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Schoeppner (and Ashes) will be moving to Nevada, right outside Las Vegas, to be closer to his father. "I lost my mom in March," he said, "and my dad is living by himself. I spent my life helping other people, and when my mom passed, I promised her I'd watch out for my dad."

Schoeppner has worked

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Both John Pinches and John Haschak have criticized the Kemper Consulting report for recommending the county allocate \$4.75 million to Redwood Community Services, the county's mental health services provider, to construct a Ukiah-based combined crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment center.

If supervisors decide to spend the money according to Kemper's spending plan

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Above: Quilt blocks honoring many of the supporters of the Willits Kids Club.



Above: Willits' beautiful "supercentenarian" Edie Ceccarelli, who turned 110 years old on February 5 this year, with Kadance Lopez, who holds the new "Edie" quilt square for the Thank You Quilt, made with vintage fabrics from the '40s and '50s. Below: Edie Ceccarelli, center, surrounded by Willits Kids Club kids, including Kamran Lopez, holding the new "Edie" square that will be added to the Kids Club Thank You Quilt.



Here are seven questions on Willits school board issues for the seven candidates for Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees in the November 6 election. We're printing answers from incumbents Robert Chavez, Bob Colvig (short-term seat), and Chris Neary and challengers Jeanne King, Dianne McNeal and Paula Nunez. Candidate Dany Laurent (short-term seat) did not submit answers. Questions are by Willits Weekly's school reporter, Joanne Moore, and Willits Weekly editor Jennifer Poole.

Why do you want to be on the school board?

Robert Chavez: I believe that the educational process provides the cement that holds our society together and opens doors to the futures of our children and our nation. It has always been a fulfilling and rewarding experience to work for the students and the community. Since retiring, being a board member is allowing me to continue as a member of this amazing team.

Bob Colvig: I feel that the Willits Unified School District has made some positive changes that will improve student performance. We are currently in the third year of implementing those changes. As an incumbent member of the board, I want to be re-elected in order to support those continued improvements in student performance.

Jeanne King: I care deeply about children, their well-being, and that they have the tools and support needed to succeed in life. With my background, I feel I can be effective in support of students, their parents and the staff at Willits Unified School District.

Dianne McNeal: I love teaching, and I want our schools to be among the best. Your school board should be accessible to you and accountable for the performance for the schools. They set the standards in your district; their focus should be on student achievement and implementing policies that will ensure success for all students. When schools are progressing, so does our community. Decisions a school board makes will impact your children and you for years to come.

Chris Neary: The district is transitioning from a troubled district where the high school several years ago was in danger of losing its accreditation to a district that is trending in a very positive direction. I want to see that process continue.

Paul Nunez: I have worked in the WUSD for over 40 years, and during that time, I've gone to board meetings for about 30 years. I believe I can contribute a great deal in experience and perspective. I also believe our main focus should be our students, finances, and personnel.

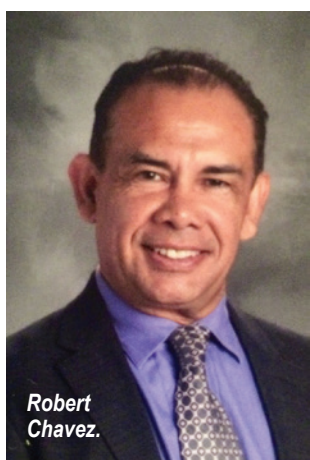
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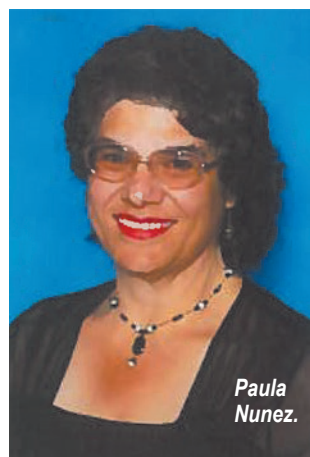
Dianne McNeal



Robert Chavez.



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Paula Nunez



Colvig.

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First, supervisors directed Department of Transportation staff to work with the Mendocino Council of Governments and the board's ad hoc committee on second access and emergency access issues, to seek a Caltrans

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The Little Lake Fire Protection Board discussed progress on the Measure J campaign along with recent training, 911 calls, and the intricacies of the department during its October meeting last week.

Fire Chief Chris Wilkes announced there are three firefighters interested in completing the training and coursework to become officers, as well as two additional firefighters well on their way to finishing the

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Supervisors on Tuesday directed county staff to begin the process of creating three new positions to act as a nucleus of a county-operated Local Emergency Medical Services Agency.

The positions, created by a 4-1 vote, are those of EMS administrator, EMS specialist, and a part-time EMS medical director.

HHSA Director Tammy Moss Chandler told supervisors that filling those positions would likely cost the county \$500,000 a year.

Staff, however, was directed not to fill those positions immediately, but to fill them only if specifically directed to do so by the

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and when they come knocking on your door and tell you it's time to go you should go. As a Brooktrails resident who already pays more for garbage, water, sewer and almost every other utility, I would prefer not to have another bill. I will be voting for John Pinches the candidate who knows the Third District, Mendocino County and how to get things done.

Jessica Branscomb, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

Here is why I support John Haschak for Third District supervisor. I've known him a long time. Ranchers are concerned about the fast pace of changes like the loss of timber revenue and depressed property values and taxes from marijuana growers walking away from their properties. A lot of people are between a rock and a hard place and can't compete because they are trapped between county and state rules. Nobody knows what's coming next.

John Haschak knows how to work hard. He listens to people and knows that a lot of people are stressed. They need training, jobs and a place to live. Now it is harder than ever to get through county bureaucracy. John Haschak knows how the system operates from being a teacher. He knows how to address budget issues and to negotiate. Vote for John Haschak for a change.

Richard Wilson, Covelo

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

John Haschak said he will enforce Measure V, the ban on intentionally killing millions of trees, which passed overwhelmingly by county votes in 2016. Haschak says the people of the county have the right to protect themselves from the toxic fire danger resulting from Mendocino Redwood Company's practice of poisoning millions of tanoaks and leaving them standing in the forest.

John Pinches says the timber company needs to eliminate these "weed" trees, and because the state allows the practice of "hack and squirt" to kill these trees, county counsel should never have allowed Measure V to be put on the ballot.

John Haschak said he would have required a full environmental review of the proposal to operate an asphalt plant on the banks of Outlet Creek. This plant ended up filling the Outlet Creek canyon with toxic smoke for weeks during the fall and spring of 2015-2016 and forced many residents to seek medical help for symptoms of exposure to toxic asphalt fumes.

John Pinches defended the board of supervisors' decision to skirt an environmental review of the plant, saying the county had already done an adequate environmental review when it updated the Mendocino County General Plan in 2009.

John Haschak says that the Wild and Scenic designation of the Eel River means "hands off," and that having a protected wild river in our district is a precious asset that he doesn't want to jeopardize.

John Pinches proposed diverting high flows from the Wild and Scenic Middle Fork Eel River near Dos Rios, pumping the water to a new reservoir on Sherwood Road, and delivering it to points south, ignoring the intent of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and risking wider exploitation in the future.

If you think it's time for real protections for people and the environment, vote for John Haschak for supervisor, November 6.

Ellen Drell, Autumn Whitaker, Tamara Adams, Jed and Carlin Diamond, Jon Spitz, Sue Ellen Parkinson, Cindy Morninglight, and John Wagenet, Willits; and Jon Spitz, Laytonville

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

My name is Ricardo Haschak, and I am a PFC in the United States Marine Corps. I am the son of future Third District supervisor, John Haschak. I was adopted at the age of 4, and since then I've watched my father dedicate his life to selflessness.

When I was in third grade my dad stepped down from being the Spanish teacher for 17 years at Willits High School just so he could be my teacher. I have to say that was by far my most favorite year of school.

Growing up my father was always home late and was gone most weekends always doing something for someone. When he was home he always made time for his family. He always had energy for a basketball

game or reading me classics such as "Animal Farm," "Of Mice and Men," and "The Adventures of Pinocchio."

My father showed me that I can do anything I want as long as I believe in what I'm doing. I took this and

became a United States Marine. It was because of my father's devotion to the teachers, community, and county that inspired me to become a U.S. Marine.

Whether or not you agree with all of his ideas there is no one who will put in more hard work, more energy and more personal time to make this district flourish. Help my father become the supervisor the Third District needs.

Ricardo Haschak, Willits

Pinches for supervisor

To the Editor:

What an extraordinary campaign cycle! We've seen unprecedented energy and enthusiasm from the candidates, their supporters, and the public, discussing a can-do future for our Third District of Mendocino County.

Thank you to all the candidates who chose to run positive, respectful campaigns. Anyone who chooses public service deserves applause.

A special thanks going out to Georgeanne Croskey for stepping into the job of supervisor. As promised, she has been dedicated and hardworking. By not running for election she ensured a more level playing field for new candidates with no incumbent to beat. I especially appreciated the time she took to talk with me about the actual experience of being in office.

What are the most important issues? It turns out roads and cannabis regulations are at the top of the list. She also impressed on me what a wide range of meetings supervisors attend just to keep up with all that is going on in our county and beyond. Thank you, Georgeanne, I hope to see more of you in public office.

Thank you to everyone who came to talk and to listen, helping to shape a future we can all live and thrive in. As a candidate I learned as much from the audience as I contributed.

Thank you to the Willits Environmental Center and all the sponsors of candidate forums throughout the Third District. With eight people running for supervisor last spring, it was energizing to get to hear so many voices and watch an amazing community consensus emerge. We agree on so many issues: the need for emergency preparedness, a Brooktrails second access route, mental health services, affordable housing, economic development and streamlined cannabis regulations. I was hoping to hear a fuller discussion of some of the thornier issues, but found both supervisorial candidates constrained by the 1 minute time limit for responses.

Even though I didn't make it to the run-off, the political bug had bitten, and I kept up with the issues by watching the candidate forums.

I came away with tremendous respect for John Pinches. He genuinely enjoys talking about the challenges in our county, welcomes discussion with his so-called opponents, and listens carefully to a wide range of viewpoints and experiences. John is particularly intent on encouraging younger candidates to enter politics. Many times he or his sister, June, called to remind me about deadlines for filing candidate paperwork to meet county and Fair Political Practices Commission requirements.

He has mastered the nuts and bolts of maintaining infrastructure. In Covelo and Laytonville I often heard stories about how he made sure roads got repaired and maintained. Many people thought Pinches did not care enough about developing Brooktrails access routes, both for daily circulation and for emergency evacuation. I checked the facts and found that what Pinches says is true. After the Oakland fires, the Brooktrails board requested help evaluating alternate routes. Per Pinches and the board of supervisors they worked with the county planning department to evaluate alternate routes, but the plans were stalled by Brooktrails residents and landowners along the routes, who did not want people driving through or near their property. When Pinches left office the plans languished and have only been revived recently.

Other examples of Pinches' stewardship: 1) he brokered the agreement to end herbicide spraying on roadside weeds, and 2) he advocated for improvements to Sherwood Road that Caltrans is working on now. I can't tell anyone else how to vote, but it is concrete accomplishments like these that convinced me where my vote will go.

Last year I taught a resource class at Willits High School. John Haschak was the president of the local teachers union at that time. All teachers are required to belong to the union and about \$90/month was deducted from my pay for union dues -- with 100 teachers that comes to \$9,000/month -- yet it was not clear how that money benefited us or where it went, and the Willits Teachers Association was unable to address issues important to teachers, such as affordable health care, smaller class sizes, and state mandates to adhere to cookie cutter curriculum that has been scrubbed clean of meaningful content. Even though teachers and districts pay \$90/month per teacher for health care, the deductible is so high that many teachers cannot afford to go to the doctor.

At the Laytonville and Willits candidates forums Pinches questioned Haschak about how he could

represent all residents since he received \$25,000 from the Service Employees International Union. A few days later when asked at the Covelo forum how much money each candidate had received/ spent so far, Pinches has received \$5,800 so far, with no contribution greater than \$49. Haschak was vague, "\$15,000, maybe \$20,000." It must be more than that if he received \$25,000 from one union alone. Transparency and walking the walk have always been of utmost importance to me. I've never heard John Pinches promise anything he cannot actually deliver.

Many would like to believe that there are easy answers. I favor the candidate with a record of being able to make tough decisions, who runs a positive campaign and who practices transparency, John Pinches.

This isn't to say that I always agree with Pinches, there are several environmental issues that I look forward to working with him on.

Shawna Jeavons, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

I remember all three terms of John Pinches. When I went to him for help with some of my county problems he laughed at me and said he didn't care about my issues. There was a time when I wanted to know more about the Willits bypass and he said he couldn't help me. That's why I'm voting for John Haschak for supervisor. He cares about people.

