by Annette, Loose Caboose, and Cat's Meow.

Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo: 6th annual Willits Frontier Days Ranch Rodeo starts at 10 am, on Saturday, October 7 at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Three-man teams will be competing in a variety of rancher tasks: calf branding, ranch doctoring, team sorting, calf roping and trailer loading. Plus BBQ cook-off and Calcutta auction will be held in the afternoon. BBQ at noon, at 1 pm. Kids dummy roping, 2 pm. Raffle tickets for a Yeti cooler (donated by Mendo Mill) available presale from the Willits Frontier Days Board and J.D. Redhouse, \$5 each or five for \$20. Rodeo events are free to the public, and \$10 BBQ taster tickets are available. Info: Marcy Barry 272-5395 or Robbie Burgess 489-0476. Also, Willits FFA Cornhole Contest will take place starting at 11 am. Entry fee is \$40 per two person team. Info and to register: Carrie 671-6173.

Shanachie Pub: DJ night with DJs Podge and Aarin G spinning all forms of house music, plus "boot stompin'" opening act Pick & Pull, Saturday, October 7. 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, October 8
Senior Center Sunday Breakfast: Sunday, October 8 from 8 to 11 am. Menu choices: Pancakes with eggs cooked your style, with choice of sausage, ham or bacon, or biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked your style. Additional meat sides: \$2 extra. Adults \$8; Senior Center members \$7; kids under 8 \$6. Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Gateway to The Redwoods Youth Soccer Tournament: Hosted by Willits Youth Soccer at the Willits Soccer Field on Commercial Street. See Saturday, October 7 listing for more details.

Healthy Mendocino Project Forum: Coordinator Patrice Mascolo and Project Manager Thais Mazur will discuss the county-wide Healthy

Elections workers needed

November 7, 2017

The Mendocino County Elections Department is currently looking for poll workers in our Willits, Fort Bragg, Mendocino, Little River and Point Arena polling locations for our November 7, 2017 Consolidated District Election. We also need an inspector and a judge in our Little River polling place due to the retirement of our long time workers. This would be a great opportunity for service organizations to help their communities. Poll workers receive a stipend from the county for their work. For information: Gina 234-6808 for additional information. Your help would be greatly appreciated!!

— Mendocino County Elections Office

Senior Center Lunch

Week of October 9 through October 13

Monday: Philly Cheese Steak
Tuesday: Oven Baked Chicken
Wednesday: Pork Roast
Thursday: Fish Sandwich
Friday: Wagyu Beef Skewers
Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$5 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under \$5: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Clean & Sober Music Festival

Saturday, October 14

The Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville will be the venue for the Clean & Sober Music Festival on Saturday, October 14 from noon to 6 pm, a drug- and booze-free music festival. Musical lineup features Stefanie Keys Band, Deep Blue Jam, the Cole Tate Band, and The Real Sarahs, plus special guest Kevin Griffin. Tickets available on Eventbrite: \$24, or \$21 each for groups of 10 or more. Ages 12 and under free. Visit festival website or ticket link for camping rates and details. For information: 415-578-0125, or www.csmusicfest.org

Annual Blessing of the Animals at St. Francis Church

Saturday, October 7

On Saturday, October 7, at 11 am, all animals large and small are invited to come to the garden at the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, at the corner of Main and Commercial streets. The garden and parking lot are just north of the church. There will be a brief service of prayer and thanksgiving for our animal friends, and each animal will receive a blessing. All animals and their humans are welcome. Though the animal congregation usually includes many dogs, there are also cats who attend, and there have been spiders, lizards, birds, frogs, horses and goats in past years. For their safety, all animals must be restrained in a carrier or cage or on a leash. Children who do not have a live animal in their family are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal. October 4 is the traditional Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis's faithful life of poverty, service and joy has made him one of the most beloved saints in history. Questions: Betsy 459-3390.



Mendocino Project and ways Willits can participate. The project – an alliance of Mendocino County, hospitals, clinics, North Coast Opportunities and other agencies – promotes dialogue and action to improve community health in five priority areas: poverty, housing, mental health, childhood obesity & family wellness, and childhood trauma. New Action Teams

are forming up in Willits and Laytonville. Sunday, October 8. 4 pm. Willits Hub, 631 South Main Street (just south of Mariposa Market). Info: healthmendocino@ncoinc.org, or Patrice 467-3228. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 25, Willits Community Center, 111 Commercial Street.

Monday, October 9

Willits Garden Club Meeting: The monthly Garden Club meeting is set for Monday, October 9, with guest speaker Charlotte Smith on "Harvesting Yerba Buena." Social time starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshment; speaker starts at 1 pm. Meeting ends at 2:30 pm. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, six miles south of Willits, west of 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. Guests are welcome, and there is no charge. Info: contact Fran Gardner at 459-8733 or Kitty McDill at 489-6203.

Tuesday, October 10

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

Shanachie Pub: Moonshine Mountain Band from Montana who "high energy sound and harmonies keep the dance floor packed." Tuesday, October 10. 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Wednesday, October 11

Karaoke at Little John's Place: Little John's now offering free live entertainment, including karaoke on Wednesday nights from 10 pm to closing. No charge, just come have fun. Info: 459-5636.

Thursday, October 12

WHS Soccer: Willits High School vs. Kelseyville High School. Thursday, October 12. Girls game at 4 pm; boys game at 5:30 pm (Head Coach Tatiana Cantrell).

WHS Volleyball Home Game: Willits High School vs. Kelseyville High School at home. Thursday, October 12. JV at 5 pm. (JV Head Coach Tim

Miller); varsity at 6 pm (Varsity Head Coach Jill Walton).

