Dollar General decision postponed

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Acquiescing to the request of outgoing Interim County Counsel Doug Losak, supervisors on Tuesday unanimously postponed making a final decision on the Dollar General building permit until their November 3 meeting.

Losak told the board his office needed more time to finish drafting legal arguments in support of the board's tentative decision, approved unanimously at an October 6 meeting. That vote reversed the Department of Planning and Building Services' issuance of a permit to construct a Dollar General store on commercially zoned land in downtown Redwood Valley.

During discussion on the item, several heavy-hitters

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Outside firm to review county mental health system

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Mendocino County will hire an outside firm to study the county's mental health system, supervisors unanimously decided Tuesday.

Carmel CEO County Angelo proposed, and the board agreed, to hire Lee Kemper Consulting to do the

Kemper spoke to the board Tuesday and said he thinks he will be able to present a final report at the board's last meeting in December this

The report will focus on an organizational review of the mental health system's service delivery, examining what is working and what is not working. Kemper will

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City, police association agree on 5 percent raise

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The Willits Police Officers Association has ratified a tentative agreement with the city that gives WPD officers a 5 percent salary increase. The city council approved the new contract by consent calendar vote last week.

The agreement also includes a one-time \$1,000 payment for officers in December 2016, and the addition of two higher steps to the WPOA salary schedule.

The "Memorandum Understanding"

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Quick Drink

Saturday morning rain refreshed Willits

Rain gauges around Willits reported only a tiny bit of rain on Saturday between 0.06 and 0.08 inches was a typical measurement.

But the birds loved it, and the air smelled fresh, and with the damp morning fogs of some recent mornings, it feels like the weather has changed.

The National Weather Service is forecasting "a slight chance of rain" for Sunday night, and the 10-day forecast shows "a chance of rain" next Tuesday night and Wednesday.

This forecast could change before this edition of Willits Weekly hits the street – but we can all hope, as one of the rain gauge reporters put it, that "El Nino brings us lots of gentle rain, with time between showers to let it soak in!"

Photos by Maureen Moore





HMH's 'Three Friends'

Bronze three-piece statue now complete at new hospital





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The latest addition to the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is a group statue depicting hospital founder Charles S. Howard holding the reigns of his champion race horse, Seabiscuit, who is eyeing an apple held by Dr. Raymond Babcock.

The larger-than-life bronze statues installed Monday afternoon, on the west side of the hospital, surrounded by yellow flower beds and with topiaries in the background, intended to give the look of a racetrack.

The "Three Friends" piece - about 1,500 pounds all together – was cast by Stan Watts of Atlas Bronze, based on a historic Depression-era photo still hanging in the Howard Foundation's office today.

"The purpose of artwork is to remember something, to tell a story," Watts said, "and we do strive for that.

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Brooktrails youngster

after spending night in forest

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A 5-year-old boy was found alive and well early Wednesday morning after wandering away from his remote Brooktrails home late Tuesday afternoon.

Brett Paul Bowman, whose family recently moved to the township from Fresno, was found by two Brooktrails firefighters in a heavily forested area along Timberline Road, some two miles from his home in the 27000 block of Fox Road, some 12 hours after his family reported him missing at 7:04 pm Tuesday.

The 4-foot 2-inch tall boy had last been seen at 4:30

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Brooktrails joins MCAFD fight

for more fire funds

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Brooktrails will provide administrative, legal and technical support to the fledgling Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts in its efforts to secure "equity" in the distribution of Proposition 172 public safety tax and general fund revenues to county fire and emergency medical services, the township's board of directors decided Tuesday.

"As an institution," the association charges, the board of supervisors "has failed to safeguard the public trust by its refusal to provide equitable funding derived from [1993's] voter-approved

Read the rest of MCAFD

County admits

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library billing Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

mistakes in

The board of supervisors on Tuesday admitted the county made mistakes when it billed the library system for certain depreciation costs, and promised to make good on all payments the library wrongfully made to the county in response to those bills.

The unanimous vote means supervisors acknowledge the Mendocino County grand jury was correct in at least one of the major accusations it made in its 2013-14 report: "The Mendocino County Free Library: How Is It Doing

Read the rest of Library

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Thanks for social media

To the Editor:

There are very few words which could adequately express my sincere appreciation for the thousands of "virtual officers" who helped us yesterday and today. Social media was the key to success in the safe recovery of the missing May the creek never flood, and may industrial fire never Brooktrails child. So many people helped spread the word. reach the woodlands there. Thank you, thank you and thank you. I don't know how Matt Dillon and Festus were able to do their jobs without social media! I thank every one of you who helped get the word out. You are truly appreciated.

Thanks also to Brooktrails Fire. Your tenacity and dedication is very appreciated. And I thank the hundreds of first responders that helped Mendocino County in our time of need.

Sheriff Tom Allman, Willits

Editor's Note: The "Mendocino Sheriff" page on Facebook - www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff - is an invaluable resource in any time of crisis. A reminder: You do not have to be a member of Facebook to read the posts on the public "Mendocino Sheriff" page!

Big conflict/great concern

To the Editor:

Outlet Creek is a tributary of the Eel River and part of our "watershed" (rivers, creeks in our area are interconnected in important ways). Many of you know the area along Covelo Road and the great swimming holes there.

In the 1970s a lumber mill on the bank just above the creek on Covelo Rd (about 14 miles north of Willits) transitioned to a gravel-making plant. Unfortunately in 2009/10 the county re-zoned the area from rangeland to industrial.

Currently there is a fight going on, a big one. Some neighbors are actually fighting for their own health and ability to continue living in their homes now that the plant has been permitted to produce asphalt by a resolution that was passed by our board of supervisors this year.

This allowed Grist Creek Aggregates and Mercer-Fraser to start producing asphalt for local roadway projects. We were told this was a cost-saving and job-producing way to obtain asphalt without having to go to other counties for it. To the Editor: Sounds great, except this was done without a full (CEQA) review on possible impacts to the surrounding humans, animals, water, air: a risky gamble.

The site is located on a 100-year-flood plain and, over the years, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has spent over \$2,000,000 in salmon restoration to improve the

Apparently after seeking legal counsel, the county rescinded their decision (further protecting taxpayers from lawsuits?). The plant is now cranking out rubberized asphalt, which brings with it significant exhaust when the plant is in production (they are currently working on a Caltrans project north of Willits) and thin brownish layers Peter Norris spoke about CERT and invited citizens to take that settle into the long narrow creek valley, noxious odors, part in a training as emergency neighborhood helpers. and reports of other health-related problems

I have driven to the site several times to see for myself and have also talked with residents there.

This is not how neighbors treat neighbors. Cheaper asphalt - great. But at what other expenses?

Friends of Outlet Creek is asking the community for help to protect the Outlet Creek watershed with a more thorough investigation. Financial donations can be sent to Friends of Outlet Creek c/o 650 Main Street, Willits 95490 and inquiries about donations can be made to wece@

willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and 3rd

District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits

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There is a five-minute YouTube video called "Industrial Nightmare on Outlet Creek" that you can watch at www. youtube.com/watch?v=vqDCIYynMQM, and you also visit www.facebook.com/susan.crews.77715 to see what YOU

Kate Black, Willits

Burn ban still in effect

The Little Lake Fire Department must again remind everyone that the burn ban is still in effect in Mendocino County, and much of California. We will not be issuing permits until the burn ban is lifted

It will take several significant rains before the ban against open burning will be lifted.

There is still a high danger of uncontrolled fires within most of the County of Mendocino. We welcome the respite the recent showers have given us, but this precipitation is not enough to increase the fuel moisture in the larger fuel

Thank you for your continued actions against accidental

Carl Magann, fire chief, Little Lake Fire Department



Wildfires

Above and below: "WILDFIRE" presentation at Little Lake Grange.

The Now and Then Film Series and Little Lake Grange gives a heartfelt thank you to our local emergency agencies for their time and energy to give a great "WILDFIRE" presentation last night at the Grange in Willits.

Over 50 people attended the WILDFIRE film and preparedness panel organized by Richard Jergenson.

Six members of Cal Fire were available to answer questions at their well-stocked table of emergency information. The discussion panel was led by Russel Lang from Cal Fire, Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner of Brooktrails Fire Department, and Phil Hoover from Mendocino National Forest.



A basic set of emergency supplies was presented and a list made available from Marilynn Boosinger, who has a "Grab and Go - 72 hour pack" ready at all times.

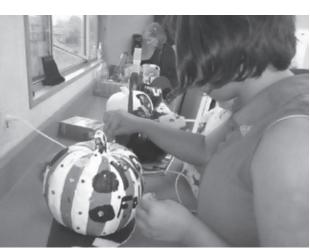
Trina Johnson, a survivor of the Valley Fire, gave us a slide show and her stories of the post-burn area in Lake County. She lost her house and a dog to the fire.

Thank you, Trina, for your generosity to the people of Willits, sharing with us your story that we might learn without experiencing loss.

We collected \$200 for donation to the Valley Fire fund; thanks to all who attended and gave generously.

Everyone, please pass Cal Fire wildfire and emergency information and experiences on to your neighbors. Let's be safe together!

Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange president



Above: Junior Girl Scout Troop #10457 paints pumpkins. Below: Some of the finished creations.

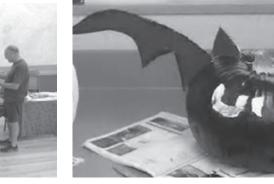
Happy Hallowe'en

To the Editor:

Our Junior Girl Scout Troop, # 10457, painted pumpkins for Linda Matz to put in her store, Cat's Meow, to coincide with the Hometown Festival and Hallowe'en. The girls chose the designs, and worked in pairs to create the faces with acrylic paint. Look for them in the front windows of the

Ann Maglinte, Willits





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with a banner brought over by Laytonville Elementary School students. At right: Ron Lincoln, Sr., right, sings a traditional song accompanied by his granddaughtei Hazel, and wife, Jacquelyn, to bless the

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the community

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students have a

salmon parade



Salmon Awareness Festival

Innovation and tradition at 2nd annual education day in Round Valley

By Pat Higgins, Eel River Recovery Project

The Eel River Recovery Project partnered with the Round Valley Indian Tribes to host the 2nd annual Round Valley Salmon Awareness Festival on Saturday, October 17, under the old growth oak tree canopy at Hidden Oaks Park in Covelo. The Saturday public education event was preceded by an education day at Round Valley Elementary School, where experts presented to students.

The outdoor education fair included new posters and handouts regarding agricultural best practices in the Eel River watershed, and experts were on hand for discussion and presentations. Soil productivity specialist Noah Cornell did a compost tea demonstration, which is a way to inoculate soils with microbes that feed plants. If you have a large garden area and limited access to organic material to make compost, you can use a small amount of compost to make a large volume of tea.

Anna Birkas of Village Ecosystems was on hand to talk to people about farm management that conserves resources, avoids waste and even enhances the amount of water stored in the ground and available to streams as base flow during summer. She talked with attendees about roof rain water catchment, installation of greywater systems, and how to avoid concentrating water flow where it drains from rural properties or roads.

Information tables for other Eel River Recovery Project projects included water temperature, flow, algae and fish monitoring, Jeff Hedin, who chairs the ERRP Wilderness Committee, was on hand to discuss plans for expanding wilderness in the East Branch South Fork Eel River. ERRP is facilitating purchase and transfer of a 4,000-acre parcel with old growth conifers and high biodiversity from private hands to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for eventual inclusion as wilderness. Efforts are underway to have the East Branch South Fork designated as a "Wild and Scenic River," so further similar transfers can be facilitated. Protecting these areas in wilderness will prevent their development, protect clean water supplies, and provide refugia for fish and wildlife. For more information, or to learn about field trips, call Hedin at 707-247-3030.

The traditional Read the rest of salmon feed was

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home Sociable Sox

Sox is a 5-month-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 35 pounds. Sox is very excited about ... EVERYTHING!!!!! The world! The people! The other dogs! Everything makes this adorable guy happy! And it's very hard not to find yourself in a great mood in his company. What a great gift for his forever family! Sox is very social and would be an incredible addition to a home with playful kids. He definitely needs a home where he gets lots of exercise and activity as well as love. He is also a baby and will need training and patience to learn the rules of the world and good manners. Please be sure you have the time and energy to raise a puppy. Sox has a non-contagious

skin condition which is being treated. High-quality food and proper grooming should clear up any symptoms.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. We have many wonderful dogs and cats, awaiting their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of our wonderful adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.









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family, this is the perfect opportunity. There

are plenty to choose from, and the need is

Adoption hours for this event on November

We hope to see you soon to adopt one of

And, if you are a current cat owner,

less occupied. Thank you for your help.

6 and 7 will be 10 am to 4 pm.

2015 has been the Year of the Cat at Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Animal Care Services. Between May 1 and October 15 of this year, 622 kittens and cats have entered the Ukiah shelter. This is 110 more than last year for the same time period.

To celebrate the abundant furry little bundles of joy, we are offering a unique adoption opportunity called "Feline Freedom." On Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7, every spayed and neutered kitten and cat may go to their forever homes with all adoption fees waived.