Bill Gardner, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

I enthusiastically support John Haschak for supervisor. He has done his homework investigating the pressing issues facing our county.

Hearing John speak at candidates night last week, I was pleased to see that he is someone who will stand for his beliefs as well as listen to opposing views. He will be a strong voice for the Third District and an energetic addition to the board of supervisors of Mendocino County.

Cassandra Andich, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

If you are a cannabis farmer, or were a cannabis farmer, John Haschak deserves your vote for Third District supervisor. He has a 12-point platform on cannabis cultivation developed with input from many local cannabis farmers and residents.

Three critical points are Haschak's plans to: 1) create regional banking so cannabis businesses can conduct safe, non-cash transactions like every other business; 2) allow farmers to sell directly to customers through farmers markets, and 3) encourage farm cooperatives that will help small permitted local farmers compete with large industrial grows.

John also wants to eliminate the county's costly cannabis track-and-trace program, keep cannabis inspections focused on cultivation compliance not on building code enforcement, calculate fees and taxes based on cannabis that is sold and not on what is grown, and find a pathway toward transferability of licenses.

John Haschak makes sense. He is a teacher, not a politician, and is determined to solve problems, not create more red tape -- for farmers or for anyone.

Please, vote for John Haschak.

Debbie Boone-Harry, Willits; Susan Byers, Willits; Erin Carney, Longvale; Melinda Clarke, Willits; Lucinda Dekker, Laytonville; Jane Rutchter, Longvale; Traci Pellar, Longvale; and Jenn Provacchi, Covelo.

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition co-sponsored the candidate forum in Willits. After the Willits forum, the MWPC members present recommended our members endorse John Haschak for supervisor.

A ballot went out to our 84 members. They agreed to endorse John. It was felt that John Haschak's advocacy for families and children sets him apart. His years of teaching and fluency in Spanish give him a unique perspective.

John's understanding of the area's recent disasters and his willingness to safeguard the environment is important in our remote rural county.

John's ability to work with large budgets, such as those of the California Teachers Association, and his respect for working women and men add to his qualifications. We believe that John Haschak will be a major asset to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

Judy Berdis, for MWPC, Willits

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Messages like these are shared on greeting cards back and forth between clients and volunteers at the Caring Kitchen. On a weekly basis, Caring Kitchen volunteers can see the difference the meal delivery makes for the clients, both physically and emotionally.

"These are patients who are very, very sick," says Angle Slater, supervisor at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley's Oncology Infusion Center. "The Caring Kitchen supports our patients with nutritious homestyle meals, something very different than the frozen or processed food that patients sometimes rely on because they're too sick to cook."

Slater adds "It's even more than the meals -- it's that the patients feel supported because Caring Kitchen volunteers are calling them to check in, and stopping in to talk with them when they deliver the meals. That means so much to our patients."

All this is possible thanks to generous individuals, agencies and businesses who have been supporting the Caring Kitchen's first year of operations with grants, donations, staff support, volunteers and sponsorships. Thank you to the Caring Kitchen's project partners: Ceres Community Project, North Coast Opportunities, the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County, Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, Shannon Montoya, and Mendocino County Health and Human Services for bringing the Caring Kitchen to life.

Thanks also to the Caring Kitchen's members who contribute monthly as our "Healthy Hero" sustainable givers. In addition, thank you to the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, the Saturday Afternoon Club, the Dolan Family, the Lowenstein-Morawski Family, the Gordon Family, the Moorehead Family, Gregg Simpson Trucking, Friedman's Home Improvement, Ukiah Paper Supply, Ken Fowler Auto, The Wild Women of Wine, and Adventist Health Howard Memorial for being community supporters of the Caring Kitchen Project.

"I'm looking for veterans to join the post," explained Ham, "to be part of a family of comrades. We haven't been through the same wars, but we've had similar experiences. You don't have to explain stuff to us. We've been there, done it. We want to be part of and help the community in which we live. That's my goal."

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Veterans Serving Willits

Oktoberfest dinner raises money for American Legion community programs

There's a lot going on at the Willits American Legion Post 174. On Saturday, October 13 it was the annual Oktoberfest dinner with such familiar fare as schweinbraten, which, for those who do not speak German, is marinated roast pork. Accompanying the pork there was rotkohl (sweet red cabbage), kartoffeln mit petersilie (white potatoes with parsley), grüne bohnen (green beans), and apfelwein (apple cider). And for dessert, the exotic treat, cupcakes (vanilla or chocolate).

Feeding people and making money to help the community is a labor of love for these altruistic veterans of wars in places many have only read about or seen on the nightly news. They are drawn together, although from different wars, by a shared experience of service to country and the desire to give back to their community.

Many of the veterans spent a good part of two days preparing the small basement hall, procuring the food, and preparing the feast. The fellowship of ex-soldiers expertly served their fellow veterans and others who just wanted to have some great food and a few laughs among friends. Nobody went home hungry.

Roger Ham, adjutant of the chapter, is always looking to beef up their roster of veterans with people who wish to continue to serve, and not just food for their dinners and breakfasts. They serve the community of Willits with events, scholarships and educational programs.

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Above: Veteran Frank Deuel and Zack Ireland and Dominic Favalora, Sons of the American Legion, are ready to serve up a delicious Oktoberfest dinner.

Below: Adjutant Roger Ham helps with the logistics of the dinner.

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Top row, from left: Veterans and community members dine at the American Legion Post's Oktoberfest fundraiser dinner. Reesa Shaffer enjoys a delicious dinner of roast pork, roast red potatoes, green beans, red cabbage and dinner roll. Alexandra Titus and Jenna Wells of Girl Scout Troop 10569 take a break from serving the drinks.

At left: Young Dominic Favalora and Post Commander Robert Ireland enjoy their Oktoberfest dinner together. Mike Smith gets a couple dinners to go. Vietnam veteran John Frankum and U.S. Navy veteran Tom Moore prepare to serve schweinbraten and kartoffeln mit petersilie.

Below: Carol Deuel, member of the American Legion Post 174 Auxiliary, lines up the vanilla and chocolate cupcake desserts.

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Thursday, October 18

Reading to the Little Monsters Storytime: "A monstrous take on our regular Thursday Storytime. Our children's librarian leads a monster-themed storytime with stories, songs and craft. Costumes are encouraged." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursday, October 18, 11 to 11:30 am. 459-5908.

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, October 18, 3 to 6 pm. The last of the summer veggies, including heirloom tomatoes, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, strawberries from Redwood Valley, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted iced coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Willits High School Soccer: Willits vs. Fort Bragg: Boys 4 pm, Girls 5:30 pm. Willits High School Soccer Field, 299 North Main Street. (Boys Coach Martin Rodriguez, Girls Coach Tatiana Cancell)

Willits High School Lady Wolverines Volleyball: Willits vs. Fort Bragg: JV 5 pm, Varsity 6 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (JV Coach Julie Goyke, Varsity Coach Jon Jessup).

Willits School Board Candidates Forum: The Willits Unified School District will hold a Candidates Forum for prospective school board candidates Thursday, October 18, 6:30 to 8:30 pm or until finished, at the Willits High School Alan Garcia Auditorium, 299 North Main Street. Long-term candidates: Robert Chavez, Jeanne King, Dianne McNeal, Christopher Neary, Paula Nunez. Short-term candidates: Bob Colvig and Dany Laurent. Sponsored by Willits Teachers Association, California Schools Employees Association, American Association of University Women, Willits Branch. Info: Judi Berdis, AAUW 707-972-7070. Submit questions in advance to dangreen@willitsunified.com.

"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church": Last weekend for this hilarious and unpredictable country comedy by Texas playwright Linda LaRoque at the Willits Community Theatre. The play features two down-on-their-luck comen who try conning the Lord in his own house with much-unexpected consequences. Runs through October 21. Thursday at 7 pm for \$15; Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for \$20; Sunday matinee on October 21 at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets for all regular shows are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Shanachie Pub: FlyLite Gemini: "FlyLiteGemini is one man stomping his way through original folk, rock, and blues tunes." Visit flylitegemini.com. Thursday, October 18, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

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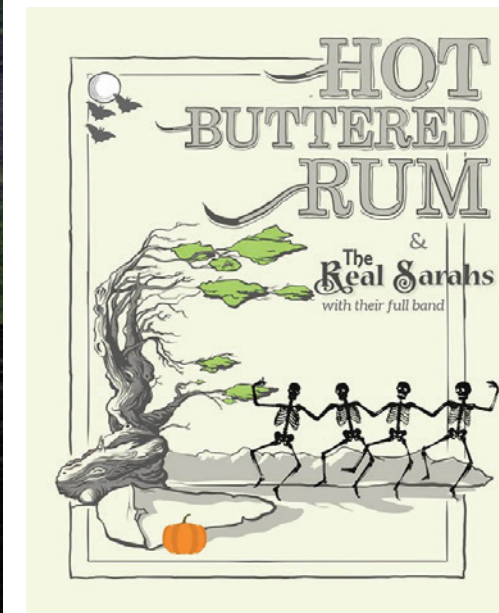
Model Ships in Motion Regatta

October 27
The American Legion Post 174 presents a regatta of radio-controlled model boats from the Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights Club of Rohnert Park. Saturday, October 27, 10 am to 2 pm. "Come and see the extraordinary detail in style and function of these beautiful model ships plying the waters of the Willits City Pool. Observe the powerful and impressive German and British Dreadnought battleships of a bygone era parade in review as you witness the speed and agility of fully rigged sailboats. See the amazing skill and craftsmanship of these shipwrights who merged their love of sailing with historical accuracy and attention to detail." Willits City Pool, just north of Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: 463-4226.



Haunted House at Willits Charter

October 26 - 28
"Here at Willits Charter School we are proud to present our 3rd Annual Haunted House! It will be open 6 to 8 pm on October 26, 27 and 28. This year the theme is "Infested Laboratory" where you will see how a harmless science experiment went horribly wrong! We are also trying out a new idea where we have a kids room that will be full of fun activities, in case your child is easily scared. Tickets: \$5, \$3 for under 7, are available at the door. All proceeds will go towards future WCS events. Info: WCS at 459-5506. See you soon, and watch out for zombies!"



Friday, October 19

Fall Book Sale at the Library: The annual Fall Book Sale at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 19 to 21. The Community Room at the library will be brimming with books and bargains. The sale runs 10 am to 6 pm Friday, 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. Books are only \$5 a bag all day Sunday, so be sure to bring your own bag. Sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library (FOWL) – a fundraiser for the Willits Branch Library.

Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration: A celebration of local business in downtown Willits. Several events from the merchants on Main Street at various locations: Hathaway Parking Lot, West Mendocino Street, Mazahar and others. Events include sales, face painting, music, dancing, activities for kids, photography and much more. Friday, October 19, 3 to 8 pm.

Jody Gerhman Author Visit: Ukiah author Jody Gerhman leads a discussion of the story "The Faery Handbag" from the NEA Big Read Book, "Pretty Monsters" by Kelly Link. Friday, October 19, 4 to 5 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

Willits High School Football: Willits vs. Kelseyville: JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7 pm. Willits High School's Maize Field, 299 North Main Street. (JV Coach Josh Husarek, Varsity Coach Chris Bickford)

Salmon Awareness Festival and Salmon Movie Premier: The Eel River Recovery Project is joining the Round Valley Indian Tribes in celebrating the return of the salmon on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. In addition to the traditional salmon feed and ceremonies, the film "Signs of Resilience: Eel River 2012 Chinook Salmon Trends" will be shown. 10 am Saturday workshop on forest health. Traditional salmon feed and educational fair at Hidden Oaks Park in Covelo beginning at 3 pm on Saturday, October 20. Volunteers will be on hand to explain about scientific studies on river health and agricultural practices to get farmers in harmony with nature. Dinner of salmon and corn is free; attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish to share.

"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church": this "hilarious and unpredictable country comedy" plays Friday, October 19, 8 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, October 18 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Lantz Lazwell & The Vibe Tribe: "Lantz Lazwell services the deep, melodic desires that drive us to dance." Visit www.lantzlazwellmusic.com. Friday, October 19, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.



You never know what you'll find at the FOWL book sale!

and activities for every age. The event will include a 5k walk/run, 10k and a half-marathon race, live music, local food vendors, food competition featuring local chefs and caterers, kids' activity zone, artisan market, wellness vendors, and live music. Race registration at 8:30 am. Races start at 10 am. Food and vendors at 11 am. Information and registration: WildWillitsFest.com, Facebook and Instagram. Recreation Grove Park, Commercial Street and Lenore Avenue.

Salmon Awareness Festival: See listing Friday, October 19 for details.

Fall Book Sale at the Library: Saturday, October 20, 10 am to 4 pm. See Friday, October 19 listing for details.

FFA Alumni Dinner: The Blue and Gold Willits FFA Alumni Fundraiser Dinner is Saturday, October 20. Mix and Mingle 4 pm; Dinner 5 pm. Tickets \$25 per plate. There will be a Dessert Auction, Live Auction and Silent Auction. At the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Call 459-6588 for tickets.