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

Friday, October 13

Laura Nyro Tribute at WCA: Music and dance tribute to songwriter Laura Nyro. Also original music by Bill Taylor on piano, George Husaruk on flute, Yanahay Hooper on bass, and Jaye Alison Moscarello on vocals plus dancers to be announced. \$15 suggested donation at the door. Friday, October 13. 7 to 10 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Reserved seats in advance via paypal.me/JMoscarello and memo: Laura Nyro. Info: Bill and Jaye 272-1688, 310-970-4517 or artissall@earthlink.net

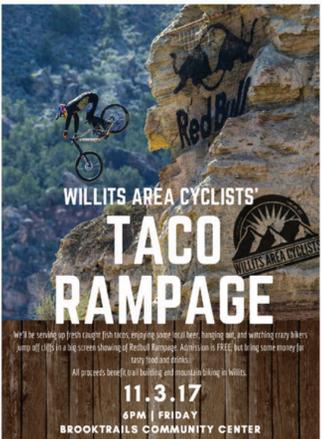
Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration: The Local First Program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce is holding the 11th Annual Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration on Friday, October 13, 3:30 to 7:30 pm in downtown Willits. Live music. Fresh foods. Great deals on local goods. Special sales at restaurants and businesses along North Main Street. Scavenger hunt! Pick up scavenger hunt cards at participating businesses and the Chamber of Commerce booth by Scoops. Info or to participate: Willits Chamber of Commerce 459-7910.

Shanachie Pub: Friday, October 13. 9 pm. Evan Lanam & The Live Oaks is a "rowdy folk rock and roll outfit from the Bay Area." No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, October 14

Color-A-Thon Fundraiser at WHS: Third annual Color-A-Thon at Willits High School, Saturday, October 14 starting at 9:30 am. This fundraiser benefits students at Willits High School, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Blosser Elementary and Brookside Elementary School. The public can register the day of the event. Entry is \$15 per individual. T-shirts and spirit gear will be for sale as will food and refreshments; with DJ music. Wear silly clothes, hang out with friends, and work your way around the track in any mode that suits you and get coated in colors. Info or to donate: Leta Garman 354-2899, or www.schoolathonca.com.

Round Valley Salmon Awareness Festival: The Round Valley Salmon Awareness Festival, Saturday, October 14, starts at 11 am, Hidden Oaks Park, Highway 162 across from the casino in Covelo. There will be community discussion, information and experts on forest health protection. Free admission. There will be a wild salmon dinner cooked in the traditional manner (donations accepted) from 4 to 6 pm. Info: 983-6169 or 223-7200.



Anniversary Dinner at Senior Center

Harrah Senior Center along with the Willits Lions Club invite the public to celebrate the Senior Center's 30th anniversary, with a dinner on Saturday, October 21 starting at 5:30 pm at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel. The meal features barbecued tri-tip with complimentary wine, also, a vegetarian option. Tickets are \$30. Information: 459-6828.

Black Bart Strikes Again: Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, the Redwood Empire and Willits Lions Club present Black Bart Strikes Again,

Saturday, October 14 at the historic Howard House and grounds at Ridgewood Ranch. Events include: 10 am Seabiscuit Walking Tour \$10 per person; 10 am to 2 pm horse-drawn wagon rides \$5 per person (free for children 8 and under). Also, ticket holders, \$50, can enjoy a Black Bart BBQ, including beer and wine along with music by Waylon and the Wild Cats. Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman will be the MC, teaming up with co-auctioneer, Rachel Britten, for a live auction. The infamous stagecoach robber and poet, Black Bart, is also expected to make an appearance. Local author Roni McFadden will be signing her award winning books, "Josephine – A Tale of Hope and Happy Endings" and "The Longest Trail." Tickets are available at J.D. Redhouse; in Ukiah at Mendocino Book Company and DFM Auto Repair. Information or sponsorship: Tracy Livingston 391-6066, or Sheryl Mitchum 391-2485. Proceeds go to Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation at Ridgewood Ranch.



Pick-Up Tamales Dinner: Willits Senior Class at Blosser Lane Kids Club is presenting a pick-up tamales dinner featuring three types of tamales: chicken with red sauce, pork with red sauce, and cheese with jalapenos. Tickets: \$25 for 12 tamales. Saturday, October 14. 5 to 7 pm. Blosser Lane Kids Club, 1265 Blosser Lane. To buy tickets: call or text Morgan Riley 272-1049, Bonnie 272-6262, or buy in person at Tri Counties Bank.

'The LEGO Ninjago Movie'
The Story: An animated feature. Ninjago is a plastic city. Lloyd is a little plastic boy in a world full of plastic children. Lloyd is being shunned because his absent father Garmadon is an evil plastic warlord with four arms who lives in a volcano. Garmadon is obsessed with invading Ninjago. Battling plastic machines fill up quite a bit of screen time. But everything works out.

My Thoughts: To be completely honest, I fell asleep at an afternoon performance. I did wake up to see some of it. "The LEGO Ninjago Movie" is an hour and 41 minute commercial for LEGOS. It has 13 screenwriter credits. That's a lot. That also means that it has multiple points of view and was assembled like a plastic brick construction on a long conference table. Not a good sign for thematic continuity. My somewhat snotty attitude aside, kids like the movie. And LEGOS are valuable educational toys that teach children about design and construction.

Parents: For children. It has a solid moral message about sticking together, loving daddy and being loved, and being thoughtful and courageous. That's a ton of positives for the price of a child's ticket.

Message for Movie Lovers: This is my list of the best science fiction films: "Metropolis," "Forbidden Planet," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Blade Runner," "Ex Machina," and "Arrival." Each of these films has a substantial ethical theme which informs the imagery ... and action ... each movie is an entertainment infused, scene after scene, with moral passion. Ridley Scott's stunningly brilliant movie "Blade Runner" about the nature of being human was released in 1982, 35 long years ago. It is visually breathtaking, a love story, and an emotion-filled heartbreaking action movie. (Copy available at Main Street Music and Video). On October 6, the marquee of the Noyo Theatre will say "Blade Runner 2049." Hooray! We film geeks have waited a long time. This is 2017's FSN, that's Flicker Show Nirvana.