All regular adoption policies will be in effect, but the normal fees are waived. An example of a policy condition for adoption of cats is: If you rent your home, you must have written permission from your landlord to own a feline. If you have a dog and live in Mendocino County, your dog must be current on their license.

All felines are spayed/neutered, have age-appropriate vaccines, are tested for Felv/FIV, are microchipped, and come with a cardboard cat carrier. They also come with a free wellness exam at a local participating veterinarian. The Animal Care Services shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah.

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\$30,000 in restitution ordered for Branscomb pot grow

Two men convicted of trespassing on private timber company land in the Branscomb area in order to cultivate almost 2,000 marijuana plants will have to pay \$30,000 for the environmental damage caused by the illegal grow, Superior Court Judge Cindee Mayfield ruled October 9.

Clemente Flores, 36, and Refugio Perez Hernandez, 31, both formerly of Healdsburg, were in county jail.

On Friday Mendocino County ordered that the two defendants be jointly and severally responsible for \$30,009.25 in environmental damages.

District Attorney David Eyster Sheriff's Office. said he expects Flores and Hernandez will be deported to Mexico after they've completed serving their sentences, and doubts the timber company "will ever see a dime" of restitution.

However, he added, his office will nevertheless "continue to seek restitution for environmental damages in these types of cases.

"I can't be assured these men won't be back in this country sometime down the road," Eyster said, "so I wanted a restitution order in place, one that includes interest at the legal rate of 10 percent per annum, just in case one of them does return and hits the Lotto.'

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

Dog blamed for Covelo man's arrest

A 50-year-old Covelo man was arrested October 16 at 9:35 am after he allegedly fired two shotgun blasts in the parking lot of a preschool in the 76000 block on High School Street in Covelo.

Gabriel Alejandro Ferreira allegedly had shot twice at a dog that had killed his chickens at a nearby residence, sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten explained. The dog was not injured and fled the area, deputies reported.

"There were no children in Ferreira's immediate presence at the time of the incident," Van Patten said, "and no damage to school property was noted."

Ferreira was arrested on suspicion previously sentenced to 16 months of recklessly discharging a firearm and possession of a firearm on school

> He was booked into county jail, where he is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

> This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County



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Birkas of Village **Ecosystems** conscious property management with Salmon Awareness

Left: Eel River Recovery Project Wilderness Committee Chair Jeff Hedin, right, talks to Salmon Awareness Festival attendees protection and expansion in the Eel River basin.

The rest of Salmon

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the highlight on Saturday, with fresh salmon from the mouth of the Klamath River cooked on sticks surrounding an open pit. Also on the menu was corn, homemade beans, Indian fry bread and squash.



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Round Valley Tribal elder Ron Lincoln, Sr. gave an opening prayer and then sang songs with his granddaughter Hazel, and wife, Jacquelyn. The purpose of the songs was in part to bring on the rains that will bring the salmon home to Round Valley.

The education day at Round Valley Elementary School included a visit from Laytonville Elementary School students, who brought their textile arts salmon banner to share. Kindergarten through second grade students paraded around the school yard as a salmon run, while other students played vibraphones to create the sound of rain and running water. The project leader and textile artist, Dorie Bond, came with the students as did Laytonville Principal Lorre Stang.

Students also learned about aquatic insects, sediment in streams, traditional ecological knowledge, and water conservation, and watched underwater videos of Eel River fishes. ERRP has received a Mendocino County Fish and Game Advisory Commission grant to help teachers at Round Valley Elementary teach about salmon and river ecology. Students will take field trips and become involved in monitoring the nearby Middle Fork of the Eel River. Anyone wishing to assist with Round Valley Elementary School projects can call Bruce Hilbach-Barger at 983-6169.

For more information and access to additional educational materials, see www.EelRiverRecovery.org

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Beautiful Roxanne

A benefit raffle by local 'Ruthie's Doll Museum' group

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter iennifer@willitsweekly.com

A group of Willits residents is working on opening "Ruthie's Doll Museum & Tea House" in Willits next year. The museum will house the doll collection of Ruth Boyd, whose son, Dave Parmenter, is one of the project

Ruth Boyd's collection included German and French bisque dolls, historical dolls (portraying true-to-life scenes), international dolls, handmade artisan dolls and Native American dolls.

Two weeks ago, the group had an invitational Tea Party at the Brooktrails home of Kathy Gassen, to spread the word and to recruit volunteers. One special guest was Bea from Santa Rosa, an 88-year-old Santa Rosa dollmaker whose home is "full of

dolls," said Cat Lober, one of the museum group. "Bea still works on three dolls a week," Lober said.

The group has had support from other doll museums and antique doll enthusiasts. "Women in their 80s and 90s like antique dolls, and they want to keep them in collections and display them in museums," Lober said.

Bea is facing some medical bills, and the group decided to raffle off a beautiful contemporary doll dressed in luxurious historic costume, Roxanne, to help Bea out.



Above: The Stylist owner Necole Suttles holds the beautiful Roxanne. Left: Roxanne in her winter gown.

Photos by Jennifer Poole

Necole Suttles of The Stylist Hair Salon offered to display Roxanne and sell raffle tickets in her shop on 245 South Humboldt Street. The raffle for Roxanne will take place Thursday, December 10 at noon at the

So far raffle sales are going very well. Roxanne is dressed in a dark brown velvet winter gown, with metallic embroidery, a pearl belt and collar, a dramatic brooch,

and a sable stole wrapped around her shoulders. Her

salon. Suttles also plans a holiday open house that day.

coppery chestnut hair compliments her blue eyes and her "speaking" expression. Roxanne's hat is adorned with a vellow rose, feathers and pearls. "She's a little angel," Suttles said, "gracing my shop."

For more information about the doll museum, call Cat Lober at 510-472-4948.







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Above: Stan Watts, left, his son Daniel Watts, and helper John Green, right, work to finish the installation Monday

The completed statues and plaque at the new Howard Hospital site.

> Photos by Maureen Moore

The most important thing is the meeting of their eyes.'

Statues

Both Howard and Babcock were instrumental in founding the original Frank R. Memorial Hospital which has been in operation since 1928. Howard believed that his young son, Frank, who was critically injured in an auto accident on Ridgewood Ranch, might have survived the accident if there had been a local hospital. Dr. Babcock and a group of local citizens encouraged Howard to donate "the tremendous sum" of \$30,000 to help start the construction of a hospital in memory of his son.

Jann Lamprich, executive director of the Howard Foundation, who worked with Dr. Babcock years ago, said both men would be proud of the new hospital getting it built.

"I think Dr. Babcock would be proud," she said. "He was really proud of the old hospital, and I think he would've been delighted that so many in the community helped this time, too, with their own donations and dedication and volunteering.

"And I think Mr. Howard would be proud, too. It's really his legacy for Frank that we're carrying on, and if it wasn't for those two guys, we wouldn't be doing it." Lamprich also singled out orthopedic surgeon Dr. William Bowen for his vision for a new 21st century Howard Hospital. "Dr. Bowen kept us focused on doing that, he was the big pusher, and it came to pass. And the Adventists have stepped up to the plate, and it's just wonderful."

Watts is known for his historical bronze sculptures,

and the effort the Willits community has put into as well as custom work, including previous statues of Seabiscuit. His work with the legendary - and popular – racehorse, Watts is proud to say, has led to other work, including a piece called "To Lift A Nation," with 22-foot firemen installed at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Maryland, and the second statue of two he has done of Abraham Lincoln, this one placed where Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, in Gettysburg

> Watts is working to complete another statue for the new hospital site, a version of the "Frankie and the Puppies" painting hanging at Howard Hospital. "I'm currently working on a 1.5 times life-size Seabiscuit vs. War Admiral piece, of the race," Watts said. "My intention is to finish it at Ridgewood Ranch this coming year. I'm building it there, where Seabiscuit is buried.'



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Thursday, October 22

Mental Health Quality Improvement Meeting: Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Quality Improvement Committee meeting is set for Thursday, October 22 in Covelo at the Round Valley Health Center, Yuki Trails Conference Room, 23000 Henderson Road 3:30 to 5 pm. The purpose of the committee is to discuss the quality of mental health services in Mendocino County. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting to ask questions, provide feedback and give recommendations for improvement. For info about the committee, contact Barbie Svendsen at svendsenb@co.mendocino.ca.us or 707-472-

Last Chance for "Common Thread": October's show at the Willits Center for the Arts closes Sunday: Features three fiber artists who use the dye pot as their palette: Ursula Partch, felt and mixed media; Stephanie Hoppe, woven rugs and tapestries; and Anita Sison, natural dves on fabric. 71 East Commercial Street, 459-1726; regular gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 pm; Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 pm. To arrange for viewing times by appointment, call Ursula Partch at 459-7054.

'Fright Night" Tonight's show is a special benefit for Emandal Farm – catered by Emandal Farm. 7 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Benefit tickets are \$15 and available only through Tamara Adams at 707-459-5439. 'Fright Night" is WCT's seasonal selection of four short tales of horror and humor, including adaptations of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart" and W.W. Jacob's "The Monkey's Paw," and two short dramas, "10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse" by Don Zolidis and "Starla" by David Skeele. Director Jason Edington says "Fright Night" is "guaranteed to leave willing patrons chuckling and cowering in their seats. Performances of "Fright Night" continue Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24 at 8 pm, Sunday, October 25 at 2 pm, Thursday, October 29 at 7 pm, and Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31 (Halloween). Advance tickets are \$10 for the Thursday and Sunday shows and \$15 for the Friday and Saturday shows. Tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door for each performance until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 W. Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Friday, October 23

The Mentoring Network: This youth group for girls, part of the Little Lake Grange's Youth Program, starts up again on Friday, October 23. For girls in sixth through 10th grades. A free program organized by herbalist Donna D'Terra,

teacher coordinator, and Michelle J. Cummins, L.Ac., student coordinator. Topics include cooking and nutrition, movement, herbal crafts and life skills. Runs every Friday through December 11, from 4 to 5 pm in the Cultivate Wellness Studio, Room 4 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Pre-registration is required. Contact Michelle at 707-972-1601.

Harvest Moon Celebration: Celebrate Fall at your local stores and restaurants on Friday October 23 in downtown Willits. Stores open until 8 pm; great specials & sales; Business Pumpkin Decorating Contest (vote for your favorite!). Willits Chamber of Commerce's Local First Committee. Info: 459-7910.

An Enchanted Evening

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The Enchanted Pumpkin Path

Saturday October 31 • 5 to 8pm

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Live concert by Seattle Jim Page American folk singer-songwriterguitarist and social activist Jim Page is making a stop in Willits at the Little Lake Grange, 291

School Street, on Friday, October 23. 7 pm, \$15. Opening Kate Black Helen Falandes and Clancy Rash, Born California, Page "found himself in San Francisco during the

Seattle Jim Page

artistic creativity and political and social awareness of those times fired his imagination and led him to become the illustrious singer songwriter he is today." Now based in Seattle, Page has received multiple awards and recorded more than 15 albums, and his songs have been recorded by The Doobie Brothers, Christy Moore, David Soul, Leftover Salmon and more. "Jim's been writing great topical songs for as long as I can remember, bringing his acute wit and wry humor to a host of subjects that can really use both. I'm a longtime admirer." said Bonnie Raitt.

Shanachie Pub: The Polyorchids, on Friday, October 23. Northern California trio plays "a fast and loose mix of punk and folk music." Visit http:// thepolyorchids.bandcamp.com/releases. 9 pm, No cover, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

'Fright Night": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre: see Thursday, October 22 listing for details about

Saturday, October 24

Free Tire Recycling Days: A special event to allow tire recycling at no charge, starts Saturday, October 24 and runs through Saturday, October 31 (on days transfer station is open), at the Willits ransfer Station, Franklin Street. Open hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. imits: 9 tires per vehicle per day, NO rims, 17" maximum. NO ire dealers may participate. Sponsored by the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (468-9704) in cooperation with transfer stations operators

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Stores open until 8pm

Celebrate FALL at your local stores & restaurants

Hazmobile in Laytonville: The HazMobile household hazardous waste collection team will be at the Laytonville Fire Department Parking lot, Willis Avenue in Laytonville on Saturday, October 24, from 9 am to 1 pm. HazMobile accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool

chemicals, gasoline, bases, toxic cleaners. auto and household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light tubes, that can't go in 459-9035. the trash, for recycling Friday, October 23rd or special disposal. Free to households; gallon limit/per day. Larger amounts from households as well as small business waste is also welcome at the collection, but

an appointment must

per gallon of waste. When bringing materials to the HazMobile, the public should be careful that items are kept in their original containers (except motor oil which can be consolidated) that nothing is leaking, and that all containers are tied down. Info and schedule, call the Recycling Hotline, 468-9704, or visit www.

Awana Benefit Yard Sale: A fundraiser to support the Awana Children's Group program at Agape Bible Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue. Vendors Include: Mary Kay, Party Lite, Lilla Rose, Bubbles etc., Cozy Crafters, Pampered Chef, Foxy Soxy, Jamberry Nail Wraps, Mama's Craft Basket, Premier Designs, Norwex, Bar-b-Q R Us, Ramirez Taco Truck, and multi-family yard sale. 9 am to 3 pm. Info: contact the church at 459-1905.

