

School board **candidates** have congenial forum

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The audience was sparse, the atmosphere congenial, at Willits High School on October 18, as seven candidates vying to fill four open seats on the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees to answer gathered questions at a forum sponsored by the Willits Teachers Association, California Schools Employees Association, Blosser and Brookside elementary schools PTO, and the Willits branch of the American Association of University Women.

There are four open seats on the five-member board. Three incumbents are seeking re-election: Bob Colvig (short-term seat), Christopher Neary, and Robert Chavez. Four newcomers also are vying for seats: Dany Laurent (short-term seat), Jeanne King, Dianne McNeal, and Paula Nunez.

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Kemper briefs supes on county's mental health options





Below: Tons of items are available in the plethora of departments found throughout J.D. Redhouse, including, from left: The Sweet Shop and gift departments; arts and crafts and toys in the kid's department; and farm, work and contemporary options for men, women and children in the clothing departments.





Measure J: Fire chief explains need for new firehouse

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With so many coming out to publicly support Measure J on the November ballot, area residents have likely heard by now at least some of the reasons why a new Little Lake Fire Department firehouse would be beneficial for the safety of the community.

The simple fact is if Measure J fails to pass on November 6, plans are in place to close the current firehouse on Commercial Street with nothing to replace it. So, for the first time in decades there would be no fire station open on the north end of Willits near downtown.

Instead, all Little Lake fire personnel - four paid employees and around 40 volunteers - would be housed at the Baechtel Road substation on the south end of town.

Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes believes such a move would have a major impact on emergency response availability in the

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Planning Commission

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Lee Kemper, president and CEO of Kemper Consulting Group, reviewed his firm's August 2018 needs assessment and answered questions about the report during Tuesday's board of supervisors meeting.

Kemper covered the report's most important recommendations: that the level of psychiatric hospitalizations for Mendocino County residents was too high considering the level of population; that the county needed to get those numbers down; that creating and funding supportive and supplementary mental health services would accomplish that, but inpatient hospitalization services would still be necessary.

Kemper said the county "twin and equal has priorities": funding the joint crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment facility proposed by Redwood Community Services and building or assisting creation of an inpatient psychiatric facility.

He clarified the county's

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Local family-owned mercantile, J.D. Redhouse, celebrates 11-year anniversary this November





Like many things last fall which became derailed by the fires, the story Willits Weekly had planned for J.D. Redhouse's official 10th anniversary was also lost in the smoke. However, this year, Willits is welcome to celebrate the mercantile's 10 + 1 year anniversary and stop by to say "hi" to the hard-working crew, do a little shopping, and connect with a business that is deeply

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connected to this community. Darlene Bixler opened J.D. Redhouse on November 5, 2007 after a nine-month project to ret-

rofit and redesign the old County Mall which had fallen into a state of dilapidation.

Both her daughter, Ashtan, then 20, and son Dylan, then 19, were very involved in raising and caring for the family's animals and livestock and when the opportunity arose to find a way to reduce trips over the grade and create a needed business in Willits, they jumped at the chance.

"We really found that we were traveling to Ukiah all the time to get feed and supplies which we really thought we could be getting here in Willits, yet there was nowhere we could," explained Bixler. "We really started it all for the kids, and it's turned into a really wonderful business."

Along with the farm essentials, ranging from grain and hay to chicken brooders and bee suits and everything in between, J.D. Redhouse has continued to expand and

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Above, left, from top: Alex Martinson scoops up some pumpkin ice cream. Darlene Bixler with the caramel pumpkin pecan fudge, ready to enjoy in the store or in a gift box to go! Above, right, from top: Nick Durupt is always a friendly face at the register. Aaron Pardo and the warehouse crew are happy to load up feed and bags! Below, left: J.D. Redhouse manager Jake Whitehurst in the men's clothing department. Below, right: Naomi Gonzalez steams up milk at the J.D. Redhouse Sweet Shop espresso bar.



approves cannabis overlay zones

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Six proposed cannabis overlay zones won unanimous approval at the Mendocino County Planning Commission's October 18 meeting.

The commission said it liked consultant Michael Baker International's decision to create cannabis accommodation zones (formerly called "opt-in" zones) for four neighborhoods in Mendocino County: the core area of Covelo, the Fairbanks Road neighborhood of Covelo, a district in Laytonville and another neighborhood in South Leggett.