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

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Outdoor market Thursdays at the Rec Grove Park on East Commercial Street, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"Seven Kinds of Wonderful": The October show at the Willits Center for the Arts features Esther Siegel (assemblage), Julie Beardsley (assemblage), Laura Fogg (art quilts), Nancy Simpson (art quilts), Mickey Fernandez (mosaics), Elizabeth Raybee (mosaics), and Nan Trichler (art quilts). Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726.

Karaoke at Little John's Place: Little John's offers free live entertainment including karaoke Wednesday nights from 10 pm to closing. No charge, just come have fun. Info: 459-5636

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

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11-11:30 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," 4 pm "Farmers Market Story Time"; Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14), Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

The 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. "We look forward to seeing you at the Willits Library!"

AI-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. "AI-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 Plaza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

Volleyball Open Gym: at new location for the summer: Willits High School, Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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

Evening Meditation Class: Ideal for learning and practicing Tranquility and Om meditation, Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. Sunday Morning Fellowship: Dharma talk, guided silent and chanting meditations, and introduction to Shambhala healing tools. Sundays, 10:30 am. Still Mountain Meditation Center, 1500 Hearst Road. Info: 357-4676.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm; Youth: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm; Karate: Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Twens 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 6 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, and more, and free jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

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Rollo the Roosting Rooster is crowing about the Annual Fall Book Sale.



Photos by Mathew Caine



Texture and dimension

WCA show features mosaics, quilts and assemblage by seven women

Last Friday, the Willits Center for the Arts held the opening reception for their newest exhibit titled, "Seven Kinds of Wonderful." The group show is composed of seven women artists of differing creative visions and disciplines from Willits, Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Potter Valley. The reception kicked off the exhibit which will be open through October.

Refreshments were provided by The Zocalo Collective.

Mathew Caine

Features Writer
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The common element among these women's work is texture: The images broke the fourth wall with their dimensionality, color and inherent message. All pieces by this talented group of local crafts people went beyond two-dimensional art in their construction and materials.

Three of the women, Laura Fogg, Nancy Simpson and Nan Trichler, expressed themselves through the art of quilting. Two, Mickey Fernandez and Elizabeth Raybee, built their pieces meticulously through thousands of mosaic pieces, watching their compositions transform and form into stunning works over the hours they spent placing the elements. Julie Beardsley and Esther Siegel presented the art of assemblage, the juxtapositioning of found and collected objects into stunning three-dimensional art which reaches out to the viewer to draw you into their textured world of color, motion and emotion.

The women each took a moment to share their history, vision and inspiration. "Life for me is such an accentuated visual treat," said Fogg. "Every time I look at something, I'm seeing these scenes that I just have to give to other people. I have to make them. I have to show other people what it is that I'm seeing. I was trained as a painter, although I'm a terrible painter. One day I discovered I could do a landscape with collage quilting. I took a class in collage quilting and have been doing it ever since."

"I've been sewing all my life," shared Simpson. "It was something that my grandmothers did. I actually have a thimble from my great-grandmother that I can actually use. It evolved. I was about 21. I had always had quilts in my life, and I decided to make a simple patchwork quilt. I've just been doing it ever since. It's fun and it's colorful. It's constantly changing. I am inspired by nature. I have a piece in the show that is inspired by the webs of dome web spiders."

"I work basically from the center outward," explained Trichler. "What I do is very traditional in terms of its construction, but there is a spontaneity to it. I don't know where I'm going. I just work and put pieces together. In the last few years I've started doing quilts that have found images in the center."

"Guadeloupe" is one. "Ganesh" is another, and the "Truvian Man" from Da Vinci," Trichler continued. "I build my quilts around these. I have a lot of fine arts training. I did OK with painting and drawing in college, but it never really grabbed me. I discovered quilting, and I've never regretted the decision to pursue it."

"A friend of mine makes the beautiful tin frames for my mosaics, from San Miguel Allende," Fernandez said. "I've been doing mosaic about seven years. I'm pretty much self-taught, and I take workshops once in a while to 'tune up.' I just want to express myself and my culture and my background. It's like a meditation. When you're

doing it, you're at peace. It's a spiritual practice. I just want to create beautiful things."

"I love the immediacy of it," Raybee said. "A friend had a collage-making day, and I was just going to go and have fun with her, but then really got into the immediacy. Putting the tiles together is zen loveliness when it just fits exactly right. I've begun to come back to doing personal work after several years of commissions and community mosaics. I was down in Chile as part of 60 mosaic artists from around the world."

"It's one rhinestone at a time," said Beardsley of her assemblage work. "There's no way around it. There's nothing to make it go faster. I'm like a crow. I like sparkly things. It's incredibly meditative to sit and do this. I'm pretty much self-taught, but you can find anything you want on the internet if you look for how to do things. I'm working on learning plumbing right now."

"We have a huge farm of stuff," Siegel confided. "And people are now giving us stuff. I take it and play around with it. There's a lot of works here with books. It's a real stretch to cut into books and to cut them up and put holes in them, but they transform. I go to the thrift shop and they have, in the back, bins of books that are going to get picked up and sold by the pound, so I feel like I'm saving the books sometimes - I get to repurpose them."

Seven women. Differing visions. Differing modalities. Differing methods. All with the same basic artistic goal, to create a textured feast for the eyes that nourishes and satisfies. Wonderful times seven.

"Seven Kinds of Wonderful" will run until Sunday, October 29. The Willits Center for the Arts galleries are open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Contact Lyndsey Burns at 459-1726 for more information.

Above, from left: Attendees talk with the artists about their work at the "Seven Kinds of Wonderful" WCA show. Colorful butterflies fly off the table in Esther Siegel's assemblage artwork. Nancy Simpson and her dome spider-inspired quilt. Below: Julie Beardsley, Laura Fogg, Esther Siegel, Mickey Fernandez, Nan Trichler, Elizabeth Raybee, Nancy Simpson are the artists featured in "Seven Kinds of Wonderful" at the Arts Center in October.