Wowser Celebration of Life: 10 am to 10 pm, at 330 East Commercial (next to the Mendocino Junior College North campus in Willits). Meet with the people who stepped up and made this happen for our community: • Live and Silent Auctions of Tools and Arts; • Vendor Booths; • Demos and mini classes by CIRCUS MeCCA: • Surprise Musician: Additional Live Music and Entertainment;
 Youth built and operated Espresso Yourself; • Lions Club B.B.Q.; • Arts booths; • Tasty Food and beverages and more. Fun for the whole family. This is a Wowser fundraiser. (Plus: bring warm clothing for a Valley Fire survivors clothing drive). "Check us out in person or at www.wowser.org or Facebook Wowser for info: info@wowser.org." Info: 459-9697 or info@Wowser.org.

Willits Amateur Radio Society Technical Seminar: WARS presents a technical seminar at the LDS Church in Willits, Monica Lane, from 10 am to 2 pm. All HAMS are welcome to attend. Topics covered will be more in depth answers to questions that have been brought up on the Countywide Tech Net every Tuesday at 7 pm. Including: Installing a tower (an uplifting experience); DC power connectors; RF connectors; Local VHF bounce paths (an update on some unusual ways to get your signal around to different parts of the

Free Bridge Lessons: "Beyond Basics" – another round of free bridge lessons is starting Saturday, October 24 and continuing Saturdays through December 19. 10 am to 12 pm at the Willits Library Conference room, 390 East Commercial Street "Learn new skills and practice old ones. Drop-ins are welcome." Info: Donna at

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county); back up power requirements; and if time

permits, a segment on basic antenna and feedline

Seventh-day Adventist Church Centennial Celebration: The founded in 1915 in Willits, is celebrating its 100th anniversary! Adventists worship on Saturdays, and the public is invited to the 10:45 am service at the church, 399 West Mendocino Avenue, followed by an afternoon and

resday, Nov. 3 COMMITMENT IS A NECESSITY!

evening program at the Adventist School, 22751 Bray Road. Program will include lunch (a vegetarian lunch with an Italian theme) and then afternoon community time, when everybody is invited to share memories. Three of the former ministers are coming back for the celebration, as well as representatives from the Northern California Conference. There will be historical displays and photos all around the school gym. Then a light supper and a gym night, with volleyball, basketball and other family games. For more info, visit the "Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church" page on Facebook, or call 459-

What's Happening Around Town

8th anniversary sale at J.D. Redhouse: A Friday, Saturday and Sunday sale with big celebration on Saturday to celebrate J.D. Redhouse's 8th Anniversary. Saturday's events will include a bounce house, raffles, fall photos, face painting, Kemmy's Pie tasting, and a visit from the Humane Society from 11 am to 2 pm. 212 South Main Street. All weekend long the community is welcome to come by to enjoy special pricing on fudge and \$1 mini ice cream scoops in the Sweet Shop and sales and specials throughout the store.

First annual Oktoberfest at The Center: The Center, at the corner of Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue. "Join your friends and neighbors for food, live music, games, vendors and ... beer & dancing. What's Oktoberfest without beer and dancing? Prizes for best polka dance and best costume, Info: 707-621-3900.

American Legion Oktoberfest Dinner: American Legion, Post 174, presents its annual fundraising event, Oktoberfest Dinner, on Saturday, October 24 from 5 to 7 pm. Veteran's Memorial Building. 191 North Main Street, Menu: marinated, roast pork, red cabbage, white potatoes w/parsley, green beans, salads, dessert and apple cider. \$18 per adult, \$9 per child under 12, children under 5 are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

'Fright Night": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre; see Thursday, October 22 listing for details about

Sunday, October 25

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: the last fourth-Sunday breakfast of the year on October 25, from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast! With live music. \$7 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes now offering gluten-free pancakes, too! – Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs made to order with real butter. Juice, organic coffee or tea. Sides of organic fruit in season and Amish maple syrup \$1 extra. \$7; \$6 seniors; \$4 children under 10. Fourth-Sunday breakfasts

> 'Fright Night": 2 pm matinee at Willits Community Theatre; see Thursday, October 22 listing for details about the play.

will resume in January 2016.

Tuesday, October

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies

This fundraiser for the purchase of Willits High School Homebrewing is easy and fun, which is why the Willits

football safety equipment is scheduled for Sunday, Home B.R.E.W. Club is hosting a "Learn to Brew" event,

November 8, from 5 to 8 pm, but raffle tickets are on in conjunction with "Learn to Homebrew Day," held in early

sale now. Guns for raffle – "a Remington 870 mag 12 November each year. The demonstration is free and open

that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Goosebumps." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street, 459-6660.

Poultry Processing Workshop: The Grange Farm School is hosting a Poultry Processing Workshop, Tuesday, October 27, starting at 9 am, with a talk on sustainable "broiler" (meat chicken) practices, then move on to chicken butchering and processing demonstrations and practice. Then lunch, followed by a cooking class until about 2:30 pm. Each attendee will have the opportunity to process and take home one pasture-raised bird, with the option to participate further in the processing of the Farm School's 125 broilers both Tuesday the 27th and Wednesday the 28th. Maximum 20 participants, reserve your spot early! Reservations can be

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made at manager@ grangefarmschool. org. \$50 for two lessons, lunch, and take home your own Farm School chicken. \$35 for two lessons and lunch, plus practical experience processing chickens.

Harvest Workshop: at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Presented by North Coast Opportunities and GROWN LOCAL 'Cook simple, healthy pickles,

pestos, salads and more. Process and preserve seasonal produce \$20 covers produce, recipes, and a bounty to take home. All other materials provided. Space is limited Contact April Cunningham for more information and to reserve your spot today! Scholarships are available." Info: acunningham@ncoinc.org or 707-

"The Truth About Cancer": an 11-part video series presented over six Tuesdays, at 7 pm, continuing through October 27, with a discussion the final evening. "28 doctors, 11 scientists, 9 survivors and 1 attorney break their silence and expose the truth about cancer, what causes it, conventional protocols, and the proven alternatives to prevent, treat and beat it 100 percent naturally. Don't miss any part of this important series. It may be lifesaving information for you or a loved one." Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street. Suggested donation at the door. Refreshments for sale, 459-4110

Wednesday, October 28

B.R.E.W. Club hosts

beer-making demo

Saturday, November 7 at 10 am

"Home B.R.E.W. is happy to invite anyone interested

in homebrewing to come by and join the fun! Club

members will be brewing a

5-gallon extract beer kit donated

by Coast Hardware. All steps

in the brewing process will be

demonstrated. All raw ingredients

will be on display and equipment

'Home B.R.E.W. (Home Brewing

Research Engineers of Willits)

is a user group/club dedicated

to all forms of fermentation

and slow food including beers,

ales, wines, ciders, meads,

preserves, pickles, bread and

more! The club meets the first Friday

of every month at 7 pm at Peter's

Sushi & Chinese House, 383 South

Main Street. Guests and visitors

(over 21 years of age, please!) are

always welcome. Check our website

for current meeting and activity

information: http://willitshomebrew.

will be available for inspection.

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter/Shots Van in Willits: Mendocino County's Animal Care Services Carea-Van will be in Willits, Wednesday, October 28 at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. For a spay or neuter appointment, call 888-7698. Drop in vaccination shots are available for cats and dogs, 10 am to 2 pm. Rabies shots are \$6 and other vaccinations are \$13. Questions? Please call the Ukiah Shelter at 463-4654. "Remember to be a

responsible pet owner and spay/neuter your pets to prevent pet over-population!"

GOP debate party in Willits: The Mendocino County Republican Central Committee will host a Republican debate party, Wednesday, October 28 at 5 pm at

the Willits Grange Hall, 291 School Street. GOP Central Committee also holds its monthly meeting 'Fright Night": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre in Willits that day, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Country Skillet, 708 South Main Street. For more the play. info contact Evelyn Hayman at 707-948-6467 or go to www.mendocountygop.net.

Thursday, October 29

FOWL Fall Book Sale: annual fundraiser sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library starts Thursday, October 29 for FOWL members only (6 to 9 pm); and continues Friday, October 30 (10 am to 6 pm), Saturday, October 31 (10 am to 4 pm), and Sunday, November 1 (10 am to 3 pm). Sunday is "\$3 a bag" day: Bring your book bag! Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

Dia De Los Muertos Fiesta: Energize Willits

Presents, Thursday, 29, 6;30 to 7:30 pm. Featuring: a Zumba Glow Party, \$5, plus Costume Contest; FREE T-shirts to the first 10 people; A tamale sale by sponsored by Mujeres Unidas de Willits (all proceeds will benefit Willits High Peer Counseling: pork or chicken, \$18 a dozen / \$9 half-dozen, limited amount, can be purchased in advance at any Energize Willits class). At Hidden Agenda 399 South Main Street. Info: 707-583-9386 or the "Energize" Willits" page on Facebook.

'Fright Night": 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre; see Thursday October 22 listing for details about the play.

Friday, October 30

Hazmobile in Willits: The HazMobile household hazardous waste collection team will be at the Willits Corporation Yard, 380 East Commercial Street, on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31, from 9 am to 1 pm. HazMobile accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light tubes, that can't go in the trash, for recycling or special disposal. Free to households; 15 gallon limit/per day. See Saturday, October 24 listing for Laytonville pickup for more details. Info and schedule, call the Recycling Hotline, 468-9704, or visit www.mendoRecycle.org

FOWL Fall Book Sale: Friends of the Library book sale continues today from 10 am to 6 pm. See Thursday, October 29 listing for more info.

Hot Buttered Rum / Bruce Burton & Friends: Halloween Weekend Party on

Friday, October 30, featuring a return engagement of Hot Buttered Rum, who rocked the Little Lake Grange last time they were in Willits at a sold-out show. A benefit for the Grange Farm School. Opening act: bluegrass from Bruce Burton & Friends. A Costume Ball with the theme: "Where the Wild Things Are," "in dedication

to all the wild things on the farm, especially the farmers." Including costume contest with prizes, a silent auction, local beer and wine for sale, and dinner and snacks from Zocalo catering. Doors open at 6 pm; music from 7 to 11:30 pm. Tickets at www.eventbrite.com, search for "Hot Buttered Rum

see Thursday, October 22 listing for details about

Saturday, October 31 Happy Halloween!

Hazmobile in Willits: 9 am to 1 pm at the Willits Corporation Yard. See Friday, October 30 listing for more details.

FOWL Fall Book Sale: Friends of the Library book sale continues today from 10 am to 4 pm. See Thursday, October 29 listing for more info.

Rascal's Rescue Pet Parade and Halloween Celebration: Come to Willits Power & Hardware from 12 to 4 pm on October 31 to enjoy fall-time festivities. 1600 South Main Street. A pumpkin patch, pumpkin bowling, pumpkin ring toss, pet photos and the pet parade. The parade will start at 2 pm. Prizes will be given to the first, second and third place winners of Best Costume; a first-place prize to the winner of Best Pet/Owner Team; a first prize to the Most Original; and a first-place prize to the Scariest. Tom Allman, Bruce Burton and Lisa Epstein will judge, and entries will be accepted up until October 30.

Making 3-D Art from Recycled Books: free workshop by Laura Wiecek at the Willits Library. 390 East Commercial Street, on Halloween, from 2 to 3 pm. "Come and check out some of her art work in our lobby display case to see what a treat you are in for on Halloween!" Info: 459-5908

Trick-or-Treat at the Library!: Come join the staff of the Willits Public Library, to celebrate Halloween, with costumes, stories, music and a little Trick-or-Treat fun! 3:30 to 4:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street, Info: 459-5908.

Ghoulish Drinks at the Methodist Church: The treaters at the Methodist Church, 286 School Street, are providing drinks for the weary treaters. "The drinks are free to all brave enough to come to our side of town. We are across from the Grange and will be serving from around 6:30 till about 8 pm. Our ghoulish drinks will be both warm and cold (nothing from the witches' kettle); all that are thirsty are invited to stop by This will be our 6th year of welcoming the treaters and their families, and a few cute tricksters.

Willits Charter School Halloween: Parents' Night Out! 7 to 11 pm at WCS. "After trick or treating with

your kids we'll take care of them while you enjoy the rest of your evening: with ghoulish games, freaky fun, frightening food, and creepy crafts. Sign up at WCS. \$20/child. Ages 5 to 11 only. Info: 459-5506.

'Fright Night": 8 pm at Willits

Community Theatre; see Thursday, October 22 listing for details about the play. Halloween with the Dirt Floor

Band at Shanachie Pub: The Dirt Floor Band together again: original kickass-punk-grass. "The DFBs live performances showcase a raw, raggededged intensity that invites the audience to join in for a slightly insane night of music, dancing, and

House. Music starts at 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's

by DJ Selekta Lou, food, beer & wine, Costume Contest with prizes for "Scariest, Sexist, Funniest, and Most Original." Wheels Cafe & Pub, 44930 Highway 101, Laytonville. Music starts at 10 pm; 21+

FOWL Fall Book Sale: Friends of the Library book sale continues today from 10 am to 3 pm. See



Sunday, October 25, 2015 Dinner • Music • Auction

Presale Tickets Available All Mendo Mill Stores ood Empire Fairgrou 4 - 8 pm Featuring The Ford Blues Band

Dirt Floor Band

Restaurant, Info: 459-9194.

a damn good time." Opening band: Tumbledown

Reggae Halloween in Laytonville: featuring music

over. Joey D. Productions. Wheels Cafe: 984-8811.