Commissioners also said they liked Baker's decision to recommend approval for two cannabis prohibition districts ("opt-out" zones): for the Deerwood neighborhood in the hills east of Ukiah, and for the Woody Glen community on Boonville Road southwest of Ukiah.

The commission agreed with Baker's decision not to recommend approval of a cannabis accommodation district for two neighborhoods in the coastal community of Mitchell Creek near Fort Bragg because of strong community opposition to the establishment of

Read the rest of Cannabis Over on page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Adopt-A-Family holiday program To the Editor: Each year for more than a quarter of a century our community has come together to help Willits children by giving essential	perspective of the other side. John is well-regarded throughout the school system and has exhibited the leadership skills, under fire, which will well serve him as our supervisor for the Third District. Please join me in voting for John Haschak.	of his constituents. His visits to Covelo and Laytonville show a strong desire to understand the differences and unique challenges in each community. I see him as a supervisor of action and perseverance. I urge you to vote for John Haschak, a man who sincerely seems to care about the people in our district and the
items (rain wear, winter coats, shoes, sleepwear, blankets, etc.) and other appropriate holiday gifts. Persons who wish to assist a single child	Christopher J. Neary, Willits Pinches for supervisor	challenges we face in housing, emergency preparedness, water rights, health care, and local economics. He is a man that gives thoughtful consideration to solutions.
can select a card from display trees located at various locations around town that will be placed in participating merchants' stores on	To the Editor: John Pinches is the best and most qualified candidate for Third District supervisor for	Doreen Blumenfeld, Willits
the Friday after Thanksgiving. These cards present the age, gender, need and wishes of one child. (Don't hesitate to take a card if you are only able to meet a	 He was born and raised here and understands the problems that face a rural 	Thank you To the Editor: If you were lucky enough to attend "Not
few of the child's needs. We will make sure that the other items are addressed.) Selection of a single child works for most	county such as Mendocino.He knows how the county works, having been on the board of supervisors before.	Just Cowboy Poetry" on the first day of autumn, featuring Kristyn Harris, you know what a delightful day it was basking in the
program supporters, but others have voiced an interest in adopting an entire family. If you or your group wish to adopt a family,	 As a previous supervisor, he was fully committed to the job. He understands the relationship between	beauty of Emandal. The delicious pies, the music and the ambiance were superb! The board of the Friends of the Willits
you are asked to follow a different path. My name is Laura Sleeper, and I am coordinating the Willits Kids Christmas Program for the Willits Rotary Club. I ask that you contact me so that I may assist you in choosing a suitable family. My email is LauraSleeper@willitsunified.com, and my phone contact is 707-354-1991. Leave	 the county and the State of California. He is fiscally responsible; he helped the county get out of debt twice. He also is an independent businessman, and knows how to meet a payroll. Johnny has limited his contributions to \$49 per individual and/or business. 	Library (FOWL) so appreciates Tam Adams for her generous commitment these many years to FOWL and other groups by hosting this benefit. This year FOWL raised over \$3,000. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Tam and all her helpers. We would also like to thank the many FOWL volunteers and those who attended the event.
a message if I am unable to speak to you, and I will return your call promptly.	 He has the most logical position regarding marijuana. 	Clearly, our community supports the mission to support our local library. Public libraries are available to all and provide
In order to be efficient, we need to satisfy requests to Adopt-A-Family before our usual referral process begins in late November. Please call (the earlier the better) if you want to discuss adopting a family	For the above listed reasons, John Pinches is the most qualified candidate and deserves your vote on November 6. John and Charline Ford, John Ford Ranch, Willits	education, enrichment and more! Check out this wonderful resource in person or online at www.mendolibrary.org. FOWL is a local effort and welcomes your involvement and input.
family. Thanks to each of you who have made the Willits Kids Christmas Program a success for over 29 years. Local residents	Haschak for supervisor	Hope to see you at future books sales, library programs and of course, "Not Just Cowboy Poetry" next time!
have responded with great compassion. Again this year the program presents an opportunity to demonstrate that you and your neighbors are part of a bighearted,	To the Editor: We the undersigned support John Haschak for Third District supervisor because he	Members of the FOWL (Friends of the Willits Library) board of directors
generous and caring community. Laura Sleeper, Willits	will help create new solutions to the many problems of the county. John Pinches represents the past but we need someone who lead us into the future.	Pinches for supervisor To the Editor: We are in support of John Pinches for
Haschak for supervisor To the Editor: As a member of the school board I have had the opportunity to observe and have interaction with John Haschak as president	Many times Haschak called us to ask how we were and if we needed help. He listens to all people and crafts solutions to problems that simplify and clarify the issues. He carefully works for everyone not just some special interests.	supervisor of the Third District. We're from a family that dates back to the early 1900s in the Willits area. Our family has been involved in many types of businesses – this is the reason we wholeheartedly support John Pinches. Not
of the Willits Teachers Association. Although he steadfastly advanced the interests of the WTA which generally, but	Haschak will work for affordable housing, emergency preparedness, mental health, simplified cannabis rules, a second route for Brooktrails, transparency and citizen	only is he from a family that their history dates further back than ours, we know that Pinches' background is based on ranching, real estate, general business and common