At top: Laura Fogg displays her intricate quilts of vegetables. Above: Earlene Gleisner poses with a mosaic portrait of her by Mickey Fernandez. At left: Tiny mosaic tiles make up the works by Julie Beardsley.



Above, from left: Julie Beardsley with her portrait of Pablo Picasso. Esther Siegel poses with a few of her assemblage pieces. Elizabeth Raybee shows off her unique mosaic art.

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s/Michael Adams
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CITY OF WILLITS
SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 27, 2017 regular noticed meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2017-01.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLITS REPEALING CHAPTER 9.20 OF THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES, REPEALING CHAPTER 17.86 ENTITLED MARIJUANA CULTIVATION, MODIFYING CHAPTERS 17.06, 17.24, 17.26, 17.28 AND 17.29 AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.85 ENTITLED MEDICAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION, TESTING, RESEARCH, TRANSPORTATION, DISPENSING AND MANUFACTURING OF MEDICAL CANNABIS.
The City Council adopted a comprehensive Commercial Cannabis Ordinance amending the City's Zoning Code to regulate medical cannabis land uses consistent with California State law. The Ordinance sets forth a comprehensive regulatory framework for the local medical cannabis industry and personal cultivation consistent with State law, to permit and regulate medical cannabis indoor cultivators, nurseries, manufacturers, processors, transporters, distributors, testing and research laboratories, and dispensaries. Commercial permits enabled by the Ordinance are limited to medical cannabis operations. The Ordinance establishes specific land use zoning and development standards for each medical cannabis land use.
A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2017-01 is posted and may be read at the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA.
The forgoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting, held on the 27th day of September, 2017 by the following vote:
AYES: Stranks, Orenstein, Strong, and Gonzalez
NOES: Rodriguez
ABSENT: None
This summary of the adopted Ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code Section 36933.
/s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk
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Saving Seeds

Above, from left: Gardener Carol Cox shows the group what lettuce seed looks like. Dried carrot seed.

Carol Cox shows harvesting methods at the Willits Library's Seed Cleaning and Seed Saving workshop.

Photos by Leah Paeyeneers

Carol Cox teaches a fall harvest workshop at the Willits Library

The Willits Library hosted a Seed Cleaning and Seed Saving workshop on Wednesday, September 20, just in time for the turn of the season. Carol Cox, former garden research manager with Ecology Action, demonstrated simple techniques and useful tips for cleaning and saving seeds from the fall harvest.

The purpose of the workshop was to teach local residents how to collect and save seeds year after year for the seed library. The libraries of Mendocino County are joining in the new movement of saving seeds from local gardens. The seeds the library collects are annuals and are therefore easy to maintain without a lot of knowledge about growing plants – annuals are the easiest to grow for seed.

"It's a movement that's happening; we aren't inventing the wheel here," Cox said during her lecture.

A gardener can take the seeds from the library, plant them, harvest the seeds at the end of summer, and bring them back to the library – quite similar to the

way books are lent out. To house the new seeds, the library is using the old card catalogues that had been in storage gathering dust.

Cox went over methods for cleaning and saving seeds from common garden plants such as tomato, carrot, onion, kale and lettuce. Sharing tips for both wet and dry seeds, she gave practical advice on when to harvest, how to clean the seeds, and even the proper way to store dried seeds – always in paper!

After going over various techniques and answering many questions, Cox demonstrated some of these methods. With the help of any willing hands present, she began to harvest the seeds of dried plants she had brought with her, explaining step-by-step how to harvest the seed of these plants.

With the knowledge gained from this workshop, local gardeners can not only harvest seed for their own personal use, but can now contribute to a growing movement here in their own city and save something beautiful for the future.

Below: Jeremy Daniels, Brookside School, holds the gift certificate to Pizza to Go he won for perfect attendance, with Brookside PTO President Jenny Nelson, at left.

Brookside 2nd grader wins Pizza to Go gift certificate for attendance

Brookside Elementary School second-grader Jeremy Daniels, in Mrs. Lucier's grade 2 class, Room 27, was randomly selected by the Brookside PTO to win a gift certificate to Pizza to Go. Jeremy was in attendance and on time every day in August.

Each month, the PTO selects the family of one student with perfect attendance (and no tardies) during the previous month to win a gift certificate to a local business.

The PTO is a key partner in Brookside's quest to improve our attendance and reduce the number of tardy students to maximize student learning. Jeremy was called to the office, and we called his mom to give her the great news!

- Kathleen Crossman, principal, Brookside Elementary School



Joshua Betts, left, and Jorge Perez.

September Students of the Month at Sanhedrin High School

Sanhedrin Alternative Vocational High School has announced their Students of the Month for September for Academics and for Citizenship. Sanhedrin staff voted unanimously to give the award for academics to Joshua Betts and the award for citizenship to Jorge Perez.

Criteria included grades, attendance, behavior, citizenship and overall attitude. "Both students have worked very hard this grading period." Betts and Perez were presented with their awards at an all-school assembly on September 26.

Visit <http://shhs.willitsunified.com> to learn more about San Hedrin Alternative Vocational High School, 120 North Main Street, in Willits.

- submitted by Jeffrey Ritchley, director, Sanhedrin High School

Cross Country | Teo Labus, 14, Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport: Since 8th grade

Event: Long-distance runs

Breakfast of Champions: Whatever is in front of me!

Why Do You Run: "Cross Country just fits me. I also swim, and cross country is during the swimming off-season."

Traditions: "I listen to music to get pumped before a race."



Teo Labus and Jada Smith are the "Amazing Athletes" from the Willits High School cross-country team this week. Teo and Jada have both been valuable additions to our team this year. They come to practice and meets with a positive attitude, and that radiates throughout the team.