Sunday, November 1

Thursday, October 29 listing for more info.



\$15 each presale • \$20 at the door 6 yr & under Free

COLUMN | At the Movies

'Goosebumps'

accidentally set free all the monsters and boogie creatures from their magical imprisonment locked within the original manuscripts belonging to fantasy author

The Story: Three teenagers, two boys and a girl,

Daniel Essman

growlings and clickings and a variety of uncouth noises, the small Maryland town of Madison is clobbered into ruin by the nasty fantastical Fun, of a sort, is had by all.

R.L. Stine. Then, amid

My Thoughts: The "Goosebumps" series of books were written for young boys and girls and are well-loved. These scary, if unoriginal stories are full of melodramas and horror beasts and the yearnings of young love ... the chewy stuff of movies. As for my time and tastes, well, this monster fest was not made

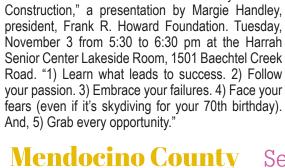
with me in mind. It is for teenagers and younger.

In sum, a pretty good movie. Doesn't put on any airs. There are laughs. The critics from around the country seem to like it. Its story is more or less coherent, that's important. The young leads all acquit themselves well. The star in the flick is Jack Black, and he's guite a fine character actor. Parents: Age 10 and up should be no problem. I

believe the little ones will take it all too seriously and have nightmares. I would have... Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of

Avenues to Wellness Margie Handley

Tuesday, November 3 The Avenues to Wellness Speaker Series presents "THE ROAD TO SUCCESS Is Always Under



Museum Vietnam Veterans Thursday October 29th

Memorial Dedication

Tuesday, November 11

'Join us at the Mendocino County Museum Tuesday: Meat Loaf on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, at 2 pm, for the unveiling of a beautiful monument to the Mendocino County men killed in action during the Vietnam War more Friday: Turkey, Mashed than 40 years ago. Family and community will Potatoes/Gravy (Birthday gather to honor and reflect. Refreshments Lunch) will be served after the ceremony. The Harrah Senior Center museum exhibit "Veterans' History: Personal" serves lunch five days per is "currently focused on the 22 men from week from 11:45 am to 1 Mendocino County killed in the Vietnam pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 War." 400 East Commercial Street. Open per meal; under 55 \$7 per Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 am to meal Includes soup, entrée,

www.MendocinoMuseum.org.

Senior Center Lunch

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Week of October 26 through October 30 Monday: Lemon Chicken on Rice

Wednesday: Hot Dog/Bun Thursday: Taco Salad

4:30 pm. \$4 adults; \$1 students 6-18; children vegetable, bread, dessert, 5 and under are free. Info: 459-2736 or visit and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826

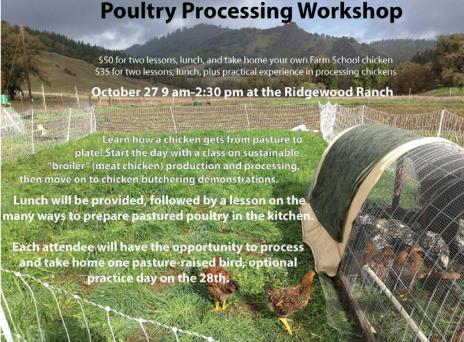
 Learn what leads to success
 Follow your passion gauge, Ruger American 243 cal., Ruger 10-22, and a to the public and will be held at Coast Hardware, 113 East Embrace your failures 50 caliber Hawkins black powder – are sponsored by Barbara Lane, beginning at 10 am on Saturday, November Face your fears Pacific Outfitters. Raffle tickets are \$20 each, three for 7, 2015. Reservations are recommended, so please call \$50, or seven for \$100. Winners will be drawn at the ahead to reserve your spot. Call 707-459-1338 or email to: Spaghetti Dinner; need not be present to win. Dinner rchewett1@aol.com. tickets are \$10, and dinners can be picked up to go. For tickets or more Info, call Matt Rountree at 707-841-7052 or Dean Verdot at 707-367-2603.

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Willits Kiwanis Club

& WHS Football

Gun Raffle & Spaghetti Dinner



Poultry Processing Workshop

Maximum 20 participants, reserve your spot early! Reserve via email: manager@grangefarmschool.org Willits Weekly | October 22, 2015

president, B.R.E.W. Club Willits Weekly | October 22, 2015 Phone: 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 Email: willits weekly@gmail.com Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490

weebly.com."

- submitted by Rick Hewitt,

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Educator And The Oligarch," Cody's award-winning

The Educator And The Oligarch

> A Teacher Challenges The Gates Foundation

Anthony Cody

Congrats to Anthony Cody

Congratulations to Anthony Cody of Willits who has on high stakes tests, educational technology and marketfor his book, "The Educator and the Oligarch: A Teacher to public education." Challenges the Gates Foundation.

Public Language Award Committee of the National Council of Teachers of English, for a "Distinguished Contribution to justice in our public schools." Honesty and Clarity in Public Language."

"The Educator and the Oligarch" was published by Garn Press in September 2014. Garn Press says this about the book: "From the Common Core to test-based teacher evaluation systems cropping up around the country, to the rapid expansion of semi-private charter schools, the Gates Foundation has had a huge, largely invisible influence on person to listen to the voice of an experienced teacher." public education in 21st century America.

"Can a teacher challenge the wealthiest man in the world? Anthony Cody, who spent 24 years working in the high poverty schools of Oakland, California, has done so Gates Foundation, and this philanthropic organization has poured billions of dollars into reshaping American schools. This money has paid for research, advocacy, and a whole non-profit industry aligned with the Gates agenda. According to Cody, their chosen path of data-driven reform, centered

been named winner of the 2015 "George Orwell Award" based competition between schools, threatens great harm

Education author Jonathan Kozol calls "The Educator The George Orwell Award is given every year by the and the Oligarch": "A powerful and important book by one of the most courageous advocates for sanity and simple

> In 2013 Cody joined with Diane Ravitch to found the Network for Public Education, a national advocacy group that advocates for meaningful reform, and supports candidates willing to stand up for public schools. Ravitch calls this book: "A record of Anthony Cody's valiant struggle to force the nation's most powerful foundation and richest

Anthony Cody was born and raised in Berkeley, and attended public schools there, graduating from UC Berkeley. His parents owned Cody's Books on Telegraph Avenue, for many years one of the largest independent bookstores on here. Education reform is the top domestic priority for the the West Coast. Cody has two sons, aged 22 and 24, and lives in Willits with his wife, Randi Covin.

His award-winning blog, "Living in Dialogue" can be read at www.livingindialogue.com. Keep up with "The Educator and the Oligarch" on the book's Facebook page. Follow Cody on twitter @anthonycody.

OBITUARY | **Wayne Holland**

Wayne Talmadge Holland of Willits passed away on October 15, 2015 at the age of 76. A former resident of Fort Bragg and Burlingame, he was a resident of our community for the past 14 years. He worked as a book

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Holland; his brother, Carter Holland; and his parents, Bill and Ardenia Holland.

He is survived by his sisters: Gloria Boggs and Joan Driggers; nieces and nephews: Nancy, Shaemas, Dwayne, Jewel, Vivian, Sandra, Rene, Darrell, Richard, Debra, Diane, and Billy; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

There will be no services. Private inurnment will be in Skylawn Memorial

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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Amazing Athletes of Willits High School



Volleyball | Sylvia Friend, age 17. Senior

Position: Back row, bumper

Breakfast of Champions: Apple

Love for the Sport: "I like my teammates, getting a ball up that's hit really hard, and playing the games!"

My "Amazing Athlete" for this week is team captain Sylvia Friend, one of my favorite people on Earth. Sylvia is the most positive, supportive and consistent player on the

- Coach Holli Walton



Football | Octavio Diaz. age 18, Senior

Position: Right tackle, defensive end

Breakfast of Champions: Fruity Pebbles, apple

Love for the Sport: "I love that my friends and I get together as a family and we contribute what we've learned over the week from the coaches."

My "Amazing Athlete" for this week is Octavio Diaz, who played offense tackle against Clearlake and blocked great the whole game. Diaz then went in on defense and played defensive end, and did an outstanding job; he played great!

- Coach Sean Leslie



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Brooktrails drought regulations renewed

Brooktrails residents will have to keep their daily water use to no more than 200 gallons per day, the Township's board of directors decided last

Dan McKee

While water levels at Lake Emily and Lake Ida Rose are "satisfactory and stable," Brooktrails General

Manager Denise Rose told directors at their Tuesday, October 13 meeting, if predicted fall and winter rains fail to materialize, the township could face "a crisis similar to the ones it faced in 2013 and 2014.

"Staff remains concerned about [Brooktrails] long-term water supply which, Rose said, "is hovering at approximately

Although the water emergency declaration, which limits residents' use to 6,000 gallons per month, will continue for the time being, the National Weather Service is forecasting an 80 percent chance of "average precipitation" this winter, and a 34 to 40 percent chance of "above average"

Forecasters noted the persistence of this year's El Niño and said temperature anomalies in the South Pacific favor heavier-than-normal rains across Northern California, which will significantly impact the region's snowpack.

That heavier-than-normal rainfall should begin in November and continue through March, Brooktrails Director Edward Horrocks said during Tuesday's meeting.

There may even be thunderstorms in the north county's future starting near the end of the month, township manager Dense Rose noted

Still, "it won't be a deluge," forecasters warn, so California residents still need to conserve water. However, unlike previous forecasts, NWS is now saying this winter's El Niño, predicted to be the strongest since 1950, may help ease the state's four-year drought.



Brett Paul Bowman with his dog and a Brooktrails Fire Department truck. Photo courtesy of Brooktrails Fire Department

Lost

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pm after telling an older brother he was "going on a field trip" with the family dog, "Tank," a 5-year-old black Labrador retriever wearing an orange collar.

The 50-pound, blond-haired, blue-eyed child then walked uphill into the forest, wearing a black T-shirt, blue jeans and orange-style tennis shoes.

Deputies began an immediate search of the area with the assistance of personnel from the Brooktrails Fire Department and Mendocino County Search and Rescue volunteers, according to sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten. At the same time, a reverse 911 notification call was sent

to the surrounding areas where the boy was last seen. "We met with sheriff's deputies and set up a mobile joint

command center at the intersection of Coyote Road and Poppy Drive just after 7 pm," Brooktrails Fire Deputy Chief Jon Nover told Willits Weekly on Wednesday.

After establishing a search perimeter, firefighters, deputies and members of the search-and-rescue team began combing the woods on foot, using BFD and Little Lake Fire Department thermal imaging equipment, and by helicopter from the air. Nover said. A door-to-door search of the area also was conducted.

By then, Brooktrails Fire has asked the Sheriff's Office to issue a mutual aid request for additional assistance, Van Patten said, and CalFire, Marin County, Sonoma County and San Mateo search-and-rescue teams joined the hunt, along with the California Highway Patrol, Willits Police Department, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Federal Bureau of Investigation, REACH air ambulance, Lake County Sheriff's Office, California Rescue Dog Association, Bay Area Mountain Rescue, California Office of Emergency Services, and Falck ambulance service.

At its height, an estimated 100 people were involved in the search. Brooktrails neighbors and other local residents conducted their own informal searches, as well.

Early Wednesday morning, the boy and his dog were found walking along Timberline Road. Chief Daryl Schoeppner had sent Brooktrails Fire engineer Niko Steffen and firefighter/EMT Gio Vitalie to search the area, after receiving a call from a resident saying he thought he had heard a child crying for his mother during the night.

Both the boy and the dog "appeared to be in good health" despite night temperatures that dropped to 44 degrees Fahrenheit, Van Patten said. When asked if Tank had stayed at the youngster's side all

night. Nover said, "The best we can tell, he left with the dog and we found him with the dog. Following an evaluation by medical personnel at the Brooktrails fire station, Brett was reunited with his parents,

Some area residents are calling Tank a hero for staying with the boy, protecting him throughout the night, and keeping him warm.

"He deserves a medal," one resident said in a message posted to the Sheriff's Office website. "The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to

thank all the personnel and public safety agencies that assisted in the search operation," Van Patten said.

Willits man held in Pinewood Drive break-in

Deputies arrested a 30-year-old Willits burglary. Further investigation led them to felon and recovered more than \$5,000 in stolen property after serving a search warrant in the 200 block of Holly Street at about 9:30 am on October 13.

Bobby Sossaman was taken into custody following a two-week investigation by sheriff's deputies into a Pinewood Drive home burglary, according to sheriff's Capt. Greg Van Patten.

"Numerous carpentry tools and a security camera system had been stolen from the residence." Van Patten said. On October 13, deputies conducted a

probation search at a Brooktrails home, locating some of the items taken in the from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

MCOG seeks comments on EV report

The Mendocino Council of Governments, the county's transportation planning agency, is seeking public comment on a draft report on feasibility and strategies to place electric vehicle charging stations throughout the county.