"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church": this "hilarious and unpredictable country comedy" plays Saturday, October 20, 8 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, October 18 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Crosby Tyler: "Blend backporch-bluegrass with Delta blues and add a keen sense of social commentary and wrap it up in a one-man band." Visit www.crosbytyler.com/. Saturday, October 20, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, October 21

Fall Book Sale at the Library: Sunday, October 21, 10 am to 3 pm. \$5/bag/day! See Friday, October 19 listing for details.

Sock and Undie Sunday: The Willits United Methodist Church, 266 School Street, is collecting socks and undies for the clients of Manzanita Services. The community is invited to attend a special service on Sunday, October 21 at 11 am and stay for refreshments. Donations of socks and undies will be gladly accepted at the service or on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 12 pm at the church office. Underwear (no T-shirts) sizes M-XL for women and L-XL for men. Info: 459-2855.

"Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church": Closing performance of this "hilarious and unpredictable country comedy," Sunday, October 21, 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, October 18 listing for details.

The Dumb Supper

November 1

"In many cultures, ancestor worship is an ancient practice. Traditionally found in Mexican, African and Asian societies, this honoring was also a tradition in Old Europe, and is being revived among those of European heritage. The Day of the Dead, or All Souls Day: November 1 to 3 is a time for focusing this practice. The Dumb Supper is a silent (a.k.a. "dumb") sharing of food, especially favorite foods, with the dearly departed dead. You are invited to bring small remembrances and things to honor your dear ones – photos, heirlooms, or even a family tree. We will build family altars using these objects that you bring, returned to you after the ceremony. We will also share any favorite food of your departed beloved, brought ready to serve: an "ancestral pot luck." It can be as simple as a bar of chocolate, cookies, a bottle of beer, or as delicious as homemade cornbread. You will be able to speak about your dear ones, their photos and favorite foods after the "bell" has rung bringing the silent portion to a close." Thursday, November 1 at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Street. Suggested donation \$5 to \$20.

Tuesday, October 23

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

Hands-On Healing Craft Night: Tuesday, October 23, 5 to 6 pm, at the Mendocino County Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "In conjugation with the Out of the Ashes Exhibit, the Hands on Healing Craft Night activity aims to provide an opportunity for participants to remember, heal and rebuild community after the wildfires." Collage Memory Boxes will be created. Designed for ages 8 and up.

Thursday, October 25

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, October 25, 3 to 6 pm. See Thursday, October 18 listing for details.

Friday, October 26

Sherwood School Fall Festival: Carnival games and dinner from 4 to 6 pm and the kids will perform at 6 pm. 32600 Sherwood Road. 707-984-6769.

Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Open 6 to 8 pm on October 26, 27 and 28. This year the theme is "Infested Laboratory" where you will see how a harmless science experiment went horribly wrong! With a kids room full of fun activities, in case your child is easily scared. Tickets: \$5, \$3 for under 7 years, available at the door. Proceeds for future WCS events. 1431 South Main Street. Info: 459-5506.

Behind the Mic: Youth Poetry Night. This poetry and music event will be at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Friday, October 26, 7 pm. This is a free event for all ages.

Shanachie Pub: The Apollo Era: "Three-piece band from Arcata, who play dance music you can rock to." Friday, October 26, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 27

Willits Color Run: "Join us for this year's fun Color Run!" Registration starts at 9:30 am. Brookside and Blosser schools will be selling food and goodies. If you pre-register and pay \$30 for the event you get a free T-shirt, sunglasses and dye pack. The color is thrown while walking and comes out easily.



The money collected goes to the schools to help pay for assemblies, free book giveaways, and teacher supplies. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Saturday, October 27, 11 am.

Model Ships in Motion Regatta: The American Legion Post 174 presents a regatta of radio-controlled model boats from the Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights Club of Rohnert Park. Saturday, October 27, 10 am to 2 pm. "Come and see the extraordinary detail in style and function of these beautiful model ships plying the waters of the Willits City Pool." Just north of Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: 463-4226.



Model Ships in Motion Regatta

Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest: Calling all dogs, cats and their humans. Free family and pet-friendly event. Costume contest, with a treat bag for your pet and some light refreshments. Saturday, October 27, 11 am to 2 pm. Awards for Best Look Alike Owner and Pet, Funniest, Scariest and Most Creative costumes. There will be pets available for adoption at the event, and vaccinations will be on site. Mendo Mill, 305 East Commercial Street.

St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta: St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 61 West San Francisco Avenue, will hold its Fall Fiesta on Saturday, October 27, 11 am to 5 pm (food served 12 to 4 pm). Pre-sale tickets only; adults \$12, Children \$6, available at El Mexicano, Loose Caboose and Adri's Salon. A chicken or beef fajita barbecue, marinated in Mexican spices and served with rice, beans, tortillas and a dessert. Hot dogs for the kids. Mariachi band, bounce house, raffles and games for the children.

Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Saturday, October 27, 6 to 8 pm. See October 26 listing for details.

Hot Buttered Rum Halloween Bash: The 4th Annual Hot Buttered Rum Halloween Bash, a benefit for the School of Adaptive Agriculture, Willits' own farm school, will kick off with The Real Sarahs. Silent auction. Food by Zocolo Collective. Costume contest. Cash bar. Dessert by She Wolf Coffee. Kids room. \$25 advance, \$30 door. Tickets available at J.D. Redhouse, the Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op and online (Eventbright & http://www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org/product/hbr18/. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Saturday, October 27, 6 to 11:30 pm.



Brown Bag Lunch

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

27, 6 to 11:30 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Halloween Party with The Irie Rockers: "From the coastal ridges of Northern California. As a band of experienced musicians rooted in Reggae, the Irie Rockers together reflect their similar, yet unique upbringings through music." Saturday, October 27, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, October 28

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: Last breakfast of the year. "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, October 28. Free breakfast for firefighters! (one breakfast per official ID). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to

be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods": Choose soughdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street).

FFA Carnival: "On Sunday, October 28, join us for a good old-fashioned carnival with kids games, festive food and



Cotton Dandee as the special musical guest. Festivities will take place from 1 to 5 pm. Costume contest 3 pm. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Sunday, October 28, 6 to 8 pm. See October 26 listing for details.



AT THE MOVIES



'First Man'

The Story: Bio-pic recreation of the international "space race" focusing on the actions and family of Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon. Armstrong (magnetic, often inscrutable Ryan Gosling) is a man of calm and reasoned assurance. He's chosen to lead Apollo 11. This

flick concerns itself with both Armstrong's qualifications as an astronaut-engineer, and his relationship with his daughter and his sons. Also, most importantly, Neil Armstrong's relationship with his wife, Janet (brilliantly expressive Claire Foy).

My Thoughts: This movie is a bright gem of historical drama. It is a family drama as well. The dangers of the job, the grueling astronaut training sessions, the historical context of being the first, and what that means to America, the cost to the astronauts' families, all these themes are dramatized. Director Damien Chazelle who made "La Land" is committed to giving us, the

audience, a sense of how that era and those events viscerally felt. I think Chazelle pretty much succeeded in his ambition. This is a stunning movie about a man who endures fear and physical stress, sorrow and loss, and who achieves greatness. I was mesmerized for two hours and 20 minutes all the way to the very last frame. It's an important movie.

Parents: Not for children. This is an epic historical drama for intelligent teenagers and adults.

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

Radio Control Model Ship Exhibition
Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights Club of Rohnert Park - California
October 27, 2018 Saturday 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM Free Admission
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Mr. George H. Hirsch, Hall Mgr. 174 Am Franch
Mendocino County Veterans Services Representative
Mon. to Thur. 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Contact Telephone Number: 707-463-4226

Senior Center Lunch

Week of October 22 through October 26

Monday: Chicken Broccoli Cheese Stromboli
Tuesday: Beef Stroganoff
Wednesday: Monterey Chicken
Thursday: Roast Beef
Friday: Birthday Turkey Dinner
Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Candidate forums available online

If you missed the October 4 candidate forums for Willits City Council candidates and for Third District supervisor candidates, they are online on WCTV's Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/user/WillitsCommunityTV. And also broadcasting on Channel 3 Comcast TV.

Wild Willits Fest

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Above: Representing their roles in the Wild Willits Fest, from left: Joey Duenas, music; Bekah Allen, wine, beer and spirits; Ruby Lane, kids' zone; Jaynene Johnson, Taste the Harvest and food vending; and Hayley Schmidtko, event coordinator and running.

Wild Willits Fest

Run, walk, eat, drink, dance and play at Saturday's event at the Rec Grove

Willits will be getting wild this weekend, as the Wild Willits Fest shows off the beauty of the Little Lake Valley to runners and walkers, and highlights the area's farm-fresh produce and local chefs with the "Taste the Harvest" competition.

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Two of the Wild Willits Fest organizers are Hayley and Evan Schmidtko, who own the U.S. Cellular store in the Evergreen Plaza, and who are passionate runners themselves.

"We just found that getting out and running is an amazing way to meet people and explore new places, and build a community," Hayley said, "and that's the emphasis of what this event is all about."

Wild Willits Fest is attracting serious runners from around Mendocino County, Sonoma County and even the Bay Area, Evan said, but with a 5k run/walk on the schedule – about 3.1 miles total – less ambitious walkers and joggers are more than welcome. "We wanted to make it super-inclusive," he said. "We wanted to give everybody a way to participate, and bring out as many people as we could, to show off Willits' beautiful fall colors."

Runners for all three races, the 5k, the 10k and a half-marathon (13.1 miles), will start off all together, at 10 am at the Rec Grove on Saturday, with race day registration starting at 8:30 am. But this healthy event out in the fresh air also includes a day full of activities at the Rec Grove, starting at 11 am.

Free events include live music, a kids' activity zone and 35 vendors (offering food, wellness, artisan goods, and more). The Taste the Harvest competition will be held inside a pavilion at the park with VIP seating with a great view of the Rec Grove stage.

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board of supervisors.

The half-way measure reflects the situation within the county administration. The contract with the county's current EMS provider – privately owned Coastal Valleys Emergency Medical Services, currently acting as the county's LEMSA – is due to expire in six months. County CEO Carmel Angelo has expressed displeasure that Coastal Valleys "abandoned" Mendocino County during the Redwood fire, and has repeatedly asked if having a Local Emergency Services Agency that provides simultaneous service to two counties – such as Coastal Valleys, which coordinates the provision of emergency medical services for both Mendocino and Sonoma counties – is a model that will work for Mendocino County if and when another disaster strikes.

Angelo reiterated her concerns on Tuesday. "You don't very often see, if ever, your CEO come forward and ask you to create positions like this, to the tune of half a million dollars.

"I think that with all the services that we provide, we talk a lot about 'what happens if' – if something happens or we don't have beds for service, or we're dealing with the jail or we're dealing with juvenile hall. But when you're talking about emergency medical services, you're really talking about life and death.

"And while we know on a daily basis that we have received excellent service from Coastal Valleys, it really is the model," Angelo said. "Is this the model that will work?"

"You look back at the 2017 fires and the evacuations – as far as the hospitals and the skilled nursing facilities – and that was primarily in Sonoma County," she noted. "But what happens next time, when both Mendocino and Sonoma counties need to have those resources? It is on us. Because we have had the disaster, we've had the fires, and it's up to us to really prepare for the next time."

Coastal Valleys and the county are working together to respond to issues raised by the state related to the county's request for proposals for an operator for an exclusive operating area for emergency medical services. The RFP is an important step in establishing an exclusive operating area, which is seen by at least some EMS experts as a vital pre-condition to establishing sustainable, viable ambulance service in Mendocino County.

Another wrinkle in the mix is that the county and Coastal Valleys do not seem to be working together very effectively. The decision to rewrite the request for proposals for the exclusive operating area was made in mid-August 2017, about three weeks before the Redwood fire broke out. That was 14 months ago.

A fourth wrinkle is that supervisors apparently left resolution of the situation up to Angelo and her staff. Although many ideas were discussed during the 90 minutes that EMS issues were debated Tuesday – including the possibility of directing staff to explore changing the basic contract with Coastal Valleys to get more hands-on representation in Mendocino County, or exploring creation of a regional Local Emergency Medical Services Agency that might include counties to the north or south – those directives were not included in the motion, made by Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey.

Croskey's motion simply was to create the positions, but not to fill them. It is unclear how much of those other potential avenues of exploration will be explored, since they weren't included in the motion. Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde cast the lone dissenting vote, arguing that to have the county create its own LEMSA at \$500,000 a year appeared to be the most expensive option. Gjerde recommended staff spend the least amount of time exploring that option.