- Coach Michelle Kluskiewicz



Cross Country | Jada Smith, 14, Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport: Since 6th grade

Event: All races

Breakfast of Champions: Nothing specific

Why Do You Run: "I feel really good after running."

Traditions: None

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The two sections were presented to supervisors under the presumption they would review them, and that review would constitute a "first reading" of the ordinances. (In order for supervisors to adopt ordinances as law, they must go through two readings.)

However, the board made so many changes to Section 20.243 that a special Tuesday, October 10 meeting will be held, during which supervisors will look at a clean copy of the changes they made this week. This will constitute the first reading of the two ordinance sections.

If all goes according to plan, the ordinance language will be given a second reading on October 17 and, if adopted, will become law 30 days later, on November 16.

The changes supervisors made to the code on Tuesday made the process of getting a license to open and operate a cannabis facility easier, quicker and less expensive.

The cannabis facilities code has been a long time coming to fruition. A first pass at giving direction to staff was given in December 2016. The Mendocino County Planning Commission looked at a draft ordinance and made recommendation during a September 7 meeting last month.

In introducing the item to the board, Planning and Building Services Lead Planner Mary Lynn Hunt told supervisors the cannabis facilities code "will be an ordinance that will be changed several times over the next period of time."

The following are excerpts from the cannabis facilities code.

"Nothing in this chapter is intended, nor shall it be construed, to preclude a landlord or property owner from limiting or prohibiting commercial processing, manufacturing, testing, dispensing, retailing and distributing of cannabis for medical and adult use on private property." (from "Purpose and Intent.")

"All persons operating facilities and conducting activities associated with the cultivation of cannabis for medical or adult use, as defined in this chapter, are subject to possible federal prosecution, regardless of the protections provided by state or local law." (from "Purpose and Intent.")

"The processing, manufacturing, testing, dispensing, retail sales, and distributing of cannabis for medical and adult use in Mendocino County, shall not be allowed within 1,000 feet from a school providing instructions in kindergarten or any grades 1 through 12, day care center, park, church, residential treatment facility, youth-oriented facility or youth center that is in existence at the time the zoning clearance or permit is issued, unless the state licensing authority specifies a different distance." (from "General Limitations on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Facilities.")

According to changes approved by the board on Tuesday, the distance will be calculated from the fence or wall surrounding the cannabis-related activity, and the building housing the listed facilities.

"The processing, manufacturing, testing, dispensing, retailing, and distributing of medical and adult use cannabis is not permitted within any habitable space (i.e., kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, living room or hallway) of a dwelling unit nor is it permitted within any required parking space, except as otherwise allowed in this chapter." (From "General Limitations.")

"Medical and adult use cannabis remnants, infused products, bi-products, and other waste material shall be disposed of in a safe, sanitary, and secure manner. Any portion of the medical and adult use cannabis remnants, products or bi-products being disposed of will be rendered unusable before disposal, will be protected from being possessed or ingested by any person or animal, and shall not be placed within the facility's exterior refuse containers." (from

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Overlay zones would liberalize the cultivation ordinance for neighborhoods or communities in which cannabis cultivation is a widely accepted way of life. Exclusionary zones would prohibit commercial cannabis cultivation in instances in which the local community or neighborhood doesn't want it. Exception language would create guidelines for granting exceptions to the requirements of the ordinance.

According to a memorandum written by the county Department of Planning and Building Services: "A major component of the contractor's tasks will include an extensive community outreach program, which includes focused stakeholder interviews, community workshops, and study sessions with decision-makers.

"Michael Baker International will consider all current regulations and procedures applicable to cannabis cultivation, including the county's general plan," the memo continues. "The contractor will also be responsible for creating an inventory and mapping analysis, and will work with county staff and the public cannabis working groups to determine the preferred approach for amended regulations and will prepare the proposed land-use regulations and related amendments needed to ensure general plan and zoning consistency.

"In addition, Michael Baker International is also tasked with the preparation of the appropriate environmental review (CEQA) analysis," the planning commission document states.

The county will pay Michael Baker \$142,000 for the work.

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg voted against the motion, stating he did not support the idea of creating exclusionary zones.

"I do think we need an exceptions process. I do think we need overlays. But I am very concerned about erecting an expectation among people who live in subdivisions or neighborhoods throughout the county, that they can come to the planning commission or the board and kick out all the pot growers, or make it impossible for people to grow marijuana in their neighborhoods," Hamburg said. "I think we're heading down a path that will come back and bite us, and therefore I'm not going to support the motion."

The board agreed with the consultant that some refinement of the scope of work would be necessary and desirable before the contract could be signed. Michael Baker International representative Paul Yunker told the board the adjustment of the scope of work, which had been suggested in conversations with Planning and Building Services Interim Director Nash Gonzalez – and which was also recommended in a last-minute memorandum by McCowen – would not significantly affect the contract amount.

Update on cannabis program

The Department of Agriculture has received 734 applications for a cannabis cultivation permits and has issued 21. Seventeen applications have been denied, according to Interim Commissioner of Agriculture Diane Curry, who reported to supervisors on Tuesday.

Her department has completed 290 pre-site inspections

Curry also said "a few" compliance plans have been written up, but have not yet been signed, and a few additional permits are ready to be issued. The department is waiting for various cannabis cultivators to come in and pick them up.

Curry noted the California Department of Fish and Wildlife again performed an enforcement action against a Mendocino County property owner who was in the county permit process. The action took place "a week and a half ago," according to Curry.

After the bust, Curry said, she called Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Chuck Bonham to inquire about the reason for the raid, and was told Bonham thought the grower had been denied a permit from the county.

Curry told Bonham and the board of supervisors that the grower who had been busted had not been denied a permit. "Fish and Wildlife was working with them, and the department was working with them," Curry said.

"Out of 734 applications, we have had only three that have been targeted by Fish and Wildlife. That's something," Curry added.