The report, the Mendocino County Zero Emission Vehicle Regional Readiness Plan - Draft Feasibility Report, can be viewed online at MCOG's website, www. mendocinocog.org.

According to an MCOG press release: "Potential charging station sites were initially chosen based on a set of criteria, including a site's proximity to the Highway 1, Highway 128, Highway 20, and Highway 101 corridors and availability to the general public. Input was then sought from landowners, city and county planners,

electric vehicle owners, policy-makers and other interested community members through one-on-one communications and a series of community forums held in Point Arena, Fort Bragg, Boonville, Ukiah and Willits from May to June 2015."

Sossaman's Holly Street home.

"During a search of the residence,

deputies recovered stolen property from

the Pineview Drive burglary, two shotguns,

Sossaman was arrested on suspicion

of burglary, possession of stolen property,

being a felon in possession of body armor,

firearms and prohibited ammunition, and

He was taken to county jail, where he

This report was based on a press release

violating his probation.

was held in-lieu of \$50,000 bail.

The Draft Feasibility Report indicates community preferences for charging station sites, as well as list of potential charging station locations based on those preferences and a preliminary field review, MCOG says. "It also provides cost estimates for site preparation, equipment and installation of each potential site."

Deadline for comment is Friday,

Comments may be submitted by email to project consultant, Sue Haun, at sue@ strategiesbydesignco.com.

Street for \$3,000.

Construction

of antennae on East Commercial Street for

Construction of a 528-square-foot garage

The following business licenses were

Reroofing on State Street for \$3,500.

on Northbrook Way for \$26,400.

September building activity jumps

Street for \$50,000

The City of Willits' Building \mid Damian Sebouhian Inspection Activity Report has been released for the

month of September The following building permits were North Street for \$13,000.

granted for new construction: Two permits for single-family dwellings, valued at \$288,920.

siding, windows, valued at \$34,500.

One permit for a store valued at \$607,500. Seven permits were granted for reroofing,

One permit for an addition and alteration of a non-residential building, valued at

The valuation for September totaled \$948,420: August valuations totaled \$447,800.

Total revenue for September of this year was \$9,100.95; revenue for the same month last year was \$6,018.66.

Total construction valuation for the year to date is \$3,277,340. Fees collected so far this year stand at \$30,473.97. Forty-one building permits have been granted The following projects were completed:

HVAC installed on North Main Street for

from the business community urged

supervisors not to annul the permit and

Ukiah Realtor Richard Seltzer told

the board that doing so would send

the wrong signal to people wanting to

come into Mendocino County to start

Realtor Amy Wynn said much the

same thing. Wynn said she makes

a living trying to persuade potential

developers to locate businesses in

Mendocino County. "If there is an

unknown - even about a building

permit - here, I will have to throw up

Ukiah businessman Ross Liberty.

Sabrina Teller, an attorney for

project applicant Cross Development,

owner of the Dollar General chain,

told the board its intended action is

arbitrary, capricious and illegal. She

said issuance of a building permit is a

ministerial action, and threatening to

overturn that issuance and nullify the

permit would be turning a ministerial

act into a discretionary act. "This is the

very definition of an arbitrary action,"

Attorney Matisse Knight of Ukiah

law firm Carter, Momsen & Knight

contradicted Teller on a number of

points, arguing would be acting within

their rights if they were to overturn the

Several Redwood Valley residents

opposed to the construction and

The rest of

cancel the project.

my hands.

she said.

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Boyd.

Postponed

granted in September: Willits Dance Academy on School Street, owned by Tara Ford, to offer dance classes. Ashton Nets on South Lenore Street,

owned by Matt Ashton, wildlife and bird preservation.

Intren Inc., owned by Loretta Rosenmayer \$30,000 bail. of Concord, a PG&E subcontractor.

Hooker Oaks Cycle Works at Shell Lane, owned by Owen Kenny, offering motorcycle

injured, two arrested An alcohol-fueled fight between two sisters sent

Family fight

leaves three

shotgun ammunition and body armor," Van two people to the hospital last Friday night and two others to county jail.

Deputies 38-year-old Jose Barriga-Padilla, 38, and Talisha Renee Barriga, 33, on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and took

them to county jail.

The altercation between the two women, which began at about 9:30 pm at a home in the 22000 block of East Side Road in Willits, drew multiple family members and friends into the fight, according to sheriff's officials.

When deputies arrived at the home, they found a 47-year-old adult male on his back in the driveway bleeding profusely from the head. Deputies were told the man had been struck by a baseball bat or similar object wielded by Barriga-Padilla during the fight.

subsequently transported by ambulance to a local area hospital." sheriff's officials say.

A 50-year-old adult female was discovered sitting in a chair nearby with a laceration to her head Overlay reroof on West Oak also reportedly caused by some type of blunt object The woman, however, 512-square-foot gazebo on refused medical treatment.

A40-year-old adult female was found at a nearby Reparation of fire damage on Maple home, according to sheriff's reports. "It appeared she Reroofing of a garage on Poplar Avenue had been struck multiple times in the head and torso Reinforcement of a tower and replacement with a blunt object.

> She also was taken by ambulance to an area hospital

> According to sheriff's officials, all three victims' injuries were inflicted by Barriga-Padilla. Barriga allegedly participated in the assault on one of the

Barriga-Padilla Talisha Barriga were being held separately in-lieu of

This report was based on

a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's

"It's the same in Lake County," he noted. "In our hall, we have a capacity of 40 kids. Most of the time around here, we have 10, 11 kids. Lake County has 12. So you take our 11 and

Lake delinquents to come to Low Gap

supervisors to remain steadfast

The board of supervisors unanimously approved a proposal put forward by Mendocino County Chief Probation Officer Buck Ganter to house Lake County juvenile delinquents at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall in

operation of Dollar General urged

"Thank you, board of supervisors,

for standing up to this corporation that

wants to invade our little community."

"I may, in good conscience, have to According to Ganter, the plan is a tell them to go to Lake County," Wynn win-win for both counties. Mendocino County Juvenile Hall is often at half-Wynn's and Seltzer's remarks were occupancy, or lower, and so is Lake echoed by Ukiah businessman and County's facility which, according former supervisor John Mayfield, and to Ganter, is in need of substantial

> Ganter said a change in philosophy at the state level on how to deal with troubled youth has resulted in lower placements in juvenile halls across the

> "In recent years we've seen a dramatic drop in our inmate numbers," Ganter said. "For example, in 2009, for the whole year, we had 2,050 referrals here. This year, from January 1 through August, we had 420. That's a dramatic drop. And it's not just in Mendocino County, but it's all across the state.

"What's happening is, we're dealing with the problem kids in different ways," Ganter said. "We are trying to deal with them in the schools, with more counselors, more programs. As a result, we only get the kids now who have to go to probation

their 12, you get 21, which is about half said Redwood Valley resident Christine of our capacity. We run real smooth at half-capacity. It's no problem for us, at That is "smart business for both

counties," he said. According to the new two-year

contract approved by supervisors, Lake County will pay Mendocino County \$150 a day for the first 12 beds it uses in the hall. Beyond that, the price will be \$120 a day.

Ganter said that, although the contract term is for two years, both counties are looking at making it a long-term agreement.

Elliott is new county counsel

During Losak's last board meeting supervisors voted to hire Deputy County Counsel Katharine Elliott as the new interim county counsel.

Elliott has worked for Mendocino County twice previously. From 1998 to 2002, she worked as an assistant public defender. From 2003 until March of 2015, she worked as an independent practicing lawyer in Ukiah, specializing in criminal defense law.

Elliott has had a lot of experience in the courtroom, having argued her case in 96 jury trials, in civil litigation, federal litigation and in the appellate courts. She came back to Mendocino County government as a deputy county counsel in April 2015.

Elliott graduated from the Santa Barbara College of Law in 1988.

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Dollar General building permit.



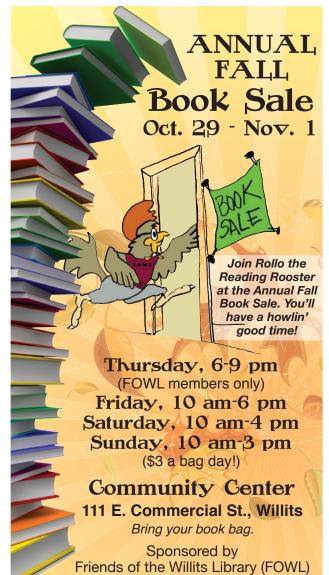






Above: Icelandic horses. Below: Hay bales. Below, right: Geothermal power plant.





Iceland: Land of fire and ice The Land of Fire

(and so much water!)

At left: Geothermal heat keeps streets snow- and ice-At left, below:

Waterfalls

Above, right:

abound.

and Ice.

Velvety moss carpet

the good fortune to spend two weeks in Iceland, the incredible "Land of Fire and Ice." In stark contrast to the droughtstricken western United States, where we live, Iceland almost appears to have Photos by more water than they can handle. We Leon Springer should all have such problems!

This summer my wife, Nancy, and I had

In Reykjavik, the world's northernmost capital, we joined a fabulous tour that took in the glaciers, waterfalls, hot springs, and off-shore icebergs. We also visited farms, black beaches,

Leon Springer

and puffin preserves that exist side by side with the more than 200 volcanoes in Iceland's active zone, 30 of which have erupted since the country was settled by seafaring Vikings

Over time, the foot-deep layer of accumulated lava and ash from those eruptions has turned to rich, fertile soil that supports incredibly productive farms along the southern coast and vast areas of lush, vibrant moss. Often, the fine ash is transported great distances on the prevailing winds, as happened in 2010 when Mount Eyjafjallajokull erupted for three weeks, carrying ash throughout Europe and disrupting international air travel.

Located in the north Atlantic, Iceland represents the largest exposed portion of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, a submarine fault line that forms the earth's largest mountain chain and the source of the region's unusually frequent volcanic activity. We went to one of the few places on earth where you can stand on the exposed fault a hundred feet below the edges of two tectonic plates and see the actively spreading ridge. It was truly an OMG moment.

Across the interior of the country, the steam that pours For more on Iceland's fishing, seaweed harvesting, from the geothermal vents dotting the mountainsides and progressive politics, hot springs and glaciers, read the rest the fresh water from glacial melt is used to raise sheep, of "Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice" on Dripworks' Mainline

natural resources is what makes seasonal commercial outdoor agriculture both possible and profitable for Iceland's farmers. Everywhere we went, fields of hay were being baled for use as livestock feed during the long winter months. Geothermal steam is often used to disinfect the soil and warm water employed to irrigate crops in the spring while the weather is still quite cool. This is Iceland, after all.

In addition to outdoor farming, greenhouses and high tunnels - heated and powered by geothermal energy - ensure a year-round supply of vegetables, such as tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers, as well as flowers and other potted plants. Indoors, it is common to use inert growing media (volcanic scoria, a dark colored igneous rock or rhyolite, volcanic rock containing silica) on concrete floors with individual plants watered using drip irrigation.

Geothermal water is also used to heat 90 percent of Iceland's households, providing very inexpensive hot water and electricity for its citizens. Many of the geothermal power plants we saw not only send power to the cities but enable greenhouses to extend their growing season with electric lighting. After heating homes and commercial buildings, the returning geothermal waste water is used to heat streets, sidewalks, and parking areas. Very progressive indeed.

Despite its cool climate and short growing season, Iceland's northern latitude has certain advantages for agriculture, allowing a variety of food crops such as potatoes, turnips, carrots, cabbage, kale and cauliflower to grow. The lack of insect pests meant that the use of agrochemicals, including insecticides and herbicides, is very low and the long hours of daylight in the cool summer allow feed grasses to grow exceptionally well. Low pollution levels, due to the country's sparse population, has also been capitalized upon by a growing organic farming sector.

cattle, pigs, and grow crops. The availability of these blog here; http://www.dripworks.blogspot.com.







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The rest of **MCAFD**

general fund revenues."

Prop. 172 funds were intended

to backfill property tax revenues

lost by California counties, cities

and special districts to the state-

controlled Education Revenue

Those losses came about

as the result of the passage of

Proposition 13 in 1978, which

capped California property taxes

and sharply diminished the

revenues local governments had

ERAF allowed the state

Legislature to reallocate property

tax revenues among local

governments, and in the midst

of the 1991-92 recession, the

Legislature exercised that power

to take property taxes to fund

the state's obligation to support

County fire districts need

the Prop. 172 monies. MCAFD

claims, because "the volunteer

fire services model, as currently

funded and staffed, is "no longer

working or appropriate for

[around-the-clock] first-responder

Twenty-one rural fire districts

are spread over an area of 3,500

square miles in Mendocino

County. Together, they serve more

than 86,000 residents. CalFire

shares local responsibility in some

The districts provide fire and

emergency services with mostly

volunteer staff supported, in

some cases, by paid professional

firefighters. But many small

districts, the association says, are

Some rural fire districts provide

ambulance services as well.