Bryan Cleaver, manager of the Mendocino branch of EMS services for Coastal Valleys, told supervisors Tuesday they would be mistaken if they believed the county could create its own LEMSA with just 2.5 employees. Coastal Valleys, he said, has 10 administrative employees, including several behind-the-scenes personnel who handle vital aspects of the company's work.

Emergency Medical Care Committee

Immediately after voting to create the 2.5 positions, the board heard a proposal from HHSADirector Tammy Moss Chandler to formally establish an Emergency Medical Care Committee to act in an advisory capacity to both the LEMSA and supervisors.

Chandler noted such a committee already exists and has been meeting for a long time. During discussion on the item, Second District Supervisor John McCowen noted the committee has been meeting for 35 years, and functions well.

However, Chandler argued the committee has never been established officially. She proposed supervisors formally establish the committee, whose proposed members should fill out county membership applications so they can be recognized by the board.

Chandler suggested the committee should consist of 17 members, five of which would be appointed by supervisors, one for each district.

McCowen replied he didn't feel supervisors needed district members on the committee, and recommended members from the public be appointed – for example, from small ambulance providers and law enforcement.

"I just want the committee to hear our suggestions and to feel free to set up the committee the way they want," he said.

Chandler said she would take McCowen's directive back to the committee and return to the board of supervisors with a resolution approved by the group that would establish the committee officially and define its composition.

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emergency medical technician program.

In addition, a couple of firefighters are on their way to becoming engineers (the person who drives and operates the truck), and one new firefighter is coming onboard.

"We had very little movement in the ranks for a long time," Wilkes said. "This renewed interest is exciting."

Training schools are located in Santa Rosa and Humboldt County, and EMT school is in Lake County.

"It takes a lot of dedication to complete the necessary training," the chief said.

New positions, and more education means additional highly trained first-responders serving the Willits area.

Firefighters will soon be attending PG&E-hosted training on using a combustible gas indicator, Training Chief Eric Alvarez reported. These tools use both catalytic combustion and electrochemical sensors to detect the levels and vapor attributed to harmful substances.

The training will help local firefighters become proficient with CGIs and increase the likelihood of a safe outcome in situations where carbon monoxide, flammable liquid spills, and natural gas are present.

It's timely training. On October 5, Little Lake Fire responded to an early-morning car accident on North Main Street. A vehicle left the road and ended up in a resident's backyard, disturbing a propane tank.

Extracting the driver from the wreckage was necessary, Wilkes said, and was completed without incident despite spilling propane. Firefighters were able to redirect the spill and fumes away from the road, a water tender arrived to assist with containment, and a CGI was used to confirm safety.

"It could not have gone better," stated Wilkes. "This was textbook."

To help the public reduce risk of injury or death due to toxic gas, local firefighters will host a booth at Mendo Mill on October 20 to educate people on the use and need of carbon monoxide detectors. It has been 10 years since the State of California mandated the use of carbon monoxide detectors in homes. Residents who do not have a carbon monoxide detector in their homes will have an opportunity to purchase one.

Public education is not limited to adults, Alvarez added. On October 3, children from Blosser Elementary School were treated to a presentation by several first responders. A firetruck, police cruiser, and ambulance were on display. Children were able to explore the vehicles and ask questions.

Unfortunately, it rained on this outdoor event, but the children were all smiles.

Speaking of local schools, Senate Bill 1205 states that fire districts are now mandated to perform annual inspections on all education-related structures, lodging facilities, and apartment buildings with more than three units.

Chief Wilkes plans to create a program that will serve this mandate and present it to the Little Lake Fire board. Once approved, it is up to the fire department to make sure that the inspections are carried out. This new mandate will take an abundance of time to fulfill, though the program will hopefully help to keep high-capacity buildings safer.

There were 62 calls for service during September, an average of 16 calls a week. In addition to local incidents, firefighters assisted with the Delta fire in Shasta/Trinity counties, and supported Lake County during "red flag" fire warnings.

When the wind is moving in fast gusts, it's more likely a small fire will become large quickly. Lake County is especially at risk. At Gov. Jerry Brown's suggestion to support vulnerable locations, LLFD dispatched strike teams and a water tender to Lake County to be proactive.

Sheriff Tom Allman recently reported more than 50 percent of Lake County has burned over the last three to five years. Lake County, however, saw no fires during this most recent red flag period.

Call volumes may increase for the Little Lake Department due to a significant lack of ambulances in inland Mendocino County. Often, one or more of the available ambulances are running transfers to areas that possess medical resources not available here.

While the transfers are necessary, the system sometimes leaves locals with only one ambulance available for several hours.

Part of the problem, Wilkes said, is a lack of qualified paramedics.

The Little Lake Fire Protection District is considering what it would take to assist with some of the medical calls usually covered by an ambulance. Developing a communication strategy with Howard Hospital was discussed, but the issue of not being permitted to transfer injured persons to the hospital remains problematic.

Wilkes said the estimated call volume for 2018 is 650 without additional medical calls. Between the inspection mandate and the potential call increase, solutions are being sought.

Current projects and grant opportunities were mostly good news, although the FEMA grant that would have afforded battery-operated hydraulic tools to assist with difficult to reach extractions was denied. However, the radios made possible through the Volunteer Firefighters Association matching grant have been purchased.

The ongoing digital mapping process is well underway, and those who have reviewed the project say they are pleased with its progress.

Measure J (the initiative that would help Willits build a much-needed firehouse) is gaining a lot of positive responses. Social media feedback is almost entirely supportive, and the Little Lake team received a gift of appreciation and encouragement from a Brooktrails resident.

The local couple sent the Little Lake Fire Protection District a \$100 donation along with a note detailing their gratitude to firefighters for assisting their neighborhood. The note included well-wishes and hopes for passing Measure J.

Willits residents have received their absentee ballots, and the time to consider whether we need a space to house fire equipment and emergency systems, create public access, and keep firefighters safe and comfortable has arrived.

For questions on Measure J or any fire-related matter, contact the Little Lake Fire Protection District by calling 459-6271 or visiting www.littlelakefire.org.

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Adaptation Planning Grant.

Secondly, supervisors directed county executive office staff to research other funding options for Brooktrails emergency exit routes.

The votes on both items were unanimous.

As Brooktrails resident Doreen Blumenfeld pointed out to the board, emergency routes into and out of Brooktrails are not the same thing as a Brooktrails second access.

A second access route would be a paved, two-lane road, similar to the existing Sherwood Road, or to Ridgewood Road that leads to Pine Mountain Estates.

An emergency access route out of Brooktrails could be unpaved and would travel over private property.

Several unpaved roads led into and out of Brooktrails in the past and were regarded – practically if not legally – as routes that could be used by Brooktrails residents in event of a major disaster.

However, in recent years these routes have fallen into disrepair. In some cases, they have become choked with brush and small trees. In places they are deeply rutted. They are gated, and in many cases the relationship between the township and the various property owners – over whose properties the several exit routes passed – are strained and even hostile.

Between the small trees, the brush, the ruts, and the unwillingness of property owners to cooperate with the township, the roads became impassible and unusable.

At a meeting of the supervisors' ad hoc committee on second access and emergency exit routes held at the Willits Community Center in March, Brooktrails Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief Jon Noyer told a stunned audience that Brooktrails no longer had a functioning emergency exit route system.

"I would not send my mother down those roads," Noyer said. "Why would I send you?"

A few weeks after the ad hoc committee meeting, Brooktrails residents along the Sherwood Road corridor formed the Sherwood Communities Firewise Council, which has worked to educate Sherwood Road residents about fire safe practices, communication needs, and the lack of emergency exits.

The group enlisted Croskey's support, who leaned on the county's Department of Transportation to grade the part of north Sherwood Road leading from Sherwood School to Laytonville, and also to erect signage along Sherwood Road telling local residents that the six-mile-long, largely untraveled north Sherwood Road exists.

On Tuesday, Croskey told her colleagues it was important for the board to act.

"I think this needs to have some direction from the board [of supervisors] to get this moving forward," she said. "I feel some responsibility that we have some way out in case of an emergency."

Croskey noted the Caltrans grant need not apply only to Brooktrails and the Sherwood Road corridor. She suggested the grant could fund a study to look at second-access/emergency exit needs for small communities throughout the county.

She urged the staffs of the Department of Transportation and MCOG to reach out to the municipal advisory councils and the various fire safe councils that exist in the county.

Several members of the public spoke in support of supervisory action, including Third District supervisory candidate John Haschak.

"What I want the board to realize is that the community up there, and Brooktrails, the Brooktrails board, have done incredible work trying to figure out a way to solve some of these problems and alleviate the fears that people have up there," Haschak said.

"And also the Sherwood Firewise Council: when you go to those meetings there's a lot of good energy, they're very well-attended, people are doing a lot of good, thoughtful work on all of this, and then the work that the ad hoc committee did. The consideration of the board on these issues is critical in solving this issue. I hope that you can go forward with this as quickly as possible."

Brooktrails board of directors member Tina Tyler-O'Shea praised Croskey for her work on the issue. "I want to thank you, Supervisor Croskey, for your dedication to our community," Tyler-O'Shea said. "I want to say that I have enjoyed working with you, and your 'How do we do this?' approach rather than a 'We can't do this' approach. I thank the rest of the board for considering this motion, and I look forward to working with you as we move forward in the future," she said.

First District Supervisor Carre Brown told Croskey and other board members that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has a new grant designed to foster and promote resiliency in rural America. Brown suggested this USDA grant might be applicable to the work now being envisioned.

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Public Alert and Warning Test

October 18, 2018



WHEN

The test will begin at 10:18 AM on October 18 and may last several hours

WHERE

The test will occur throughout Mendocino County. All registered users should receive an alert.

WHAT TO DO FIRST

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COLUMN | Dr. Pace on the Case

Those darn bugs!

Bugs are such a pain. While we hear about a variety of illnesses we could get from them, what do we actually need to worry about here in Mendocino County?

Gary Pace, MD, MPH
Columnist

Ticks

Of the varieties of ticks found in California, only six kinds are known to commonly bite humans. Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne illness in our area. There were five confirmed cases in the county in 2017, although there were likely many more that went unnoticed or unreported. For more information about Lyme, visit: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/LymeDisease.aspx.

Two lone star ticks were found in Mendocino County recently. They are not known to carry Lyme, but Ehrlichiosis and STARI (a rash similar to the Lyme rash) have been linked, and there are currently stories in the media about these tick bites provoking an allergy to red meat in unwitting victims.


Cover yourself when hiking, check your skin regularly, and remove ticks promptly. Also use insect repellent. If you get symptoms that might be related to a tick-borne infection, contact your medical provider.

Mosquitoes

Although most mosquitoes are just annoying, some varieties in the United States and around the world spread viruses that can cause serious diseases, such as Zika, West Nile virus, Chikungunya, dengue and malaria. West Nile, or WNV, is the main concern in California, with the other diseases mainly turning up in international travelers.

WNV was first detected in California in 2003 and is now established throughout the state. WNV transmission


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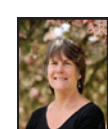
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Main Street from Highway 20 to "approximately 260 feet south of Wood Street," near Digger's bar. Additional restrictions also will be added in the northern portion of Main Street from the West Van Lane intersection to the Mill Creek bridge, and from just north of Commercial Street to just south of State Street.

With Caltrans nearing the completion of its downtown Willits relinquishment construction work, the agency asked the city to approve the resolution before road striping began. That striping includes new bike lanes and painting designated curbs red.

Parking restrictions were placed into the Main Street Plan to allow safe use of the bike lanes, which will travel continuously from the Highway 20 intersection to Willits High School.

"The No. 1 fear for cities regarding bike lanes ... [is] the interaction between bicycles and vehicles," said Assistant City Planner Michelle Johnson, citing the "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

"And when you look at where these bike lanes are and where the parking would be, you're almost inviting an interaction between them because you're having to cross paths.

"So, for the health and safety of the community," she said, "staff is requesting in order to move forward with the bike lanes that this parking needs to be restricted, or else we need to come back with and revisit the idea of having bike lanes."

City Manager Stephanie Garbrant-Sierra noted the resolution was placed on the consent calendar as a formality, since the Main Street Plan had already been approved unanimously by the council in December 2016.

However, Vice Mayor Saprina Rodriguez, who wasn't on the council at that time, said she worried for the businesses that would no longer have street parking in front of their buildings.

"I'm concerned that there's quite a few businesses along there, and they may not be aware of the impact this has to their business," she said. "We've talked a lot about revitalizing our community, and I'm concerned this is one more blow that businesses are going to take. For some of them, they need that street parking, and I'm not sure they've had the opportunity to really be noticed and come before the council and express their opinion on the subject."

City Planner Dusty Duley said business owners did have an opportunity to give their input at community gatherings throughout the planning stages for the Main Street design.

"When we were going through this we did understand there was going to be an extreme loss of parking on the southern end of town," said Duley. "It's about 45 spaces in total, if memory serves me right.