from unions has come from individual nts. His visits to Covelo show a strong desire to members who made a personal choice to contribute, so in fact, these contributions differences and unique are coming from regular working folks, not h community. I see him as from some big commercial special interest tion and perseverance. that does business in the county. ote for John Haschak, ncerely seems to care Pinches criticizes Haschak for raising in our district and the enough money to run a competitive ce in housing, emergency campaign in this way, comparing it ater rights, health care, unfavorably to his own small donation, low-budget campaign. This comparison nics. He is a man that consideration to solutions.

needed to make critical decisions for our

is disingenuous. As a first-time candidate with little name recognition beyond Willits, Haschak had to start from scratch, whereas Pinches, as a three-time former supervisor, was already well-known around the district, and he already had campaign signs left over from previous runs. Real campaigns are expensive, and on a teacher's salary, Haschak could not have afforded to run without significant support from working people

Pinches claims that since he doesn't need much money to run, he is not beholden to anyone and therefore he can represent all the residents of the Third District; at the same time, he openly invites business people to step to the front of the line at his office. That includes himself, when as a supervisor, he voted for a contract to pay the U.S. Department of Agriculture \$140,000 per year to provide a trapper in the county to kill wild coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions to protect the livestock of ranchers mmunity supports the like him. Commercial interests don't have to contribute to Pinches' campaign to get special treatment, that's just what he does. If, like me, you're tired of good ol' boy politics up here in the Third District, then you'll be

voting for John Haschak for supervisor. Jon Spitz, Laytonville

ı at future books sales and of course, "Not Just Senior Center needs e FOWL (Friends of the volunteers

rary) board of directors To the Editor:

The Willits Senior Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We receive this classification from the IRS because we normally receive a substantial part of our income, directly or indirectly, from the general public or from the government. This income is used to provide nutritional, counseling, social health, transportation, and in-home care programs.

Volunteers are just as important to our organization as securing income for these vital programs and services. Without volunteers we could not keep our doors open. Last year volunteers donated 16,928 hours of their time – at \$10.50 an hour that amounts to \$177,744 of in-kind support.



Above, from left: The apples are washed for squeezing. Apple mulch is pressed on Sheriff Allman's converted metal press to produce juice that he will then ferment into hard apple cider. The apple mash is ready for squeezing

At left: Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman stands next to his fermentation tanks.

Below: Tom Allman teaches the Rotarians about the process of making hard cider during a tour of his cider house. At bottom: Jane McCabe, Jill Walton, Amy Nord and Tara Moratti sample some cider. Photos by Mathew Caine









'Satisfied Apple'

Sheriff Tom Allman gives Willits Rotarians a tour of his hard cider house

"Right now I can't barter, sell or trade it. But I can gift it, so I imagine I'll have lots of friends around Christmas," joked Mendocino Sheriff Tom Allman

Allman has a plan for his retirement, whenever that might be. He has the trees, the fermentation tanks, the press, and almost all the knowledge he needs to create the

product he would love to sell. He even has the name and the label Mathew Caine ready. "Satisfied Apple" hard apple cider will be on the shelves or in the taps sometime in the not-too-distant future, when the forces of mathew@willitsweekly.com nature and licensing come together.

Unfortunately, the Alcohol Beverage Control will not allow a "peace officer" to procure a license to sell any or produce over 200 gallons a year of the heady, sweet product. The law is a throwback to the days of Prohibition when the police were expected to be in collusion with the forces of evil.