Those services, according to

MCAFD, are "staffed almost

While the county reimburses

fire districts for costs incurred

when answering out-of-district

calls, it provides no funding for

operational fire services, medical-

aid response or emergency

services, even though supervisors

"can allocate any amount of

funding for fire and emergency

services in any given budget

In fact, MCAFD claims, the

county "is required to provide

the same level of funding for fire

services that existed prior to 1993

and the passage of Proposition

172." Additionally, the county

must replace any funds diverted

from local fire districts as a result

Monies raised by the one-half-

cent statewide sales tax hike

were to be used to augment

county public safety organization

funds - for instance, fire districts, the sheriff's office, the district

attorney's office, the probation

department, and the county jail.

None of the Proposition 172

monies "were to be diverted to the

county general fund as a result of

However, the association

charges, "the language of Prop.

172 was ignored immediately by

the county, and previous public

directly to the general fund."

safety funding was diverted

Mendocino County's Public

Protection budget for fiscal year

2014-2015 was \$55,414,922,

including \$6.7 million in Prop.

172 tax revenue the county

received for "public safety." None

of that money found its way to fire

districts or emergency medical

service providers, the association

In addition, the association

budget included almost \$71.4

million in discretionary revenue

mostly from local property

and sales tax revenues. That

revenue, the association says, "is

unencumbered and undesignated

revenue which has not been

reserved for any special purpose,

nor set aside for any specific

program. It is not restricted by

legal or contractual requirements."

revenue is appropriated to public

Public Safety receives \$35

million of its \$55.4 million from

special tax revenue, with the

sheriff's office taking the lion's

share, about \$11.9 million, and

the county jail a little more than \$9

The district attorney and public kind of thing.

safety, according to MCAFD.

Nearly half of discretionary

the 2014-2015 final

the passage of the statute.

of ERAF.

year," the association says.

100 percent volunteer staffed.

exclusively by volunteers."

areas.

to provide services.

Augmentation Fund, or ERAF.

From Page 1

\$2 million.

services get nothing.

\$ 6.1 million, while the county

probation department gets around

Fire and emergency medical

As a result, MCAFD claims.

In the case of many small

districts, fire and EMS capabilities

depend on a small group of

dedicated individuals. That group

"provides for the public safety

of our communities with no

funding from Mendocino County

tax revenues collected for this

crashing," according to Hopland

Volunteer Fire Protection District

board member Dave Roderick.

"Very few citizens are stepping

forward to replace our aging

volunteers, or volunteers who can

no longer serve due to their own

"The volunteer system is

broken and must be fixed, and

chicken barbecues do not provide

an adequate or reliable source of

Unlike other districts, says

Brooktrails board member Tony

Orth, who was recently named

to represent the township on the

MCAFD board, the Brooktrails

Fire Department is still attracting

an adequate number of volunteer

firefighters. But that's because

"we're such a large district." he

says. "Our demographics are

different" than those of other fire

districts. "We have a lot of young

And while the Brooktrails

Community Services District, like

other special districts, was hit

hard by ERAF, "it used to receive

[state Revenue] augmentation

funds." But that money, he notes,

"is disappearing." Last year.

the Brooktrails Fire Department

received some \$25,000 in

MCAFD says it will lobby

the board of supervisors "to

prioritize equitable funding for

fire and emergency services,"

and "demand Public Safety

spending priorities be redirected

to fully fund local fire districts to

provide paid firefighters staffed

on a 24/7 basis, or provide for

significant financial incentives to

attract and retain current and new

If supervisors reject the appeal,

the association hopes to place an

initiative on the November 2016

ballot that would force the county

to reapportion Prop. 172 Public

Safety monies, and additional

general fund revenues, to support

But the MCAFD board has

organization, which is

met only twice, and Orth says

still evolving, is up against "a

December 2 deadline" to gather

enough signatures to qualify for

Brooktrails General Manager

Denise Rose said her office "is

more than willing" to help MCAFD

organize and wind its way through

the legislative process. Chris

Neary, the township's general

counsel, also will be entering the

Orth believes Mendocino

County residents will embrace

MCAFD's position, especially in

light of the series of deadly fires

that occurred this summer in

If successful, he says the

district could benefit by as much

as \$200,000 per year in Prop. 172

monies. Rose is more cautious,

reckoning between \$50,000 and

Staff assistance to MCAFD

is only "the first in a series of

initiatives that will be brought

before the [Brooktrails] board to

prepare the district in light of the

Already, the fire department has

completed its residential hazard

abatement program, "successfully

abating close to 900 grass lots,"

and is "gearing up for completion

of the CalFire Hazard Abatement

Program subsequent to the end of

Abatement activities this fall

"Brooktrails," Orth says, "has

spent 30 years preparing for this

will center on increasing the

"fire resistance of [district] water

Lake County fires."

'fire season."

\$200,000 as "a realistic goal."

neighboring Lake County.

fire protection services.

augmentation funds, he says.

families moving in."

financial challenges.

funding.

purpose," the MCAFD says.

"Volunteer numbers

Mendocino County's volunteer fire

districts "are in a state of crisis."

Prop. 172 sales tax initiative and defender offices receive about

The rest of Review

interview area hospital emergency room staff, law

enforcement staff, jail staff, county mental health staff,

and staff and management from Ortner Management

Group and Redwood Community Services, the two

mental health providers hired by the county in 2013

when the county privatized mental health services

Since the inception of privatization in May 2013, the

county's mental health system has continued to be a

an audit exception, or invoice, from the State of

California totaling \$3.7 million, claiming the county's

mental health department had submitted inaccurate

billing statements for the years 2007 through 2010. In

July 2015, supervisors narrowly approved a contract

extension for Ortner Management Group, with Second

District Supervisor John McCowen and Fourth District

Last month, the county announced it was removing

responsibility for the management of the Mental Health

Division from Health and Human Services Agency

Assistant Director Tom Pinizzotto, while retaining

Pinizzotto as HHSA assistant director. Tuesday, the

board unanimously appointed HHSA Director Stacey

Angelo told supervisors she would make finding a

new, full-time mental health director a priority. "I am

"Mental health has been a controversial subject

in Mendocino County for the past 30 years," said

McCowen. "I believe we are delivering more services

and better services now than we have in the past. I

Gierde said he had three main concerns about the

county's mental health system. "Why do we not have

someone in an ombudsman position? What I mean

is, say you are having some trouble with the mental

health system, you have a complaint, who do you

"Second I am concerned about excess

administrative costs. I'd like to know why it is that

Ortner has an administrative cost of 18.6 percent of

its total contract, while Redwood's costs are more like

8 percent. Ortner's administrative costs are more than

"And third, I'd like to know why the county still has

43 employees in our mental health division when

- after we privatized - we were supposed to retain

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg said: "I

would not favor going from one extreme to the other

extreme. I don't think the board of supervisors should

take mental health services and put it back as a

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse directed

his remarks to Kemper, during the consultant's

"Last night I didn't sleep, because I was up all night

worrying about mental health," Woodhouse said.

There is a lot of doubt out there that what you are

doing is going to make a big difference. We've been

building up to this, and allowing poor behavior for a

number of years now, and it's time to make a change.

"I can't stress enough how much I request that

you spend whatever time you can speaking to the

employees. That is really the only place where

have gotten my knowledge, and you are very

fortunate to have so many quality employees that

are courageously working in very uncomfortable

positions. They are afraid to speak out, and I think if

we could just solve that one problem, we would have

"We have the makings of a great mental health

group. But a lot of money's being wasted, and we're

in denial that a lot of what we're doing now is incurring

bills we will be paying three, four, five years from now.

"It's alarming to hear the stories from the people,"

Woodhouse continued. "People are holding their

breath and hoping this is the change we've all been

"I think this is a rare time for Mendocino County,

where there's a crack in this problem. If this board

stands up, with the community, we can make a

tremendous difference," Woodhouse said. "I know we

effect October 14 and runs until June 30, 2018. The

memorandum details such agreements as a new

WPOA salary schedule (effective July 1, 2017), shift

and work schedule changes, compensation changes,

overtime regulations, employee status updates, and

Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez told Willits Weekly the

WPD's pay scale "has lagged seriously behind other

law enforcement agencies in Mendocino County,"

Gonzalez said, "which has made it difficult to recruit

"I'm appreciative of the city council recognizing this,"

The addition of the new salary steps would help

retain current officers, too. "It's not a big hit to the city,

he said, "and approving the new contract."

new contract was "a step in the right direction to keep

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can do much better. It's not that far out of our reach."

Raise

attendance and leave benefits.

stability in the ranks."

and retain officers.

double what RQMC's are. I'd like to know why.

something like 10 to 13 employees."

county-run service."

presentation to the board.

a rich source of information.

looking for.

The rest of

county going to hold our contractors accountable?"

Supervisor Dan Gjerde voting "no."

Cryer as interim mental health director.

person for this position," she said.

call? Right now there is no one.

prospective employer.

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After Passage of Measure A?" By its vote, the board approved its official response to a section of the grand jury's more recent 2014-15 report. which was also dedicated to examining certain problems

Library

the grand jury had with how the county administers the library system. The response was written by supervisors John McCowen and Dan Gjerde, the members of the board's ad hoc committee dealing with library issues. In reports submitted to the county over the past two years, the grand jury has claimed many of the county's

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topic of concern among patients, families of patients, law enforcement staff, and local government officials. A-87 (or depreciation) costs charged to the library were The service delivery system has been troubled by an improper. The grand jury also claimed the library system array of failures and setbacks, including the difficulties is, in fact, a special district, and needs to be treated as Ortner Management Group had with opening an adult such, and the library director needs to be paid out of the crisis center on the coast and problems Mendocino county's general fund, not out of the library budget. County had with opening a mental health court on the In discussing the response to the grand jury, McCowen focused mostly on the A-87 question. McCowen noted In addition, in late 2014 the county received

in the case of the old Fort Bragg Library, which burned to the ground in 1988, the county had been improperly billing the library system for depreciation costs for a number of years. The billing was done on the assumption the library building was county property, and the county had a right to charge the library A-87 costs at an annual rate of 2 percent of the entire value of the building.

After the 1988 fire, a former mortuary in Fort Bragg was purchased and converted into a new library at a cost of \$1.2 million. The county was basing its A-87 charges on the entire \$1.2 million sum.

However, county personnel had not realized a significant portion of the purchase price and remodeling costs of the new Fort Bragg library were not borne by the county. In fact, 61 percent of the project was paid for by non-county funds.

"The board of supervisors believes the incorrect application of A-87 charges to donations, grants, and thinking I would like to have a 'headhunter' to find a insurance proceeds, and to equipment that was paid off or was no longer in service was not intentional, A "headhunter" is an executive recruiter who but resulted from incomplete recording, tracking and can deliver qualified management personnel to a accounting among departments," the response to the grand jury states.

County personnel are also examining financial records relating to the Willits library building. As with the Fort Bragg library, the county had been billing the library system for depreciation in the value of Willits library think one of the main questions I have is: How is the building, assuming the building was county property and had been paid for totally by county funds.

> Personnel both in the library director's office and in the county auditor's office had overlooked the fact that the Willits library building was paid for, in part, by a \$407,500 state grant, and the county may not collect A-87 costs on any portion of a building's value paid for by non-county

> McCowen told supervisors that personnel in the auditor's office are trying to confirm the library system did indeed receive a state grant worth \$407,500 and the money was, in fact, used to build the Willits library building. If and when those facts are confirmed, those figures will be worked into the total amount that needs to be credited back to the library system.

> By approving the response to the grand jury supervisors promise that every penny improperly charged to the library system will be credited to the system. The exact amount remains unknown.

"Potentially, it is a significant refund to the libraries," McCowen said. "We can say definitively there is no disagreement that if the libraries receive grants, or donations, or gifts, those funds will stay with the libraries. We will do our level best to repay all that is owed, down to where the final "i" is dotted and final "t" is crossed."

The response also addressed the two other major findings by the grand jury: that the library is a special district and the library director needs to be paid out of the county general fund, not out of the library's budget.

Is the library a special district?

On the special district question, the response "recommends county officials seek to determine the practical difference to the library, if any, between being designated a 'dependent special district' or being 'considered a special district' for revenue and taxation

"The board of supervisors recommends county officials seek to determine the agreed upon pro rata share of property tax due the library, expressed as a percentage. that was agreed upon in 1992," the response states.

How shall the county librarian be paid?

In addressing concerns raised by the grand jury about how the county librarian is paid, the response to the grand jury defends the county's practice and recommends the county "kick the issue upstairs" to the state Legislature.

"Based on a partial survey of other county library systems, paying the librarian from the library fund appears to be common practice," the response states.

"The board of supervisors believes the practice of paying the librarian from the library fund is reasonable since the library has two dedicated sources of income a pro rata share of property tax and the Measure A sales tax. The board of supervisors believes the law should be clarified and complied with.

In relating the findings of the report to other board members and the public, McCowen noted there appears to be a lack of clarity in the state government code that defines from which fund the librarian should be paid.

"The state education code says the librarian shall be paid from the same fund as other county officers,' McCowen said. "And yet, not all county officers are paid from the county general fund. The Mendocino County superintendent of schools, defined by law as a county officer, is paid out of the office of the Mendocino County Office of Education, which is, administratively and financially, separate from the county.