Interim manager of the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Planning and Building Services Trent Taylor told supervisors his division has received 266 cannabis-related complaints since May 4 from 169 locations across the county. Eighty-eight complaints have been directed at people who had either applied for a permit or who had been issued a permit.

Taylor's division has issued 24 notices of violation and has been the cause of about 1,000 marijuana plants having been pulled, Taylor reported. When a notice of violation is issued, Taylor said, growers have three options: They may pull the plants, or apply for a permit and begin the permit process, or may file for an exemption to the cannabis cultivation ordinance, in which case county personnel will come out and inspect their cultivation site.

"Thirty percent of the people we've contacted have gotten into the permit process due to our contact," Taylor said.

Curry told supervisors a lack of clarity in how the cultivation ordinance is to be interpreted is a major factor in limiting the number of people who have applied for a permit. "I think people are making decisions based on coming forward and what that means," Curry said. "But also, we have working groups talking about some issues.

"I know that people are kind of waiting to see what the results are going to be from that," he said. "Because until we have a really clear idea of what it means to have a building, a greenhouse, a hoop house, a dry shed – all of those things – people are kind of waiting until they commit – because they don't know what they are committing to.

"Until we have more information, it's really difficult to move forward."

Supes increase salaries for four department head positions

The board of supervisors approved salary increases of 13 percent for four department head positions on Tuesday. The positions were those of commissioner of agriculture (currently held by Interim Commissioner Diane Curry), chief probation officer (currently held by Interim Chief Probation Officer Kevin Kelley), director of Planning and Building Services (currently held by Interim Director Nash Gonzalez), and director of Human Resources (currently held by Heidi Dunham).

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Neither Curry, Gonzalez or Kelley will receive the full 13 percent raise, as they are interim rather than permanent department heads. According to HR director Dunham, when a salary increase is given to a department head position, and when the person who heads the department is an interim or acting department head, that interim or acting department head will generally get a 5 percent raise.

According to information provided to the board by Human Resources Manager Juanie Cranmer, at Step 3 of a 5-step salary range, the salary for the ag commissioner will increase from \$95,284 to \$109,824; the salary for the chief probation officer will rise from \$101,088 to \$115,356; and the salaries for the human resources director and for the planning director will grow from \$101,566 to \$115,356.

"We think that an added benefit will be our ability to attract a broader field of candidates when we recruit," Cranmer told the board. The item was on the consent calendar, but was pulled by supervisors for discussion later in the day. When the board got around to the item late in the afternoon, it passed the item with little discussion. The vote was 4-1, with Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde voting in the minority.

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Supes name ad hoc for dispatch, EOA negotiations

The board named Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey and Second District Supervisor John McCowen to an ad hoc committee to work on details regarding emergency medical services in the City of Ukiah. The county has decided to put out a request for proposals for a company to provide emergency medical and ambulance service in an "exclusive operating area," which will include most of the county as well as the City of Ukiah. The City of Ukiah would like to be a part of that exclusive operating area, but seeks guarantees the level of service within the city will not decline.

In addition, Ukiah is willing to discuss abandoning its separate contract with CalFire, which provides dispatch services to the Ukiah Fire Department and to EMS providers in the city, and to receive dispatch service from CalFire under the same contract Mendocino County now has with the state agency. Again, the city seeks assurance the level of service will not decline under the proposed arrangement.

County Health and Human Services Agency Director Tammy Moss Chandler has told supervisors their recent decision not to put the fire dispatch contract out to bid would affect the scope of work for the exclusive operating area, so a new request for proposals will have to be prepared and submitted to the state agency that reviews emergency medical services proposals.

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Investigating officers said Madrigal was wearing a California Department of Transportation-approved helmet at the time of the accident.

"Alcohol or drugs are not suspected to be a contributing factor in this collision," the CHP said.

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potential cannabis businesses within city limits, including indoor cultivation, dispensaries, manufacturing (for oils and other extracts), transportation, testing, processing and packaging, and infusion (for edibles and cosmetics).

Councilmember Ron Orenstein led off a long talk centered around public safety, noting the September 12 Cropley Lane explosion at a cannabis extraction facility just outside city limits. The explosion caused a piece of metal to fly through a shipping container and the roof and land 225 feet away from the building.

A Mendocino County application had been submitted for cannabis cultivation at the property, but not for manufacturing. Cultivation is the only type of cannabis business currently allowed by county law, since supervisors are still working on a separate ordinance to cover other business types.

Orenstein was seeking assurance that all necessary precautions would be taken so nothing like the explosion would happen in a facility permitted by the city. Under ordinance rules, manufacturing would only be allowed in industrial zones in the city, but Orenstein seemed uncomfortable with the idea this would include industrial zones near residential areas.

City Planner Dusty Duley responded there would be a "multitude of inspections" that would take place, "both prior to operation and after the commencement of operation to make sure things are done safely." He also said if a business started operating before officially being permitted, the city would be able to revoke the permit.

Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, one of the responders to the Cropley Lane explosion, also assured Orenstein and the council regarding the code inspections that would take place.

Wilkes said the explosion on Cropley Lane was the result of "human error" rather than faulty equipment, and that part of the inspection process for city businesses would include ensuring that staff at permitted facilities would be properly trained to avoid such incidents.

The explosion, he said, occurred in the non-volatile portion of the extraction lab rather than the volatile, which is generally regarded as the more dangerous. The city cannabis ordinance allows the use of mostly non-volatile solvents in manufacturing, but limited volatile use as well, such as ethanol. Wilkes said the amount of ethanol found at the Cropley Lane property was far more than would have been allowed under city code laws.

"This facility had top-notch equipment," said Wilkes, "the stuff we're saying we would allow. However, they don't have a plan for training. They don't have a plan for how folks are working in this facility are supposed to operate this equipment, and that's part of our inspection process."