"As you're aware there was a lot of people that participated in this process. And we didn't hear complaints from businesses in that area," he added. "Mainly because folks didn't use that [street parking] typically, and they had enough off-street parking to meet their business needs.

"This was something that was vetted with businesses in that area," Duley said. "And certainly, downtown we heard a lot of concern, but in that area far less."

Greta Kanne, who was on the technical advisory committee during the Main Street planning process, largely agreed with Duley's assessment.

"In theory all the property and business owners – at least who were in business back then when this happened which was just a few years ago – did have lots of opportunity and lots of notice that this was going to happen," said Kanne, who is currently running for city council.

In the downtown area, from Wood to Commercial streets, there will continue to be street parking, but there will no longer be a central turn lane for much of it.

Duley pointed out this was a trade-off to having the bike lanes there, since there wasn't room to have them with a safe buffer zone in addition to street parking and a turn lane.

Assistant City Planner Johnson said there has always been a fair amount of restricted parking in the areas where the restrictions on Main Street will increase, noting there were generally parking lots or other available parking nearby.

She also told the council there could be financial repercussions if the resolution was not approved at the meeting.

"From what I understand based upon a conversation with Dusty, because these are the plans that Caltrans has moved forward with, if [the resolution] is not approved, it will actually cost the city more money to go back and provide a new plan that is different than what they have now."

Mayor Madge Strong pointed out the design could be potentially changed in the future and felt it could also be unsafe to delay restriping of the roads while considering a new plan.

"Caltrans is really at that point where they're about to do that striping pretty quickly," she said, "and we kind of want that because we need for safety [reasons] proper striping and pedestrian striping and all that. So, if we aren't moving ahead with this we're going to see a significant delay.

"I think this is a very good plan," Strong said, "and we did go through this long process, and if we want bikes, I think this is the best we're going to have."

The resolution was approved 4-0 (Councilman Ron Orenstein was absent), with Rodriguez again stating her reservations, but conceding, "It was the council before us that came up with this decision, I'll honor that."

Duley informed the council the Revit-Ed committee will meet on October 23 at 3:30 pm to discuss plans for full implementation of the Main Street Corridor Enhancement Plan.

Meetings are held in the council chambers and are open to the public.

The rest of Retire | Above: Brooktrails fire chief Darryl Schoeppner. From Page 1

with fire departments for 42 years. He started as a volunteer in Southern California. "My dad got me hooked up with a friend of his who was a battalion chief for the local fire department. I went down and rode with the guys, got to stay the night and get up with them and go on calls, and I knew that was what I wanted to do."

He was a career firefighter for fire departments in Washington state, and also went to paramedic school. "I was a flight paramedic, flying high-risk critical care infants on my days off," he said. He then worked as a fire chief in the Bullhead City area in Arizona, becoming a fire chief at the age of 30, before coming to Brooktrails.

"I started here as a captain," Schoeppner said, "and became fire chief when Dave Tolman retired.

"This has been an outstanding community to work for," he said, "and I absolutely love it here, and have a lot of great memories, and there's been a lot of great people that I've worked with over the years. I'm going to miss all of them," he said, "but I'm not going to miss getting up at 3 am and going out on calls."

Schoeppner said he's proud of what he's done during his years with Brooktrails Fire. "When I came to this department, they were struggling pretty good. The ability to bring the department into the 21st century was extremely rewarding to me, and I'm extremely proud of not just what I did but what we did collectively about the department."

One of the things he's most proud about is his success in writing grants for Brooktrails Fire. "I wrote probably \$1.5 million of grants, from fire trucks, to fuel modification grants, grants for breathing apparatus, and protective clothing and radios. We want to make sure these kinds of things continue, and the department continues to grow and build."

It'll be up to the Brooktrails Township Board of Directors to hire the next fire chief. "I met Chief Schoeppner soon after moving here," said Brooktrails board chair Rick Williams, "and had the pleasure of working with him since being elected to the board. In my experience he has always had a great attitude and a great working relationship with the board, and in my opinion he has been instrumental in making the Brooktrails Fire Department a much better department, a good effective fire department, during his tenure.

"I am genuinely sorry to hear that he is retiring," Williams continued, "although I understand his reasons for doing so – it is a stressful job and he has family matters he wants to attend to now, not later. I think I speak for everyone on the board when I say he will be missed."

Asked for some advice for the community, which has faced some difficult fire seasons lately, Schoeppner said: "My advice is that we live in this beautiful county and enjoy the diversity that's here, but we also have to take the responsibility of being prepared. You know, people sometimes tend to think that other people will take care of things – that's something I don't think you should rely on. You should know for yourself that you're prepared, that if something should happen, you can take care of yourself and your family.

"I'm like everybody else," Schoeppner continued. "I live in the community, and I always take a breath during fire season, and hope this isn't the year. And we've obviously prepared and done all of our homework, but you never know. The best moments can be those moments when it starts raining and we can say, whew, we made it through another one."

The rest of Measure B | From Page 1

recommendations, some \$4.75 million for the combined centers will be the first major allocation of Measure B funds.

At a recent Willits candidates' forum, Haschak said the willingness of the Measure B Committee to consider allocating money for the combined crisis units was "getting away from the intent of that money to create this PHF [psychiatric health facility] unit," adding: "We've almost done a bait and switch with people."

At the same forum, Pinches declared the purpose of Measure B was solely to fund the construction of mental health treatment facilities.

"Everybody has a different opinion of where these things should go," Pinches said, "but keep in mind, Measure B was for construction of facilities only, not for the operation of mental health services."

Both candidates are mistaken in different ways.

Measure B's text provides for collected funds to be used for both facilities and services. Furthermore, under the general heading of facilities, Measure B states the funds may be used for a variety of facilities – including a psychiatric facility, which is not more closely defined – as well as other behavioral health facilities.

Measure B spells out exactly what funds may be used for. The measure states funds collected by the special sales tax Measure B created are to be used for providing

"assistance in the diagnosis, treatment and recovery from mental illness and addiction by developing 1.) a psychiatric facility and other behavioral health facilities and 2.) a regional behavioral health training facility to be used by behavioral health professionals, public safety and other first-responders."

A second purpose, the measure says, is to "provide ... the necessary infrastructure to support and stabilize individuals with behavioral health conditions, including addiction and neurological disorders."

Money collected under Measure B will "create a Mental Health Treatment Fund entirely dedicated to fund improved services, treatment and facilities for persons with mental health conditions into which 100 percent of the revenue from this measure shall be deposited."

The measure also states clearly how the collected funds will be apportioned for the first five years, when the tax rate is a half-cent per dollar, and thereafter, when the tax rate is one-eighth of a cent per dollar.

"For a period of five years a maximum of 75 percent of the revenue deposited into the Mental Health Treatment Fund may be used for facilities, with not less than 25 percent dedicated to services and treatment; thereafter 100 percent of all revenue deposited into the Mental Health Treatment Fund shall be used for ongoing operations, services and treatment."

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to humans occurs most often in summer and early fall when temperatures are warm and mosquitoes are active. This virus can make people sick and can lead to death. Two deaths from WNV have been reported in California so far this year.

Many types of birds carry WNV and can die from the infection. This makes them good indicators of where WNV is active. No positive mosquitoes have been detected in Mendocino County this year, and no indicator birds have been positive. Lake County, on the other hand, has found four mosquitoes in the last few months that were positive for WNV, so we need to continue to be vigilant.

If you find a dead bird, please report it to the WNV and Dead Bird Hotline toll-free at 877-WNV-BIRD (877-968-2473) (available until mid-October) or by filling out a report online at www.westnile.ca.gov (a good information source available year-round). All dead bird reports are useful.

Zika virus is another mosquito-borne illness that can have devastating consequences and is spreading globally. Thus far in California, Zika infections have been documented only in people who contracted it while traveling internationally to affected areas, through sexual contact with an infected traveler, or through transmission to the fetus during pregnancy.

Zika virus during pregnancy can cause microcephaly and other severe brain defects in infants. Zika has also been associated with some neurologic diseases. Be extremely cautious when travelling to endemic areas if you or your partner is pregnant or contemplating pregnancy in the near future.

Educating oneself about these diseases and prevention are the key weapons in protecting yourself from these illnesses. Again, be sure to cover up when outdoors and use insect repellent. Contact your medical provider if you come down with symptoms that may be tick- or mosquito-related.

The diseases these insects carry are no joke, but it is also important not to get too paranoid. Enjoy the beautiful outdoor environment in our county. Getting some information and taking common-sense precautions can go a long way in preventing the consequences from these insect-borne illnesses. The California Department of Public Health has some excellent resources that discuss these illnesses further and solid ways to avoid them: www.cdph.ca.gov.

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**By Steve Hellman,
for Willits Community Theatre**

At a recent performance of “Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church” at the Willits Community Theatre, audience members praised the authenticity and spiritual power of the play.

Willits Mayor Madge Strong said of the show: “It was uplifting, funny, well-written and well-played. It was also fun to sing along.”

The production of Linda LaRoque’s comedy with its moral message included four spirit-rousing, classic hymns, including “Amazing Grace.”

Audience members eagerly joined in with the singing and clapping, along with shouting their praises to the revival sermon delivered by Mike A’Dair in his starring role as the con man turned preacher Alvo T.

Haggerty. Also appearing in the show are Kevin Moore, Kelly Kesey, Linda Wilcox, Dan Ramsey and Cindi Mohr. The show is directed by Jim Williams.

Debbie Freeman attended the recent performance with her husband, Ron Schultz, and their friends Ted and Carol Hester of Ukiah. Freeman said: “I have relatives back in the south and I’ve been to a few revivals. This was like the real deal.”

Ted Hester agreed with the authenticity. He said: “I grew up with small churches in the south, and it made me think a lot about

it, especially in the summertime, when they would fill the churches for a revival. The show brings back a lot of memories.”

John and Deb Attaway both liked the humor and surprise turns. Deb Attaway said: “I felt like I was in church where real Christian values are expressed. I liked the part where the preacher took a moment with the widow. I was also really surprised by the ending. I didn’t see it coming.”

John Attaway said: “I liked the humor. I liked the surprises, the way the preacher set up his buddy.”

Barbara Daniels attended the show with her friends Cynthia Hansen and Virginia Hanley. Daniels said, “I thought the show was wonderful, funny and touching.”

Hansen summed it up, saying: “I’m totally revived. I’ve seen the light.”

Final performances of “Revival at Possum Kingdom Community Church” at the WCT Playhouse will be on Thursday, October 18 at 7 pm, Friday and Saturday October 19 and 20 at 8 pm, and a final Sunday matinee on October 21 at 2 pm.

Advance tickets are \$15 to \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24 / 7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



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Great Grapes

Richard Jeske hosts annual grape tasting event

“Grapes are really easy to make good stuff out of,” said Amy Nord, who with her husband, Brady, just returned from the Peace Corps in Ukraine, and who was a guest at Richard Jeske’s grape-tasting event this year.

“Almost every house there has a garden with no lawns,” Nord said. “Over their driveways they always have these 50-year-old grape vines.” The lure and lore of grapes has been intriguing people for centuries and is ever-present in culture and literature as they capture the imagination and human ingenuity.

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It is this lure that has drawn people from miles away to venture to Richard Jeske and Jacqueline Morninglight’s gardens each year for this feast of sweet tastes and good grape fellowship. People come for many reasons – some just to enjoy an afternoon hedonistically delighting their palates with a vast variety of subtle taste differences of the 50 or so different grapes, and some to sample the ones which they will be planting themselves.

To most, this is a labor of love as there is not a huge market for exotic table grapes. They do it for the aesthetics of creating tastes and the continuation of age-old heritage grape vines. Some experiment with combinations of vines to create their own, as has Jeske who has named a new grape after himself, “Zanapon Number One.”

“It’s part of my name, Toutrese Zanapon,” Jeske said. “It’s kind of the French version of ‘Two Trees and a Pond.’ Zanapon Number One is a chance seedling. It produces delicious grapes as witnessed by the birds and the bees.” Indeed, keeping the wildlife from stealing more than their fair share of the delicious fruit can be a full-time job and one of the challenges of the art of growing grapes.

Each year, at the gathering, Jeske gives a talk to the avid horticulturists. He tells the aspiring grape growers there are just a few things you really need to know about growing grapes, and he will list them as the short version of his lecture, “The Seven Basics of Grape Growing”: 1. There are a lot of varieties of grapes. 2. Grapes are easy to grow. 3. Grapes need sun. 4. Grapes do not need much water once established. 5. Grapes need to be pruned, properly and annually. 6. Seeded grapes are also delicious. Get over it. 7. Birds really like grapes.

The longer version of the talk informs the attendees that Jeske has been growing grapes since 1982 and that there are over 2,200 varieties of grapes. You want the vine cuttings to be dormant when planted. There are two big families of grapes, the European grapes “that comprise almost all of the wine grapes and all the grapes you buy in the grocery store. They don’t even name the grapes in the grocery anymore. They just call them ‘Red Grape or Yellow Grape.’ You don’t know what varieties they are. American grapes are more juicy. What I grow a lot of are hybrids of American and European.”