"So we are actually recommending we include in our legislative platform a request that the state legislature revisit those code sections. After all, if the intent was that the county librarian be paid from the general fund, the Legislature could have easily said that. They can say so but gives folks something to look forward to," Gonzalez now, if they would take that issue up.

"We are recommending that," McCowen said.

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Ranch Rodeo

Annual Willits Frontier Days event offers BBQ and rodeo entertainment

The early morning rain Saturday was a blessing for those who planned to ride in the now gloriously dustless Willits Frontier Days arena for the annual Ranch Rodeo.

The event featured six events for teams of cowboys and cowgirls to compete in, showing their skills in a variety of real-life ranch tasks

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweeklv.com including Ribbon Roping, Team Sorting, Reverse Team Roping, Calf Branding, Trailer Loading and Ranch Doctoring.

There was also a "Working Ranch Horse" class which challenged individual riders to navigate a pattern in the arena, asking for various speeds, turns and maneuvers.

Each event had an individual winning team, along with an overall winning team that accumulated the most points from all the events. Nine teams vied for the titles, including Bar DX Cattle, Mora Britton/ Willits, Sunny Basin, DeSilva Gates, MC Livestock of Potter Valley, Shamrock Ranch, Fonsen Cattle, Bar TH and White Oak Ranch.

The overall winners for the 2015 rodeo were: first place: White Oak Ranch team members Ronnie Seever, Brian White and Chris Darger; second place: Fonsen Cattle team members Mike Fonsen, Stetson Burgess and Ronnie Seever; and third place: Bar DX Cattle team members Ronnie Seever, Mike Fonsen and Christina Darger.

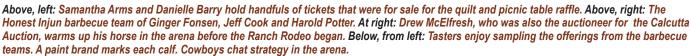
Event winners included White Oak Ranch for Ribbon Roping and Team Sorting; Bar TH for Reverse Team Roping and Calf Branding;

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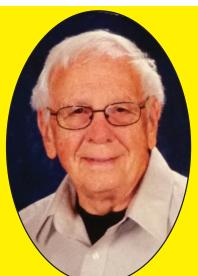












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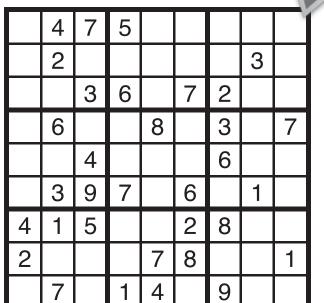
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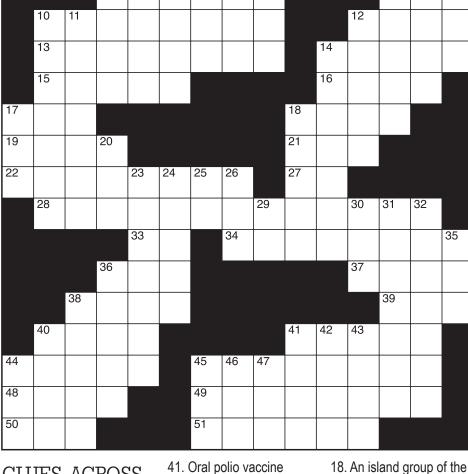
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Most favorables 7. 23rd Greek letter

10. Rated higher

13. Malignant skin

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15. Hunted beings

16. Be obedient to

18. = to 100 cauris

19. Lose hold of

21. Highest card

22. Western Union

message

27. The "Show Me" state

28. Early photo process

33. A public promotion

34. A group of statues

38. A raised speaking

39. Leavened bread

36. A single thing

platform

37. Ireland

14. Orange-red spinel

17. Excavate with a shovel

- acidic pulp pod 48. off 12. Immature herring
 - 49. Hagiographa 50. Manuscripts, abbr.

44. Chinese fine silk silver

45. Chocolate-colored

51. Over the sea

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Stare impertinently 2. Address a deity
- 3. Converts hide into 4. Matrimonial response
- 5. 13th Hebrew letter 6. Dentist's organization 7. Fleshy fungus caps
- 8. Kill violently 9. License & passport
- 10. Refereed 11. Arbor framework 12. Luxuriant dark
- brown fur 14. Group purchasing protest 17. Insecticide

- 18. An island group of the S Pacific
- 20. A wooden hole plug 23. A purine base found in
- DNA and RNA 24. Spanish park
- 25. Atomic #18
- 26. Married woman 29. And. Latin
- 30. Cantonese dialect
- 31. Causing physical hurt 32. Short trips or tasks
- 35. Small craving 36. Paddled
- 38. Leuciscus leuciscus'
- 40. Parting phrases: good-___
- 41. Figure skater Yuka
- 42. Opera song
- 43. Create social or emotional ties
- 44. Opposite of LTM
- 45. Icahn's airline
- 46. Air Reserve base (abbr.)

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October 11 to October 17 Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue



The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 239 incidents this week.

During this seven-day reporting period, WDP officers were assigned 23 criminal investigation reports, made 16 arrests, issued 6 traffic citations, and investigated 4 traffic collisions.

Of note this week

Sunday, October 11

• A male was arrested for public intoxication.

· A male was arrested pursuant to an active warrant. · A male was arrested for a

license violation. Officers also investigated a traffic collision, two thefts, and

Monday, October 12

· A male was arrested pursuant to an active warrant.

an assault.

· A male was arrested for drug possession.

• A male was arrested pursuant to an active warrant.

· A male was arrested for DUI

Officers also investigated a domestic disturbance, an allegation of criminal threats, a Business: theft, and a traffic collision.

Tuesday, October 13

• A female was arrested for theft. • A male was arrested pursuant to an active warrant.

• A male was arrested for public intoxication.

• While conducting a municipal male subject provided false identification and then nearly struck an officer with his vehicle, before ramming a patrol vehicle as he attempted to evade the

Officers investigated two traffic collisions.

Wednesday, October 14

• WPD officers were responded to a disturbance involving several subjects near the Haehl Creek subdivision. Their investigation revealed that a verbal altercation about the victim's girlfriend escalated into a physical altercation, during which Charles Holt, picked up the head of a pick-axe, and struck the victim with it. The victim was transported to Howard Hospital for treatment. Holt was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail. Suspect: Holt, Charles, 49,

Charges: 245(a)(1) PC Assault with a Deadly Weapon Officers investigated a disturbance and a reported

public intoxication.

drugs.

Thursday, October 15 • A female subject was arrested for being under the influence of

Officers initiated a mental health commitment, and investigated two thefts, two reported disturbances, vandalism, and a sexual assault.

Friday, October 16 • A female subject was arrested

for violating the terms of her probation.

 A male subject was arrested for public intoxication Officers investigated a burglary two reported disturbances, and

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a sexual assault.



Don't miss out on the 2016 book!

November 15 is the deadline for ads and listing changes for the Soroptimist International of Willits annual phone book

Every year the Soroptimist International of Willits puts together the Willits Community Phone Book as a resource to the local area.

Residential listings, business listings and Soroptimist content are all included in the annual publication, and there's still a chance to get your business included before the November 15 deadline.

Ads are available in four sizes that are based on dividing an 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheet of paper. A business card size is \$120, a quarter-page size is \$160, a half-page size is \$210 and a full-page size is \$360.

Willits Weekly will again distribute 3,000 copies of the phone book in a January 2016 edition to help spread the books out to the community through our distribution boxes and via the counters of many local businesses.

Advertisers also have an option to bundle their phone book ads into the pages of Willits Weekly as well, for a special rate that ensures the ad's inclusion alongside Soroptimist content in our pages. Bundled rates are listed

Now is also the time to send in requests for changes, inclusions or removals to the A to Z listings section of the phone book as well.

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Wowser teens

As a community, Willits is not without its struggles. Extensive drug abuse and addiction, poverty, rampant unemployment, homelessness, an economy sustained in part by hidden factors having to do with the widespread, untaxed sale of a semi-legal drug, child neglect and abuse, educational under-performance, and a high

Christa Nuñez Columnist

level of reliance on social services. After moving to Willits from New York City over ten years ago, I slowly began to see past the beautiful tree-

lined avenues of Brooktrails to take notice of some of these glaring problems.

As time went on and my family grew, I struggled to create a viable plan to keep my kids focused on moving in the right direction. However, as proactive as I felt my planning was, I found myself at somewhat of a loss as to what to offer my increasingly scienceminded kids, to support their habit of making, experimenting with Kali (spider girl) & Judah (Bat) and destroying things.

I needed to find something, fast, and preferably outside my house. It was then that I got a call from my marketing cohort, lan Fitzpatrick, to help out with something called Wowser. It was then that I fell in love, not just as a marketer to interesting and beneficial organizations, but as a mom. In this column, "Kids Create Community," I will showcase examples of the wonderful achievements of the young people we call neighbors and friends.

As you may have heard, Wowser is closing. This first column is my ode to them, who supported the young folks of Willits in amazing ways. Here are a few highlights of the accomplishments of Willits

Archer's first pumpkin he picked by himself. youth at Wowser since its inception in 2012.

Many young people created a myriad of different types of bicycles - cruisers, three-wheel trikes, BMX trick bikes, a giant unicycle, a pogo stick – all from raw materials and recycled bike parts.

A bunch of teenagers worked together to create the rolling bandwagon. Under the tutelage of Roger Wilson, the designer and welder of the piece, several young people spent their time grinding and fitting the pieces of metal to fit together, allowing it to spin, rotate and roll simultaneously.

Shy and Alex built a racer for the Kinetic Carnivale Handcar Races and afterward turned it into a taxicab to shuttle locals.

A teen named Alex Rodriguez built a larger German wheel to accommodate his growing height after he outgrew the first one he used when he started at Wowser.

A young man named Caleb built a "Practical Shield," and several young people built swords and full-plate armor for the Society for Creative Anachronism.

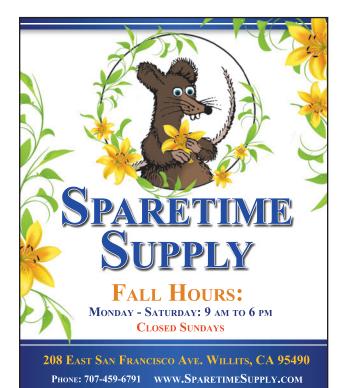
Tara Logan, a 17-year-old girl, created Espresso Yourself Café, after realizing that there wasn't a place in Willits to hang out at night except bars or at Burger King. She thought teens might like a coffeehouse, so they decorated, stocked, created the signage for, cleaned and ran Espresso Yourself, which became a fun, oversized gypsy wagon coffee bar inside Wowser serving local teens. The oak barrel tables which served in the seating area of the Espresso Yourself Café were also built by Willits young people.

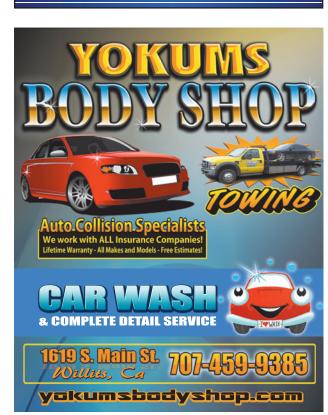
Several Willits Charter School students learned to cast silver jewelry at Wowser.

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Roger Wilson, Wowser co-founder, with Chloe Nuñez and he "Chloe Cart" invention: half-shopping cart, half-bike.







Isabella Wear, Aaron Wear, and

Coltin and Connor McCoy.

Meza, 1-1/2,

in 2015.

will be a pirate





My Gramma used to call my

head"! Now he is one! He is a

really great guy, a mechanic for his cousin Chris Horger at

Kristin Miler with her son

Nikolas, Halloween 2013.





Happy Halloween from Ella, Emma, Tanner, Porter, Lilah



Taylor, Jordan and Liam

getting ready to carve some

The fairly odd parents.



Eric Johnson's carved









Rachel Belvin, clown at 5 years old.



Send in your photos of ghosts and goblins for this year's Halloween edition!

Willits Weekly is once again looking to feature Willits' costume-clad locals and decorated pumpkins in our October 29 edition.

The community is welcome to send in photos of kids, friends, wives, husbands, critters and yards – anything decked out in holiday finery.

Try on your costume early and get those pumpkins ready, because we need those photos in by the end of day on MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Please email them to willitsweekly@ gmail.com, and make sure to include a tion describing who or what is in the photo! We look forward to seeing all of your photos!





Little Lake Fire Protection District Willits Rotary Drawing for the Motovox Minibike Pictured Above

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Minibike can be seen at Commercial Street Firehouse



Rainbow runners raise \$21,000 for their schools

powdered chalk on Saturday, as families and community members participated in a Color Run fundraiser. The PTOs at Brookside and Blosser

Alice Ledford Features Writer

turnout despite the rainy skies.

Lane elementary schools and Baechtel Grove Middle School decided to get a little creative with their annual walk-a-thon, and they had a great

> Local DJ Mike Tobin donated his time to MC the event, playing music and getting the crowd pumped up prior to the Blast Party kickoff. The participants were given a color packet and white T-shirt when they registered, and then the crowd gathered to "blast" each other volunteers or "color crew" had buckets of extra powder, and they decorated the racers as they circled the track.