"I think it's industry, it's here, and we need to make sure to do our due diligence in regulating it appropriately," he added.

Wilkes noted there are other business types in town which use materials "way more volatile and more dangerous" than those allowed under the city cannabis ordinance, but he has never seen such an incident at any of them, thanks to proper code regulations and enforcement.

"Originally I think it was suspected you could just move in and buy a structure of whatever type you wanted and move your facility right in," said Wilkes of the new cannabis ordinance. "Well that's absolutely not the case. It [must] meet construction criteria and fire code criteria, and there's a ton of codes that have to be met to run these facilities. It's not as simple as bringing equipment in and doing what you need to do. And that's not just for the cannabis industry, that's for any industry."

Wilkes, who is also Willits' fire marshal, said the city plans to use a third-party engineering agency to help regulate and inspect equipment that "might be over our head."

The only change made to the ordinance at the meeting dealt with a section which previously stated that no "cannabis related activities" were allowed to be seen from any public right-of-way or "private vantage point."

Councilwoman Madge Strong felt the wording was too vague and could lead to some confusion regarding enforcement, a position with which City Attorney Jim Lance agreed. The concern was that current wording could result in claims that something such as a box of papers

being carried into the business could be construed as a "cannabis-related activity" and result in a complaint by someone who saw it.

After several attempts to change it, the section ended up reading: "From any public right-of-way or within 200 feet of the property line of any business, there shall be no visible evidence of any cannabis," removing the "related activities."

The 200-foot distance was the idea of former City Planner Alan Fallani, who felt 200 feet made sense because it's also the buffer zone required between any cannabis businesses and schools, day-care facilities or public parks.

City Code Enforcement Official John Sherman approved of the change, saying more specific rules would help avoid potential confusion on enforcement. He did add, however, that he still expected to receive "hundreds of calls a week for a while" regarding the ordinance and potential violations after it's implemented.

"And we're going to use those phone calls and my action in code enforcement to tune this ordinance," he said. "I don't believe you can build the perfect beast the first time out, and I commend you for trying. But I don't think there's any chance that we can guarantee that no human being is going to make a mistake and nothing's going to go wrong. All we can do is do the best we can to guide this and be as safe as we can and learn as we go along."

As he did at the last city council meeting on September 13, when the ordinance was approved for introduction, former Mayor Bruce Burton spoke out strongly against the measure, arguing the council was "uniquely unqualified to write a cannabis ordinance." Burton felt councilmembers were only doing so in hopes it would help balance the city's budget deficit.

"You seem to be unable to have the backbone to solve it through difficult decisions in cutting where cuts need to be made," Burton said. "You need to wait; you do not need to be a leader in this. Let the industry go for a few years, and then pick it up."

"This is you changing our community," he added. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime vote. This is about the future of my children and my grandchildren that are going to live in this community and what they're going to inherit and what you're going to give them."

Several area residents spoke in favor of the ordinance, including Kevin Shi, who has been on the pro-ordinance side since the beginning of the process and has spoken at several meetings.

Shi felt that had the county had an ordinance in place for manufacturing, the Cropley Lane incident could have potentially been avoided.

"If they had a legitimate way of getting a license, getting the fire chief to be onsite, making sure all their equipment is certified, making sure all their people are trained, maybe we could have avoided it," he said.

"So this is exactly why we're here, to ask you to please pass the ordinance so we can pick all the good actors and make sure they run their businesses as they should, and we can then go after the bad guys," Shi said. "When they want to become a legitimate business, then they'll want to follow all the rules – but right now we don't have the rules to follow."

In their statements before the final vote, councilmembers expressed sentiments similar to those they had conveyed at past meetings, with those in favor emphasizing the need for increased control over an industry which has had a large presence in the community for decades.

"I feel as though a lot of the opposition or fears about it come from the fact it has been illegal all this time," said Strong. "I think we are striking a really good balance here by moving forward in a very deliberate and cautious way to protect our whole community, including honoring those who have these fears."

Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, who was on the cannabis ad hoc committee with Strong, said: "I campaigned that I would move forward with this. I think we could stick our heads in the sand like some folks have done in the past, but it's happening on the state level."

Rodriguez explained her "no" vote as "in honor of those people who elected me to vote and listen to the voters."

"I don't believe having these facilities within our community is going to reduce the black market," she

said. "I think the black market's still going to exist, and the increased saturation of the marijuana drug is not supported by a large percentage of the community."

"I've heard from many people in the community who don't want this. I don't want this."

She also agreed with Burton's assessment regarding the motive of the council: "I think that what is driving this council and drives the majority of this community to say they want this is money and greed. I'm not OK with that."

The next steps for city staff will be to finish developing the application forms, and come up with application and inspection fees for the council's consideration.

Other notes

The council also voted to approve a new police officer position for the city, while removing a vacant community services officer position.

Human Resources Analyst Karen Stevenson said the move would help alleviate an overburdened Willits Police Department, where officers are currently working a huge amount of overtime.

It could also save the city money by reducing the overtime hours it must pay, and because WPD will seek to hire a recent academy graduate whose salary and benefits would start at less than the community services officer position.

Stevenson was also excited to tell the council about a new intern program the city is running with a Willits High School student working in the water department. She said the student will get hands-on training from other employees, and potentially could be prepared to work in a municipal water department by the end of their internship. She said she would like to see the program eventually expanded into other city agencies as well.

City Manager Adrienne Moore told the council that due to the passage of Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Willits is in line to receive up to \$100,000 in extra funding from the California Transportation Commission.

Moore said she was informed by the Mendocino Council of Governments that the CTC will match spending on projects drawn from the city's sales tax transportation fund.

The staff is now working on preparing a list of prioritized street projects to bring before the council at its October 11 meeting, so they can submit funding requests to the CTC. Those requests are due October 16.

SB 1, which was signed into law on April 28, "invests \$54 billion over the next decade to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California and puts more dollars toward transit and safety," with funds split equally between state and local investments.