He goes on to explain some of the intricacies of planting and caring for the vines, training the vines and grafting.

The people come to the gathering to learn about and to taste the varieties of grapes, and also to make purchases of the cuttings in order to grow their own. There is a culture associated with the growing of table grapes and exchanges, where the dedicated enthusiasts can go to learn what is available and to trade insights and vines.

“I met Richard down in Santa Rosa at our California Rare Fruit Growers Exchange,” said John Valenzuela from Sebastopol, “where we trade the little sticks of the fruit trees and grape cuttings. He was selling grapes down there like he’s doing today. He also comes to the Booneville event, the Winter Permaculture Abundance Gathering. Richard has given talks about grafting and grape cultivation.”

Jaye Moscariello comes to the gathering partially to relive memories from her youth. “Concord grapes are something synonymous with being a kid and robbing your neighbor’s grapes. Richard has some of the old varieties that are very similar to the Concord grapes that we knew and grew up with. This event is just a candy fest for us because it immediately takes us back to being kids. He has some beautiful, wonderful grapes that few people ever get to see.”

The gathering is not just about the grapes. There is a sign on the front table, “Meet somebody new today,” as well as a sheet with four dates. Jeske strives to know personally at least one person born on every day of the year. The four dates are the only ones left for which he doesn’t know someone.

Jeske and Morninglight can often be seen and heard at the Farmers Market on Thursdays, as part of the Farmers Market Band, playing songs and entertaining the crowd. If you see him there, you might want to ask him about his grapes. You’re bound to learn something new.



Above, left: Grape samples include some raisins, too. Above, right: Grape grower Richard Jeske begins his talk.



At top: Many people show up to taste the near 50 varieties of grapes.

Above, left: Himrod, Lakemont and Rombough are just a few of the near 50 varieties Richard Jeske grows.

Above, right: Michael Foley of Green Uprising Farm and Ed Dood reach for a taste.

At right: Some luscious grapes dangle from a vine.

At far right: David Blackman, Sandra Peschard and Dan Fowler try some of the many different grapes.

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- Russian lake
- Not allowed into evidence
- Indicates position
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- Folk singer DiFranco
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- Father
- Cast a shadow over
- Afghan city
- Concluding speech
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- French Revolution image
- "The Death of ___"
- Syrian president al-___
- Soviet composer
- Dove into
- Famed Broadway producer
- Leavened bread
- Ruling family House of ___
- Planet

CLUES DOWN

- Publicity
- Manifesting approval
- Fern genus
- Larry and Curly's pal
- Company officer
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- Birthplace of Constantine
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- A-Team member Barack
- Calendar month
- Drunk
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- Supporters
- South Dakota
- American brewer
- Adams, Sr.
- Type of attorney
- Absence of oxygen
- Most sheer
- Human soul, mind or spirit
- Flies high above
- University of Dayton
- Dorm moderator (abbr.)
- Intestinal pouches
- Assents to
- Delaware
- Robots are a byproduct of this
- Tantalum

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

October 8 to October 14

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 206 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 8

1:01 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

2:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of East Hill Road and Baechtel Road.

6:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

10:14 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

October 9

9:26 am: Officers responded to a report of sexual assault in the 200 block of North Main Street.

11:44 am: FREEMAN, Gabriel Isiah (19) of El Dorado was contacted in the 1700 block of Elm Lane following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of battery on a person.

2:02 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

4:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of South Main Street.

5:20 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

9:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of South Main Street and Hazel Street.

October 10

1:56 pm: LOVE, Terrell Eugene Jr. (28) of Sacramento was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (Violation of Parole) and remained in custody until returned to prison.

3:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

4:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

5:09 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

5:16 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:43 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

October 11

12:37 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Hazel Street and issued a warning.

7:51 am: Officers responded to a report of possible arson in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

8:41 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Pine Street.

11:13 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

1:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

1:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Cropley Lane and Highway 20.

Read the rest of WPD Over on page B7

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CALLS

October 10 to October 16

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

10-10-18 (Hillside Drive)

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to a medical aid call. Fire personnel provided BLS (basic lifesaving skills) for the patient until the medic unit arrived. Fire then assisted with loading the patient into the ambulance for transport. 5 Firefighters responded for service.

10-10-18 (Cropley Lane)

Ambulance assist: Little Lake Fire responded to and assisted the ambulance with locating a reported subject in need of medical attention. After fire and medical personnel located the subject, the subject declined medical attention. 10 Firefighters responded for service.

10-11-18 (Main Street)

Little Lake Fire responded to a reported bicycle down; during response Little Lake Fire was canceled. 7 firefighters responded for service.

10-11-18 (Highway 175, mile marker 8)

Agency assist: Little Lake Fire assisted REHIT (Redwood Empire Hazardous Incident Team) with diesel tank pump-off operations.

10-11-18 (South Main Street)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident; upon arrival two vehicles were blocking the turning lane with visible damage. After checking for injuries (no injuries), Little Lake Fire began roadway clean-up of the area. 5 firefighters responded for service.

10-11-18 (East Oak)

Little Lake Fire responded to a reported CPR in progress call. Upon arrival fire continued CPR and assisted the medic unit at scene. 12 firefighters responded for service.

10-12-18 (Highway 162, mile marker 10)

Little Lake Fire responded to a reported big rig roll-over. Upon arrival the big rig was viewed on its side, blocking both lanes. After no injuries were reported, Little Lake Fire was released from the incident.

10-12-18 (Baechtel Road)

Lift assist: Little Lake Fire assisted the current medic unit at scene with lifting a patient from off the floor to their feet. 3 firefighters responded for service.

10-14-18 (Tomki Road)

Burn pile: Little Lake Fire responded to Tomki Road for reported smoke in the area. Upon arrival an unattended 10 foot x 10 foot burn pile was located. The burn pile was then extinguished by fire personnel. 8 firefighters responded for service.

10-14-18 (Blosser Lane)

Dumpster fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported dumpster on fire. Upon arrival the contents inside the dumpster were on fire and had melted the top plastic lid. Fire personnel at scene extinguished the fire. 10 firefighters responded for service.

10-16-18 (Baechtel Road)

Citizen assist: Little Lake Fire responded to a person in an electric wheelchair reported to be stuck in one of the chairs at their residence – the exit path of the room was blocked by a jammed door. Fire personnel unjammed the door, and they were able to exit the room safely. 7 firefighters responded for service.

10-16-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 42)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported "heard-only traffic accident." Upon arrival, it was determined that a pickup truck had struck a horse. The horse was deceased on the roadway, and the pickup truck had major damage to the vehicle. All occupants of the vehicles declined medical attention with the medic unit at scene. 9 firefighters responded for service.

OBITUARY |

Harold 'Butch' Lively

Harold "Butch" Lively (1945-2018) motorcycle enthusiast and billiards aficionado passed away in his Willits apartment on October 8. Butch followed in his father's footsteps and served with the Air Force before majoring in environmental studies in college.

However his greatest accomplishments are the ones he shared with his beloved wife, Ronnetta, four children who he loved so deeply: Christina, Janet, James and Joshua.

Butch was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Tom, in 1981, his beloved son Joshua in 1993, his father, Frank in



1996, and his mother, Donna, in 2006, and the many precious friends and extended family over the years whom he now joins, all riding their Harleys that never break down in heaven. He will be missed.

A Celebration of Life for Butch will be held on October 23 at Anker-Lucier Mortuary in Willits, with another service and burial on October 30 at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.

OBITUARY |

Victoria Stewart

Victoria Neveah Eileen Stewart, 13, of Willits, California died September 29, 2018 in Willits.

She was born June 10, 2005 to Craig Stewart, Jr. and Jessica Mabery in Ukiah, California.

She was an eighth-grader at Baechtel Grove Middle School, and also a cheerleader for the Willits Youth Football Cougars.

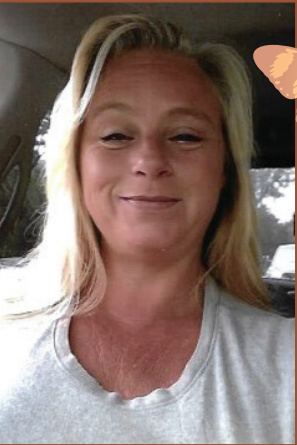
She will be remembered for her funny sense of humor, and for always smiling. She always was there for all of her friends, even people she had just met for the first time. She was full of life, and she made a big impact in her short 13 years. We love you, Vicki.

Victoria was preceded in death by her great-grandpa Harrison and great-grandma Mabery,

also by her brother Jason and her brother Jackson.

She is survived by Jessica Mabery (mother), Craig Stewart, Jr. (father), Jesstina Stewart (sister), Craig Stewart (brother), Glenath Wear (mema), Alan Mabery (grandfather), Robin Stewart (grandma), Craig Stewart, Sr. (grandpa), Nyra Stewart and Louise Harrison (great-grandmothers), Alyson Gregg (auntie), Jeremy Gregg (uncle), McKenzie Gregg, and Halleigh Gregg (cousins), Shawn DeFranco (auntie), Kristina Wear (auntie), Landon, Honeycutt, Emma, and Maycee DeFranco (cousins), Aaron Wear (uncle), Ashley Jewell, Catarina Wear, Calleigh Wear, Sophia Wear, Isabella Wear, Bryleigh, and numerous other family members, cousins and friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life for all family and friends on October 21, 2018 from 2 to 5 pm, at 1500 Lake Mendocino Drive in Ukiah. We ask for you to bring your favorite dish to share.



Bobbie Jo Martin
March 6, 1977 - September 29, 2018

Bobbie Jo Martin (Stewart), 41 years of age, from Dos Rios, California, died September 29, 2018 in Willits, CA. She was born March 6, 1977 in Santa Rosa, CA to Craig Allen Stewart, Sr., and Robin Eileen Stewart, and married Danny Martin of Willits, CA. Bobbie Jo was a member of Jobs Daughters, Willits, CA chapter, and was a coach for Willits Youth Soccer.

Bobbie Jo devoted her life to her son, Triston Lee Martin, aka, "T" since his birth, and his love for sports. She was with him from T-Ball, age 4, to his Senior year of baseball, to Pee Wee, Junior varsity and Varsity Cougar Football while at Baechtel Grove Middle School, to his Senior year at Willits High School, home of the Wolverines! Triston was also an integral part of WHS Varsity Wrestling.

Bobbie Jo was always there for him. Most important of all Bobbie Jo was dedicated to him having an education beyond high school that would sustain him for his life. Bobbie Jo was one of the proudest Moms ever when Triston was accepted to Morrisville State College in New York. Triston was accepted into their football program, which is a feat in itself, and into the medical field for his degree.

Bobbie Jo was preceded in death by Great Grandparents Leslie Allen Stewart and Polly Stewart, of Dos Rios, CA. Myrtle Alma Haun (Stewart) and Charles Haun of Willits, CA. Justin and Eileen Zakis of Daly City, CA. Grandfather Robert Leslie Stewart of Dos Rios, CA. Great Uncle Justin W. Zakis of San Francisco, CA. Nephews Jason and Jackson Stewart of Willits, CA. Niece Victoria Stewart, who was with Bobbie Jo at the time of their deaths.

Bobbie Jo was survived by: Parents, Craig A. Stewart, Willits, CA and Robin Eileen Stewart, Willits, CA. Brother Craig Allen Stewart, Jr. Husband, Danny Martin, Willits, CA. Children. Alex Fernandez, Woodland, CA. Lance Fernandez, Redding, CA and Triston Lee Martin, Morrisville, New York. Grandmother, Nira M. Stewart, Dos Rios, CA. Grandparents, JoAnn and Dale Talent, Spokane, WA. Great Aunt, Roberta (Bobbie) Powell, Willits, CA. Aunt, Julie Stewart, Dos Rios, CA. Uncles, Leslie M. Stewart, Dos Rios, CA and Randy J. Stewart, Petaluma, CA. Grandchildren, Roberto and Zane Fernandez. Niece, Jessstina Stewart, Nephew, Craig Stewart, Willits, CA. AND many cousins.

Service Info: On October 21, 2018, A Celebration of Life will be held at Lake Mendocino Club House, 1500 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, CA from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Celebration is a Potluck.

Memorial Contributions: Please direct all contributions to the Willits High School Activities and Scholarship Programs.

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OBITUARY |

Jan (Clatty) Rickey

Jan Clatty was born to Melvin and Ethel Clatty of Willits, on December 10, 1956, growing up on the "Pony Acres Ranch." She attended the Willits schools before relocating first to Redwood Valley and then to the Red Bluff area, where she operated her horse ranch, her greatest passion.