> The annual walk-a-thon/ Color Run event raises money for various things not covered by the school district's budget, such as assemblies and extra school supplies. Seventy percent of the \$30,000 raised by the Color Run went directly

The high school track was a blur of brightly colored back to the schools, so about \$21,000 was raised for Willits schools on Saturday.

> Students from Brookside, Blosser Lane and Baechtel Grove raised Color Run donations for their respective schools. Three top-earning students from Brookside were Kingdom Kirby, who raised \$350, Ava Arkelian, who raised \$304, and Kali Kristiansen, who raised \$230. Top earners at Baechtel Grove were Taylor Drew and Dominick Kvasnicka, who raised \$500 each. At Blosser Lane, there were six students who each raised \$500 for the Color Run: Isabella Beauseau, Chad Douglas, Tanner Drew, Katelyn Germann, Haley Kvasnicka and Charley Lamprich.

Willits High School students were busy raising money during the event as well. The freshmen had a face painting booth; sophomores sold healthy snacks like fruits and granola bars, and juniors sold water with colored powder before bottles. The Brookside PTO had a booth set up selling taking off down the track. The sweet treats to raise additional funds.

> Sarah Leake was also there with a booth to raise money and spread awareness about the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Her son, Conner, who attends for collecting trash.

Overall the event was a great success. Stefanie Ford, one of the Brookside organizers, said she was

"We couldn't have asked for anything more," she said, "and we feel very supported.

Brookside, is diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. After the event participants helped to clean up, earning prizes

really thankful "

At left: Becky Hope, Sydney Mell and Mariah Lavine had a great time walking the track.



blasted with Amarah Kelley and Gavin take a break from dustind chalk for a quick photo. had their own blast parties while waiting for the race to

from botton







in tutus and other fanciness for the Color Run.

the track at Willits High School.

Above: Colorful participants make their way around





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ng to be held November 14, 2015 at the Winter Wonderland Fundraise Need not be present to win

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Heritage Luncheon offers fall bounty

A delicious and relaxing afternoon of local culture and conversation will be on offer at the 6th Annual Heritage Luncheon, taking place at the Mendocino and more information, visit www.MendocinoMuseum County Museum on Saturday, November 7 from 1 to 3:30 pm. Guests will be served a lunch of tasty mushroom dishes. local meats, cheese and produce. along with frolicsome wines and frisky beers.

Expert speakers will be on hand to share their knowledge about cooking with fungi, winemaking and the advent of beer-brewing in the county, including Merry Winslow and Alison Gardner, authors of "The Wild Mushroom Cookbook," and Mark Beaman, associate winemaker at Mendocino Wine Company Guests will also be able to view the museum's collections of historical equipment, including a complete still and the first wine-bottling machine in the county.

Tickets are \$35, and all proceeds support museum exhibits, events and educational programs. For tickets org or call 459-2736.

This event is part of Mendocino County's annual Mushroom, Wine and Beer Festival, with tastings. tours, classes, special menus and more, taking place throughout the county November 6 to 15. For more information and a downloadable brochure visit www. visitmendocino.com/event/mushroom-wine-and-

The Mendocino County Museum is at 400 East Commercial Street in Willits and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

> - submitted by the Mendocino County Museum



Help fund a new Willits firehouse with a Motovox mini-bike raffle

A big "Winter Wonderland" benefit for a new Willits firehouse planned for November 14 is already sold out! But organizers would like to invite the community to participate in this Willits Rotary fundraiser by buying raffle tickets for a beautiful red Motovox Mini-Bike.

The Motovox off-road vehicle can be seen at the Little Lake Fire Station, 74 East Commercial Street, Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Willits Furniture, J.D. Redhouse, Willits Power & Hardware, and at the fire station, too.

pleased this year's fundraiser has (already!) been so successful, but that Rotary wanted to give everyone a chance to help fund a new firehouse for the Little Lake Fire Protection District. "We really want to involve the public with this," Buletti said. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the November 14 benefit event at the Community Center, but go toward a new firehouse in Willits. there is no need to be present to win.



Sober Grad's Fall Raffle Basket

\$600 worth of 'warm and fuzzy' fall items

This year's Fall Sober Grad raffle basket is making the rounds. stuffed full of \$600 worth of "warm and fuzzy" gifts, goodies and gift certificates, including two "California Dreaming" passes to Disneyland.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and six for \$5. All proceeds of the Fall Basket raffle go towards funding the 2016 Sober Grad party for high school graduates in Willits next year. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the Sober Grad Committee meeting on Wednesday,

Other items include three blanket throws, two candles, a movie, candy, hot chocolate mix, coffee, wafer rolls, caramel sauce, and a wire bird; a gift certificate from Main Street Music; a bath towel, notebook, dish cloths, scarf, and quotable canvas, from Cat's Meow; a fall wreath and teddy bear from Flowers by Annette; and a gift certificate to Crush Restaurant.

The basket will be displayed at various stores around town, or contact Joyce Waters at WillitsSoberGrad@gmail.com or 489-8377

- Jennifer Poole



The benefit features a sit-down dinner in Organizer Linda Buletti said she is a festive setting with beer and wine, a silent and live auction, and a champagne bar in the Willits City Council chambers ("We're going to cordon off the dais," Buletti laughed.) Including the proceeds from this next event and with the help of their sponsors, Buletti emphasized - the Willits Rotary Club will hope to have raised a total of \$100,000 to - Jennifer Poole

Herman, left, and Linda Buletti pose with the Motovox Mini-Bike inside the SHN **Consulting Engineers** & Geologists offices on Main Street.

Photo by Jennifer Poole

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Ranch Rodeo

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In the Working Ranch Horse class, first place went to Joe Dennis, second to Kayla Zilch, and third to Christina Darger. Darger's horse, Pistol, also won the Top Ranch Horse of the Day award as well.

Fonsen Cattle for Trailer Loading; and Bar DX Cattle for Ranch Doctoring.

There were also two other competitions running side by side with the main event rodeo: the barbecue contest and the Calcutta Auction.

The Calcutta Auction allowed spectators to bid on teams at the start of the rodeo. The highest bid "buys" the team. Whoever the "buyer" of the winning team is also wins money at the end of the rodeo. This year's Calcutta winner was Jubal Chilson, who earned \$3,395 from White Oak Ranch's team win.

For the barbecue contest, five teams (ER Energy, Willits Power, Folsom Ranch, Little Lake Fire Department's BBQ Rescuer, and Honest Injun) vied for awards from judges Diana Hosford, Paul Hosford and Gerry Gonzales, and the People's Choice awards, too.

The judges awarded first place for tri-tip to the BBQ Rescuer team of John Thomen and Kevin Reedy, second place to the Folsom Ranch team of Vicky Williams and Dusty McKemy, and third place to the ER Energy team of Scott Herman, Yardley Herman, Bobbi Delgado, and Larry and Pam Olson.

Judges' winners for beans included first place to the Willits Power team of Mike Garrity, Mary Fonsen and Emily Patterson; second place to Folsom Ranch; and third place to ER Energy.

Bread winners included first place to Willits Power, second place to ER Energy, and third place to Folsom Ranch. Folsom Ranch also took home the judge's award for Best Decorated Table

The People's Choice award went to ER Energy for tri-tip, Willits Power for beans, BBQ Rescuer for bread, and Folsom Ranch for Best Decorated

Samantha Arms and Danielle Barry of the Willits Junior Horsemen Space for RV's and Trailers Association were also at the event, selling last-minute raffle tickets for a quilt and picnic table. East Hill Veterinary Clinic won the guilt made by Rachel Cash, and the picnic table was won by Evelyn Persico.

> Making the event a success is always a group effort, and the 2015 committee included Robbie Burgess, Dan Arkelian, Mary Fonsen, Mattie Pinon, Joe Dennis, Marcy Barry and Art Cooley.

> Barry noted the committee's appreciation to all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make the event happen again this year.

> "We really want to thank our sponsors McFarland Trucking, Sunnybrook Ranch, T&T Salvage and Storage, Alfred Kerr, Art Cooley Logging, Willits Les Schwab, Willits Grocery Outlet, Gravier's Chevron, Robbie Burgess, Geiger's Long Valley Market, Joe Dennis, J.D. Redhouse, ER Energy, Willits Power, Flowers by Annette, Ukiah Auto Dismantlers, Ukiah Farm Supply, Sparetime Supply, John Ford Ranch, Lee Persico, Bob Weiss and Sheri Cronin," said Barry. "And, of course, all our volunteers, too: Harold Potter, Fred Barry, Annette Cooley, Riata King, Twila King, Doug King, Mike Underhill, Alexis Rutherford, Bobbie Tilley, Danielle Barry, Samantha Arms, Rosanna Franceschini, Annette and Dan Pinon, Eli Owen, Ginger Fonsen, Drew McElfresh, Jim Bean, Kat Willits, Kathryn Baechtel, and Lee Persico. We couldn't have done it without you all!"



The rest of Wowser

From Page B4

Several young people worked on a server for Minecraft, an open-source online game.

They worked on Gans science projects graphing and nanoparticles: After learning about the science behind it, local youth were curious and achieved success in their Gans

Several young people built skateboards out

So many of us get excited when our kids cook for themselves. Well, a young man named Keith made a barbecue at Wowser. A real working steel-frame and aluminum grill barbecue/

Cyndee Logan says. "They were in there doing what they wanted to do ... creating things, working in teams, decorating and beautifying their own creations.'

They built tools for the metal shop hooks, attachments, brackets. If they needed something they didn't want to go buy, they built

They built seven computers out of scrap computer parts, meticulously installing operating systems and graphics cards, and then getting

Aside from all the physical concepts envisioned and created there. Wowser was a place where youth could be themselves, without someone telling them what to do or how to be. Both Roger and Cyndee firmly believe that very few kids have a place where they can go and iust be themselves. "Nobody was getting high there, they were just making the things they wanted to make," Roger says.

Working both in teams and individually throughout each stage of their projects Willits youth were supported in their creative development. I would be remiss if I didn't mention my own personal experience with Wowser. This was an organization very near and dear to my heart, in large part because it was a place my own 6-year-old daughter felt welcome to come and discuss her ideas. Though the space was not officially open to youth younger than 13, would bring my kids there, just like I bring them everywhere else I go with the expectation that they show how well they listen and demonstrate politeness and respect. We'd show up. and Roger would set aside his design work and come over just to hear about what Chloe had invented, what we call the "Chloe Cart." halfshopping cart, half-bike, for those who love grocery shopping and biking.

Where else can you get that kind of support for your kids' dreams? A place where anything is possible and where "if you dream it, you can do it" is a truthful answer to youth's eternal question, "Can I...?" My own question is not nearly so hopeful: Now, where will the children go to make their vision reality in a dream-safe place where hard work is not hard, but fun, and the adults are just kids who love to make things like you and I do?

Practically speaking, if Wowser were to stay open, they would need \$28k to pay bills. plus \$18k for monthly operating expenses - rent, utilities, tools, machine maintenance, insurance. and staff. Wowser was operating with a shortage of staff and volunteers, so with adequate funding support, the need for local staff could be me and the doors could stay open.

To help with funding, please attend the BBQ fundraiser at Wowser hosted by the Willits Lions Club on Saturday, October 24, from 10 am to 10 pm, where there will be free booths for vendors music, and live and silent auctions. If you cannot attend, but wish to support Wowser with a donation, please call 707-570-5178.

Christa Nuñez runs Planet Kidizen, Inc. and its sister non-profit organization, KHUBA International, supporting children and families in their efforts to become stronger, more knowledgeable and caring world citizens through badge-earning activities in community service, environmental stewardship, and shared cultural exchanges. She is also the owner of CCM (CAN

Cooperative Media Group), www.cancooperativemedia.com

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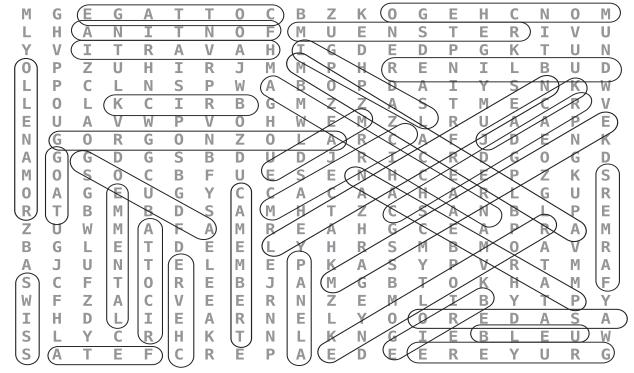
Saturday, October 17

• Officers responded to a reported domestic disturbance in the Wagon Wheel Mobile Home Park. During the course of their investigation, officers learned the suspect, Clifford Konopasek, had alledgedly assaulted a 17-year-old minor, and over the past few weeks had also engaged in repeated sexual acts with her. Konopasek was

Suspect: Konopasek, Clifford, 19, Willits

Charges: 261.5(b) PC: Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a Minor; 243(e)(1) PC: Domestic Battery; 140 PC: Witness Intimidation

· Officers responded to a reported gunshot wound victim. The victim, a 31-year-old male, was found to have a life-threatening gunshot wound but is currently expected to survive that injury. The incident is being investigated as an attempted murder. However, the investigation is ongoing, and no further details are available at this time. Information that does become available will be released by



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