The council consented to support a letter written jointly between the city and the Willits Chamber of Commerce to Congressman Jared Huffman, asking for assistance in seeking revisions to the way the Americans with Disabilities Act is enforced.

The letter comes in light of a slew of recent lawsuits involving ADA compliance against businesses in Willits, Ukiah and other nearby towns.

Moore said in particular the city is hoping for changes that will provide more state and federal guidance to businesses regarding ADA rules, and give those found to be in violation some time to fix issues before they could be hit with a lawsuit.

However, Moore acknowledged that getting any changes made would be an "uphill battle."

Strong informed the council that Willits Economic Localization and Healthy Mendocino are co-sponsoring a presentation on ways to improve community health at the Willits Hub on October 8 at 4 pm. Strong noted Healthy Mendocino's goals include "identifying priority areas and trying to get local action groups in every locality in the county working on things like childhood trauma, mental health, poverty and housing."

She added that Willits United Methodist Church will host an international dinner featuring food cooked by Nuestra Alianza de Willits on October 6, as well as dancing from their folklorico dancers and music by the Emandal Choir. The event will be a benefit for both the church and Nuestra Alianza and will take place at the Methodist Church on School Street.

Sheriff's Office roundup

Assault arrest

A 21-year-old Willits man was arrested September 23 after he allegedly assaulted an older man in the 500 block of Cropley Lane.

The 51-year-old victim suffered a broken jaw when he reportedly was punched in the face by Seth Smart at about 10:45 pm.

Sheriff's deputies and Willits Police Department officers began searching for Smart and found him a short time later walking in the area of South Main Street and Holly Street.

Smart was arrested on suspicion of battery with serious bodily injury.

He was taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$30,000.

Felony warrants arrest

A 64-year-old Covelo man was arrested shortly after noon on September 29 at a home in the 300 block of Biggar Lane.

William Goodwin, who had two confirmed felony warrants issued by the Mendocino County Superior Court in 2014 for possession of marijuana for sale and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, was taken into custody without incident, says sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

He was taken to county jail. Combined bail for the two warrants was \$550,000.

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

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City of Sausalito," stated a press release sent out by City Manager Adrienne Moore right after the meeting concluded. "Four of those interim assignments have been with the City of Fort Bragg; as such, Steve brings a familiarity with all of the law enforcement agencies within the county."

According to the agenda for the October 4 meeting, the employment agreement authorizes services for "an amount not to exceed \$3,846.15 per pay period."

Moore also added: "I'd especially like to recognize Sgt. Erik Heiken for stepping up to serve as acting chief during the last four months. His support and dedication to his department and the city has been deeply appreciated."

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and member of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board Margie Handley, art educator Gary Martin, executive director of the Ford Street Project Jacque Williams, and youth advocate Emily Ockey.

Measure B would authorize an additional one-half cent in sales tax for five years, to help raise funds to build or rehabilitate physical mental health facilities. After five years, the sales tax would be reduced to one-eighth cent to pay for staffing and other ongoing costs.

To stream the video, which was filmed by volunteer video producers Al Rosen and Andy Wright, visit Willits Community Television's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhCAYLrbg> or find the YouTube channel through Willits Community Television's main website at www.willitstv.org.

To learn more about the campaign for Measure B, visit "Yes on Measure B - Mendocino County" page on Facebook, www.facebook.com/yesonbmdo/.

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Annual Blessing of the Animals

at St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church

All animals large and small are invited to come to the garden at the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 7, at 11 am, for the annual "Blessing of the Animals."

The garden and parking lot are just north of the church, at the corner of Main and Commercial Streets in Willits. There will be a brief service of prayer and thanksgiving for our animal friends, and then each animal will receive a blessing. All animals and their humans are welcome!

Though the animal congregation usually includes many dogs, there are also cats who attend, and there have been spiders, lizards, birds, frogs, horses and goats in

past years. For their safety, all animals must be restrained in a carrier or cage or on a leash. Children who do not have a live animal in their family are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal to be blessed.

October 4 is the traditional Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all creation because he saw it as a sign of God's love for all. He called the animals, and all humans also, his brothers and sisters. Francis's faithful life of poverty, service and joy has made him one of the most beloved saints in history.

— Submitted by Rev. Betsy Bruneau, St. Francis in the Redwoods

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to purchase tools, and also for funds to pay an instructor for a year. The idea is that this will set up the ceramics program so it can continue beyond the first year. Since Madrigal manages grants, her responsibilities are to help organizations apply for grants, to manage the volunteer regional advisors who review the grants, and to do due diligence for the nonprofits, making sure all the paperwork is in order.

Madrigal is also administering over 20 countywide scholarship funds for the foundation. She forms relationships with school counselors and interviews applicants to help match scholarships with the appropriate students. There are scholarships for vocational schools, community colleges and four-year colleges. Madrigal makes sure the foundation gets proof of enrollment for all scholarship students and checks in periodically, making sure the students are doing OK.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County has many ways for people to get involved. As a donor, "you can combine your giving with those who share your interests and values," the website states, "or you can create a fund that matches your specific goals." And volunteering to be a regional advisor administering grants is a great way to be actively involved in helping to create economic stability, health and positive changes in the community.

Right now the Community Foundation is presenting the guidelines for next year's grants, offering free workshops around the county to nonprofits, the first set for Friday, October 6 at the Willits Center for the Arts.

From 12 to 1 pm, the workshop will focus on changes the foundation has made in the process of applying and the pool of funds, and from 1 to 2 pm, there's an optional technical assistance workshop about internet security for nonprofits. See sidebar for more details and information about workshops in Ukiah, Fort Bragg and the South Coast.

To RSVP, appreciated but not required, email Holly Madrigal, program officer at holly@communityfound.org.

To learn more about the Mendocino County Foundation visit www.communityfound.org.



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