Allman has 80 apple trees just coming into their maturity, so he only obtained about 1,000 pounds of apples this year, but he expects the yield to be much higher in the coming seasons. His apple pulp was bought from Gowan's this year, a company that has been mentoring him in the many aspects of the brewing art. Allman has been experimenting with natural and added yeast in order to find the perfect balance

"The process is so simple," Sheriff Allman said. "The process the Romans used is probably the same process that I use, except that we have much better controllable yeast and an easier press and better selection of apples. Hard cider is part of our country's foundation. During the Revolutionary War the water was full of bacteria. George Washington and his troops travelled with more hard cider than water. Johnny Appleseed was not growing apples for pies. Apple cider was a very important commercial product.

board, he has represented the teachers well and with vigor

I have learned that John Haschak has been a high-ranking elected official with the California Teachers Association. as chairperson of its budget committee where he had to negotiate with CTA staff on the issue of employee benefits, gaining the

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district. fixing our roads, providing broadband for everyone, better job opportunities, and

not always, overlap with those of the school for Brooktrails, transparency and citizen real estate, general business and common

increased educational opportunities,

Our district has a myriad of issues that protecting our natural resources. John requires applying not only good business Haschak knows that Mendocino County sense but good common sense as well. has a rich cultural diversity and will work to Of these issues are the cannabis rules, be inclusive and fair. agriculture rules, road improvements

involvement in county government, sense. These attributes are the balance

and major water matters. One being the Dina Hutton, Willits; impending Van Arsdale Dam sale, this is Jack Baumann, Willits; not only vital to Potter Valley, Talmage, Davami G Puccio. Redwood Valley, Lake Mendocino and the Willits; Mickey Russian River. The dam provides the ability Fernandez, Brooktrails; to produce electricity in an environmental

Maricela Nieto, sensitivity area. Willits; Laura Lopez, John Pinches has had past years of Brooktrails; Chelly experiences on the board of supervisors Villegas, Willits; Serafin and has a great sense of balance with Brito and Reina Brito, fiscal issues. He brings a solid background Willits, and Gerardo of good business and hard work. He has Nieto, Bianca Nieto, shown the ability to work with adversities to achieve a common-sense solution to Karina Nieto, and Aldo Nieto, Willits difficult problems.

Our next four years need good judgement on many potentially critical decisions. Haschak for These decisions have the potential to alter our future for years to come. That's why we supervisor put our faith, confidence and our vote for To the Editor: John Pinches. Please do your part in our county's future and vote. John Haschak has my vote for supervisor. I am Lee and Evelyn Persico and Chuck very impressed by his and Jill Persico, Willits presence at community events and activities and his unrelenting desire to know Haschak for supervisor more about the concerns To the Editor: of the residents of his district. He has attended In the race for Mendocino County Third meetings of the Sherwood District supervisor between rancher John Firewise community and Pinches, and teacher John Haschak, has supported the need for Pinches has accused Haschak of being emergency exits, a second bought-off by contributions from labor access, and vegetation unions. While Haschak has responded to management. He attends this charge directly by saying he is proud to represent working people in Mendocino and participates in the county supervisors' board County who have never had representation meetings. on the board before, I would like to expand on this matter of campaign contributions I have found him to take

We are currently looking for reliable volunteers to help out in our dining room. We also need a Meals on Wheels driver for Wednesdays (must have a current DMV printout, within last 30 days). We always need volunteers in our thrift store. These volunteer positions only require a few hours of your time. If you're interested in making a difference in the lives of others, please call Deb Holcomb at 459-6826.

> Richard Baker, director, Willits Seniors Inc.

Haschak for supervisor To the Editor:

I endorse John Haschak for Third District supervisor. He understands the needs of this community and the best path forward. I have served over 30 years as an elected representative on the Brooktrails Township board of directors. During this time I was present for most key meetings on the proposed second access road project. The following describes a case in which Haschak's opponent John Pinches failed to serve the interests of the Sherwood Road community.

Over the last several decades, Brooktrails directors helped to create many required planning documents, including a Brooktrails Specific Plan at great cost, to facilitate a second access roadway. The Sherwood corridor today supports the fourth largest community in Mendocino County. The new Willits bypass averages 5,000 to 7,000 trips per day, while the Sherwood Road corridor generates about 10,000 trips a day.