Jan died on September 30, 2018. She is preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Ethel Clatty, her stepdad, Stanley Turner, and her sister, Sharon Moody.

She is survived by her two boys whom she adored, Jon and Tyler Rickey; sister, Leah



Jan, center, with sons Tyler, left, and Jon, right.

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Above, from left: Mediterranean perennials like Sylvestra (perennial arugula) grow well when planted now. Peppers are one of the few vegetables that do well in pots indoors. They need a sunny window or lights. Plant California poppies now for bloom next spring. They like a sunny spot in soil that drains well.



Above: Cool-season grains like wheat and this rye naturally grow over the winter when rains provide enough water. Heritage wheats like Turkey Red are taller than modern wheats, so they can successfully compete with weeds.

Below: Miner's lettuce is a California native that is grown all over the world as a top-quality salad green. Now is the best time to plant it.



At top: A garden of medicinal herbs like this one is beautiful as well as useful. Mullein, wormwood and echinacea all prefer fall or winter sowing. Above: Baby Blue Eyes is one of the many California wildflowers that thrive best if planted now. It grows well in garden soil and part shade. Like all of the seeds mentioned, it is available at www.quailseeds.com

Amazing Athlete of Willits High School

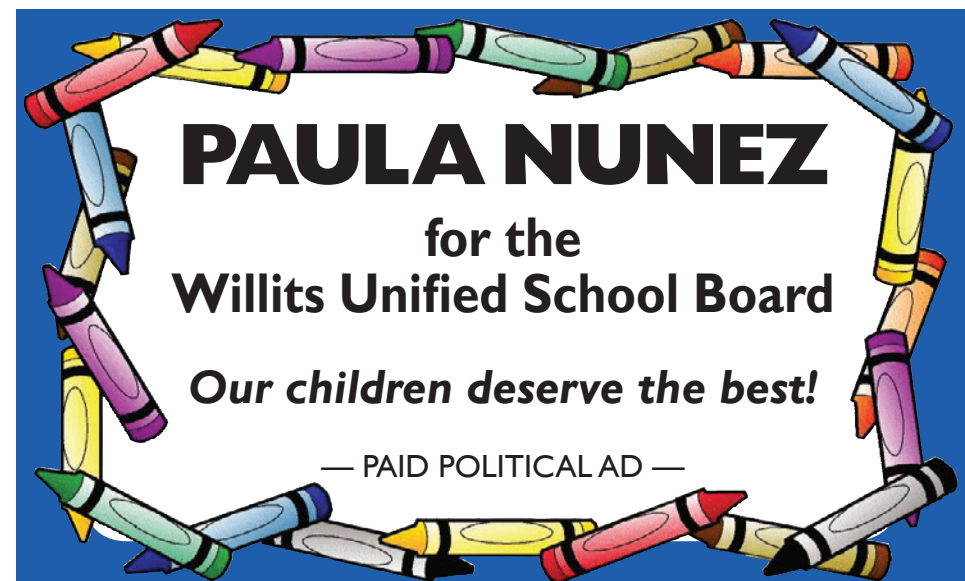


Cheer | McKenna McNelley, 16, sophomore
How Long Playing the Sport: Six years
Breakfast of Champions: French toast and bacon
Love of the Sport: "I like how involved you get with the sport and how much teamwork is involved. You have to put everything into the sport. It's all or nothing."

Other Sports Played: Tennis for one year

McKenna McNelley is our captain and brings her positive attitude to practice. She is always punctual and supportive of all her team members. She has been on the team for two years.

– Submitted by Coach Megan Freudenberg



At left: The Green Room, a cannabis dispensary in Point Arena, has been named the 2018 Mendocino County Arts Champion in the Business category for commissioning this colorful mural by Nicole Ponsler.

2018 Arts Champions

Arts Council of Mendocino County announces 16th annual award recipients

Submitted by the Arts Council of Mendocino County

The Arts Council of Mendocino County is pleased to announce the 16th Annual Mendocino County Arts Champion Award recipients. Each year, nominations for Arts Champion Awards are solicited from the community at large. Honorees are selected by the members of the Arts Council of Mendocino County Board of Directors, and are formally recognized with a proclamation by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.

The 2018 honorees are as follows:

The Green Room in Point Arena has been selected as the 2018 Business Champion for the Arts. This cannabis dispensary spent thousands of dollars contracting with muralist Nicole Ponsler to create an appealing nature-themed mural, clearly visible upon entry into Point Arena from the south, which greatly enhances the entry into the town.

Poet and bookmaker Cathleen Micheals is the 2018 honoree in the Artist category for her inspirational work with art in the schools. With great care, skill and attention to detail, she teaches students of all ages in poetry, bookmaking and photography.

A nominator says: "[Her work] is always collaborative in nature, drawing in teachers, parents and community ... Each student 'artist' becomes empowered and transformed in the process. She is a true gem in our county."

Albert Repovsch – the iconic "Albert" of Laytonville – is the 2018 Mendocino County Arts Champion in the Individual category. He is the proprietor of the former Albert's gas station in the center of town, and has made the site available to many art-related events over several years – an arts and crafts gallery, arts walks, music events, arts and crafts vendors, and even the local farmers market – all free of charge. His nominator calls him "a generous, stalwart and uncomplaining host to myriad art and community-related events that otherwise would not have had a home."

Gary Martin, curator at Willits Center for the Arts, is the 2018 Arts Champion in the Educator category. Once a month, this "incredibly knowledgeable and entertaining lecturer," according to one nominator, gives talks with slideshows about all types of art, art history and art appreciation, and teaches art to elementary-school children and a wide variety of other age groups.

Willits Center for the Arts is this year's Arts Organization Champion for the Arts. According to its nominators: "Ever since the bypass went through, folks have been wringing their hands about how to keep our town viable. [WCA] is at the forefront of our town's renaissance. They have a full-on art gallery that showcases local and out-of-area artists ... Upstairs is a huge space that can be rented for events ... All the board members are so dedicated and visionary. Willits is so lucky to have this center in our town."

"[WCA] has expanded its outreach to the local community and beyond.... Monthly themed exhibits of outstanding quality have brought countywide attention," says another nominator.

"Beautiful, well-run center," and, "[WCA] is a] vital, central gem ... introducing a new ceramic studio with classes and open studio, as well as classes in other media," are comments from two other nominators.

An Honorable Mention Arts Champion Award is also being given to David "Sus" Susalla, executive director of the vibrantly active Gualala Arts Center since 2004. In the words of his nominator, "He has contributed so much to our arts community and the community at large, making the Arts Center a place to share, and a place to make dreams and ideas happen."

Jim Colling, who passed away in November 2017, is posthumously given Honorable Mention as a 2018 Arts Champion. A native of Fort Bragg, he was a skilled and passionate acrylics painter, president of the Ukiah Valley Art Coop as well as the Mendocino County Art Association, and organized Ukiah's Art Faire and Studio Tours. He led an active and adventurous life, and was quoted as telling his cardiologist that he didn't want to talk about his heart, he wanted to talk about ART!

The Arts Champion Awards and an official proclamation will be presented by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on December 4 at 9 am in the Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Center, 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah. The public is welcome to join the Arts Council and Board of Supervisors to recognize and celebrate the honorees. A public reception to honor the winners will be hosted by the Arts Council of Mendocino County in Conference Room B immediately following the supervisors' meeting.

The Mendocino County Arts Champion Awards are annually proclaimed in October to coincide with National Arts and Humanities Month, a coast-to-coast celebration of culture in America. To learn more about National Arts and Humanities Month, visit the Americans for the Arts website at www.americansforthearts.org or the California Arts Council website at www.cac.ca.gov.

For more information on the Mendocino County Art Champion Awards and other Arts Council of Mendocino County programs and services, visit www.artsmendocino.org or call 707-463-2727.



Above: Gary Martin, this year's Arts Champion in the Educator category, stands outside of the Willits Center for the Arts, where he serves as curator.

Below: The Willits Center for the Arts board members are excited to be this year's Arts Organization Champion for the Arts.

At bottom: Albert Repovsch of Laytonville is the 2018 Arts Champion in the Individual category for being "a generous, stalwart and uncomplaining host to myriad art and community-related events that otherwise would not have had a home."



Above, left: Megan Wolf's happy fifth-grade class takes a break from their Uno card game. Above, right: Students raise a "toast" to their fry bread before eating. Below, from left: Native American Studies coordinator Jobe Thompson looks on as Jose Reyes leads the class in an "Indigenous Mexican Peoples Ceremony." Native American language teacher Rolinda Want with fifth-grade teacher Megan Wolf. Student-made fry bread, frying and cooling.



Cultural Heritage

Willits Elementary Charter School observes Indigenous Peoples Day

It used to be that the second Monday in October was Columbus Day for everyone. Not everyone got a day off, but everyone knew it was Columbus Day.

Now it's a mishmash.

It's still a federal holiday. Federal workers get a paid day off. Most banks are closed.

A few states don't recognize it at all and have replaced it with Indigenous Peoples Day.

Some states maintain it and give their workers a paid holiday. Some states maintain it but don't give a paid holiday.

Quite a few cities have replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

As far as Willits' City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra knows, our "city council never addressed the issue." City Clerk Cathy Moorhead remembered that employees had "the day off a long time ago," then changed their day off to Veterans Day.

But at least one classroom in one school in Willits celebrated Indigenous Peoples Day in a big way.

Megan Wolf's fifth-grade class at Willits Elementary Charter School was immersed in indigenous culture all day on this year's second Monday in October.

They played games. They cooked. They ate. They listened. They read. They drew. They learned.

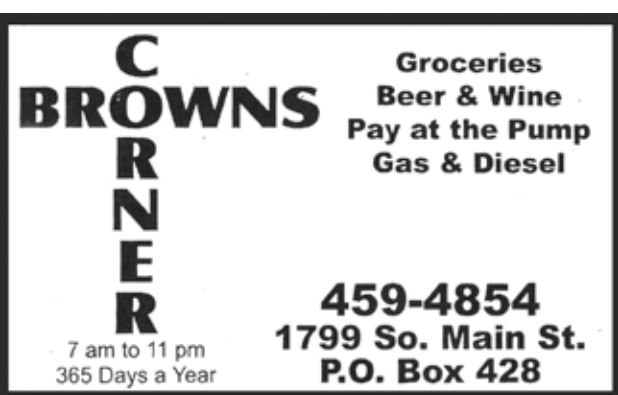
The lineup was impressive.

Round Valley High School's Wailaki language teacher Rolinda Want made learning words fun, missing no teachable moments.



At left: Kayla Bolton carefully pinches and forms her fry bread. Below: Players freeze during their game at the sound of the "clapper stick."

Photos by Joanne Moore



Uno's a great easy card game, and kids love it. What better way to learn the words for numbers and colors? And, if there's a dispute during the game, what better way to solve it than playing "rock, paper, scissors" – in Wailaki?

The fun extended to the kitchen with the making of fry bread. Yolanda Luque helped students combine, knead and form flour, water and eggs into a disc for deep-frying. There was enough for everyone, and it was delicious.

Though ubiquitous in Native American communities, Luque pointed out that fry bread is not traditional.

"It came along with the reservations," she said. "Natives got commodities," and used them in the best and yummiest possible way.

Native language and dance teacher Erica Carson, Jr. was also on hand for games, fry bread, and student reading of native creation stories.

Carson is passionate about "revitalizing native language" and has taught in many local schools.

"We all have a gift the creator gave us before birth," she said. "Mine is to teach language."

The class also heard from Chantell Martinez, a member of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians. Martinez grew up on the Pinoleville Rancheria and works at Mendocino College as a Native American and other populations support specialist. She has degrees in psychology, has recently been awarded a master's degree in Legal Studies from Empire College School of Law in Santa Rosa, and is continuing on at Empire to a Juris Doctor degree. Hers was an inspiring story.

John Paul Jatta from The Gambia in West Africa told of life and education in his country of birth.

Jose Reyes showed videos of indigenous Mexican ceremonies, led the class through one, and showed pictures of the ancient city of Teotihuacan in Mexico, which is known for its pyramids and was one of the largest cities in the world in the 1st millennium CE.

An exciting outside game, led by teacher's aide Jobe Thompson, was punctuated by an elderberry "clapper stick" and proved an opportunity to learn the words for "bear, woman, and man."

Thompson is also the school's Native American Studies coordinator and was responsible for putting together all of the day's activities.

He came to his position as coordinator in an unusual, but perfect, way.

"I walked into a second-grade classroom, and the teacher was reading to the class from 'Little House on the Prairie,'" he said. The part of the story being read depicted "a scary scene" of the children being warned about Indians.

"I thought 'Wow, this is terrible,'" said Thompson – "to have a child's first experience of Indians" be so negative and frightening.

So he emailed his concerns to the teacher, who promptly responded, asking whether "he could teach the duality of our history?" He agreed and the teacher followed up with "I'll see you in 30 minutes."

The rest is history.

All of the teachers and native community members who were at the Willits Elementary Charter School that day were brimming with enthusiasm and eager to impart to students what time dictated could only be a tiny taste of their corner of a vast and consequential native cultural heritage.

It was a great day.

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What is your work experience, or experience with civic, business or advocacy groups, and what skills and strengths would you bring to the board?

Bob Colvig: My strength is my experience in education. I have been a teacher, coach, counselor, and school administrator. I have a doctoral degree in educational leadership. My doctoral research focused on improving leadership in small rural high schools.

Jeanne King: I was employed as a Special Ed teacher from September 1981-June 2005, mainly at middle school and high school. I have been an active member of the Willits Rotary Club since 2007. I have been the secretary and on the board since 2012. My involvement in Rotary includes support activities on behalf of the schools. Since 2014, I have volunteered and aided teachers in my grandson's classes, K-4th. I am a good listener. I know how to work with others. I have experience as a board member. A central theme of my life is being of service to others.

Dianne McNeal: As a parent and community member I have volunteered in many capacities to enrich the experiences of my own children and the community as a whole. As a volunteer coach for t-ball, soccer, and as a swim official, I have helped our children to learn life-long lessons outside the classroom: sportsmanship, perseverance, teamwork, and commitment to a common goal.

Chris Neary: I have served on the school board from 1980-1992 and from 2014 to present. As an attorney representing political entities, I understand the appropriate role of the board of trustees and the administration, with the board addressing broad policy issues and the administration addressing implementation of policy. It is the board's job to install competent administrators. There is no question that the current administrative staff, consisting of the superintendent and each of the principals, constitutes the best team in place since the late 1980s when, for example, Willits High School was designated as a "Distinguished School" by the state.

Paula Nunez: I have been a teacher or administrator for over 45 years. During my tenure with the district I've attended 30 years of board meetings, served on nearly every school committee and district committee (as a novice or in a leadership position). I helped bring into the district the Migrant Child Education Program, and for 16 years I was an administrator/teacher, and held every type of school district position except superintendent and bus driver – although I've driven many school vans. As a community member, I've been active on numerous boards, in various community organizations, and I'm still volunteering in classrooms.

Robert Chavez: Since 1992 I have been involved in education as a teacher, site administrator, and district administrator. In my retirement, I have served as a substitute administrator in three different districts and I am currently on the Willits Unified School Board. I have also chosen to serve the children as the Willits Otters swim coach. Throughout my career, I have been involved with many educational trainings and service organizations. I have also gained experience with school board meetings for over 20 years. I believe my involvement and understanding of the educational process will greatly serve the WUSD and the Willits community.

How long have you lived in the school district, and what, if any, school activities have you been involved with?

Jeanne King: I have lived in the Willits Unified School District for 33 years. During that time, I was employed as a Special Education teacher with WUSD from 1988-2005. While raising my son in Willits, I volunteered in his classrooms each year through 5th grade. I currently volunteer in my grandson's 4th-grade classroom, and have volunteered in his classes since he was in kindergarten. As a Rotarian, I have helped organize and put on the Garden Party/Summer Gala and the Dictionary Project. I have volunteered each year at the high school as an interviewer for Senior Projects.

Dianne McNeal: I have lived here in Willits for 40 years. I taught kindergarten, third grade, 3/4 Combination classes, and fourth grade. I was site council member (4), PTO member (4), and grade-level chair (9), and was an Odyssey of the Mind coach (12). Swim official for WHS locally and at league champion finals (11). Sober Grad trip dinner mentor for prepping the senior volunteers pre-prep assembly (3). Willits Teachers Association as site representative, treasurer, and negotiator for the bargaining committee; seeing the district budget and understanding which categories are federal, state, discretionary monies, and what the general fund is used for.

Chris Neary: I have lived in the district since 1950. I graduated from Willits High School in 1966. I have served on the school board for a total of 16 years in two different eras.

Paula Nunez: I've lived and worked in Willits since 1978. As an employee of the school district, I have experience with nearly every position that exists. I believe that type of experience gives me the empathy and background to be a knowledgeable trustee.

Robert Chavez: Due to a family medical condition, it was necessary to move to a healthier climate. I accepted a position at Blosser Elementary in 2013, and I was commuting from Hidden Valley Lake. We were evacuated due to the Valley fire, and we experienced an outpouring of support from the Willits community. My family and I fell in love with the people of Willits, and we have chosen Willits as our home. Our daughters attend Blosser and Sherwood schools. I was the WHS principal and my wife, Arora, and I continue to be involved in many aspects of the educational community.

Bob Colvig: My family moved to Willits in 1960. I am a 1966 Willits High School graduate, and I worked at Willits High School from 1977 to 2010. Over the years, here in Willits, I have been involved in supporting school activities from music, art, drama, career and technical education programs, clubs such as Future Farmers of America and the California Scholarship Federation, the Summer Algebra and Biology middle school transition academies, the Academic Decathlon, and athletics. This is a short list of the many activities I have been involved with during my many years here in Willits.

As a candidate or existing board member you have likely spoken to many parents and other community members about the Willits schools. What are the key issues you have heard about from the community or that you consider key issues at this time for Willits Unified School District?

Dianne McNeal: Students should show growth in learning from one grade to the next. Another concern that parents and I share is that our district is spending more money on administrative staff than on the needs of our students. We need qualified and trained teachers so that students can receive the instruction that they deserve in our public school. All students should have access to their core curriculum of reading, writing, social studies, science, and math, in addition to music and art.

Chris Neary: Parents have complained that the programs at Willits High have been reduced. In the past two years major programs such as woodshop, Academic Decathlon, music programs, the school newspaper, and others have been restored. The key issue at this time is that the district needs to restore itself. Test scores for the district have languished for many years, but we should see great improvement in the next few years. Parents have also raised safety issues. The district's schools are safer now than they have ever been.

Paula Nunez: Earlier, there had been a great deal of concern over two Pre-K-5 schools; or one Pre-K-2 school, and one 3-5 school. I'm constantly reminded of the very low wages for many classified positions, the lack of transparency by the superintendent and current board, the perceived low morale at some school sites, and the desire for a bond. There is also concern over the 17 percent turnover rate – especially in Special Ed – and the number of credential waivers.

Robert Chavez: Like many parents, I also want opportunity and quality for our children. We must provide as many activities and programs that support the educational and social needs of our students as we can. To achieve this goal, we must work together with Mendocino College, the City of Willits, state, federal, and outside organizations. Together we will provide the educational experience our families deserve.

Bob Colvig: The methodologies in which we are working to improve language arts and mathematics achievement have been topics that have been discussed.

Jeanne King: One of the issues I most often hear from parents is in regards to student achievement, particularly math. Student safety is always an issue with parents. Part of the safety issue that concerns parents is in regards to the condition of the WUSD facilities. Secondary parents often are concerned about whether their children will have opportunities for vocational instruction and that the secondary students receive the technology instruction they need to succeed in the world we live in. Classroom decorum, that students are in a school environment conducive to learning, is very important to all parents.

Can you please give us an idea about how you would address one or more of the key issues you identify in the question above?

Chris Neary: The administration is in the process of unifying and modernizing the curriculum. For example, a new reading program has been installed at the elementary school and early results are very promising. The school board needs to enable the administration to proceed and succeed.

Paula Nunez: For my way of thinking, many issues can be quickly resolved by how the money to be spent is prioritized. Wages and benefits need to be a priority so that staff remain, and provide the consistency for the district to provide an equitable education to everyone. All employees need to be respectful. Community and staff buy-in are necessary before decisions are made. I'll stop here.

Robert Chavez: As previously stated, we must cooperate with many agencies to develop the education that is fitting our students. To achieve this aspiration, we must monitor the progress as we determine the direction of the school district with well-defined goals and identified benchmarks.

Bob Colvig: We are currently implementing a new language arts program in grades TK-12 and a new math curriculum in grades TK-8. I am eager to see the student achievement results from those two programs.

Jeanne King: I think the school district is well aware of these issues and is dealing with them constructively and with vision. It is hard for me to say how I would address these key issues until I am sitting on the board and understand them in their entirety. I know I will work really hard to make sure that each school has the support they need to address issues so that the children who attend WUSD schools learn in classrooms that are conducive to learning and have the materials they need to succeed academically.

Dianne McNeal: Students need a strong foundation from which to build upon. We need a strong Head Start program, pre-K and kindergarten. All students must be reading at grade level by third grade. Children also need more than just reading, writing, math and science. They need a strong social studies curriculum in which to place their world in context. They need the opportunity to express themselves through reading and the arts.

Superintendent Westerburg has indicated that he would support a decision by the board to ask voters to approve the issuance of bonds to raise money to “fix and repair” district buildings. A presentation was made to the board in August by a municipal advisory firm representative, at which time the sum of \$12 million was recommended with an election in March 2020. Do you agree that a bond measure for this purpose is necessary, and, if so, how will you enlist support in the community?

Paula Nunez: I don't agree that a bond is necessary. We've already had two bonds in the last 20 years, and many of those issues are still issues. The last bond, especially, was much more expensive than initially expected, or anticipated to be, and was very divisive. Repair and maintenance are very similar, and for the last five years we have had the largest maintenance department we've ever had in over 20 years. Have them do the jobs.

Robert Chavez: During my tenure in education, I have observed bond measures to do tremendous things for school districts and I have seen bond measures fall short of their intended purpose. Sometimes the bond implementation fell short due to poor management or to the changing of the economy. Those that have gone well have multiplied their bond funding tenfold with great measure and achievement of objectives. With proper management I believe that our school district would benefit greatly from a bond measure. In reality, it is the only way to provide our children with the educational experience they truly deserve.

Bob Colvig: We need to be proactive in our efforts to improve our school facilities. Superintendent Westerburg has prepared a list of projects and their respective estimated costs. The costs are beyond what can be paid from our general fund. A bond measure needs to be part of the discussion. We need to ask for support from all in our community that want to improve our school facilities.

Jeanne King: I did not attend that presentation to the school board so cannot speak specifically to what was presented. I know that the WUSD school facilities are very old and that there is much repair and updating that needs to be done. I also know that in a school budget there is not the needed funds to do major rehabilitating of facilities. That money has to come from somewhere. A responsible community cannot let its educational facilities deteriorate.

Dianne McNeal: The August article in a local newspaper stated, "By 2041, Willits is set to pay more than \$38.6 million for the bonds and the bond anticipation notes it has sold since 2010." We didn't get what was promised in the bond then. Is this the only way that we can get our district's facilities repaired? Let's find a better avenue from the state.

Chris Neary: The board was not able to issue most of the bonds authorized under the last bond election for various reasons including the collapse of real estate values following the 2008 market events. The advisory firm has been instructed to develop a limited program to address deferred maintenance. Maybe the community cannot afford the full \$12 million bond, but the community who ultimately will approve or disapprove the plan will be invited to participate in the plan development. It is heartening that a plan is being developed to address the problems rather than just waiting until we are faced with an emergency.

Is there anything else you would like the community to know about you with respect to being a school board member?

Robert Chavez: My three siblings and I have all achieved four-year college degrees, and we have had many opportunities that we would not have experienced, if not for the public school system. I believe that education is the solution to generational poverty and many other social ills. It would be my honor to continue serving the people of Willits in the position of board trustee.

Bob Colvig: I want to our children to be happy, healthy, safe, and want to come to school. I want our schools to be supportive places where students can learn from caring, high-quality teachers. I believe a high level of reading and mathematics achievement in the lower grades is essential. I believe we need to strive to meet the needs of all students through providing a variety of course offerings and assessments. I feel that we need strong academics as well as strong career and technical training programs, and also opportunities for students to excel in the arts and athletics.

Jeanne King: I have lived a life based on the service to others. I will continue that spirit of service if elected to the Willits Unified School Board. I have no other agenda than that, plus my love of children.

Dianne McNeal: I do have a genuine interest in improving our public schools. I understand the district's policies, guidelines, needs, challenges, and strengths. My commitment is to serving you. This job takes considerable time and energy required for meetings, phone calls, conversations, visits to schools, and profession development seminars and workshops. The importance of public education and that every child is deserving of an outstanding education, no matter what school or neighborhood they come from. Each child is unique not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding. Thank you, I hope to serve you.

Chris Neary: The current board is broadly supporting the administration, and the result is positive. Elections matter. Let's keep up the momentum.

Paula Nunez: I believe I have a lot of knowledge in regards to how everyone can have an equitable opportunity to learn and succeed. Our daughters attended Willits public schools, as did/do our nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Given my experience and firsthand knowledge, accessibility and sincerity, I'd be a valuable trustee.

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5:33 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

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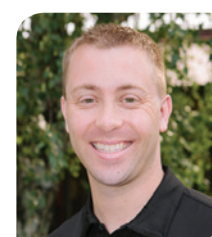
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