There is no dirt road alternative that can provide a rapid evacuation for the size of this community - that is a fact, not an opinion

Branscomb's recent letter Jessica supporting candidate Pinches shows she was sadly misinformed by him about how a Sherwood boulevard district could operate, Read the rest of

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Our valley had cider houses in the old days.

Next Week:

BOHEMIAN RHAPSOD

Allman invited the Rotary Club of Willits out to his farm in the Little Lake Valley to demonstrate the process of making cider. He also offered them a taste of the fresh juice as it was being squeezed on his converted metal press, and tastes of some of the almost completely fermented hard cider prior to carbonation.

Allman also treated the Rotarians to a taste of apple and pear vinegars. Lunch of appetizers and savory soups (creamy potato broccoli, Tuscan tortellini, and chicken noodle) was provided by Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli.

Above: Allman pours apples Before inviting the attendees to taste the juice and to squeeze their own if they brought into the mulcher. Above, right:

Tara Moratti fills a cup with Read the rest of fresh-pressed apple juice Over on Page 9 during a Willits Rotary Club Apples lunch at Sheriff Allman's farm



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improve the quality of life

and representation.

First, all the money Haschak has received

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in-patient facility It could build From Page 1 and operate a

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The rest of

psychiatric health facility, or it could build and have someone else operate a psychiatric health facility. Kemper considers those possibilities as two potential ways of addressing the first option.

The county could also contract with one or both of the county's Adventist Health hospitals (in Ukiah and Willits) and have Adventist add dedicated mental health beds to those facilities.

Kemper recommended supervisors direct county CEO Carmel Angelo to send out requests for proposals for both the PHF unit and the hospital-run psych beds.

He also strongly recommended supervisors consider allocating money to the joint crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment center proposed by Redwood Community Services.

In his report, Kemper placed funding the CSU/ CRT center as his first priority in terms of time, recommending the county allocate \$4.75 million to construct that facility in 2019.

"This is an alternative to in-patient psychiatric care." Kemper said. "It would centralize psychiatric assessments. Law enforcement could bring patients to one central location. You wouldn't have to rely on the hospitals to provide space, or security, or patient oversite. It would free up space in the emergency rooms of the various hospitals in your county.

"By having the crisis stabilization unit next to the crisis residential treatment facility," he noted, "you have the opportunity to move people right from the CSU to the CRT. You're making treatment much more immediate and making it possible for people to move into that care setting as quickly as possible.

"If you were to only have a crisis stabilization unit with the crisis residential treatment center, I think you would see an impact on the level of placement in out-of-county in-patient psychiatric facilities," Kemper added. "I think that number would come down. It would reduce the number of out-of-county placements. It would come in at roughly half the cost of putting somebody into placement out-of-county, so it would free up resources for other services.'

"If the county were to follow Kemper's advice and pursue both the supportive mental health services path, and the PHF unit path, would the wrap-around services eliminate the need for the psychiatric health facility?" asked Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey. "Are we going to get to a point where we build our psychiatric health facility and we build our wraparound services, and then we no longer need it?"

Kemper felt there was little chance of that happening. "Some of the data we gave you in our report gives you, I think, a pretty clear picture that there is a dearth of capacity for psychiatric care in California, and in Northern California in particular," he said. "So, there is a ready supply of people needing this kind of care."

From Page 1 Candidates

Questions for the candidates were by and large hypothetical, reflecting situations that may or may not come placed this as No. 1, joined by King, who up for individual board members or the added that the need to improve academic success and scores was also high on her entire board, and their answers reflected a considerable degree of agreement with list

respect to those situations. Having experienced working in This may reflect the absence of any larger districts, Chavez pointed to the current burning controversies at the small size of the district as an issue, district – a supposition supported by because it limited the choices in courses statements made by some candidates and activities that could be offered to during the evening about the district's students. He wanted to "get choice to our children to make them competitive." current operations

Neary described the current district Laurent urged more focus be given to administration as "the best line-up ... for helping students whose education was many years," noting the "upward swing being impacted because their families [of its] present trajectory.' were in crisis.

Colvig said the district had "made good McNeal emphasized the board's changes [and he wanted] to continue to responsibility to ensure all students receive solid basic reading and math assist that improvement.

foundations. "Currently, Willits Unified School District is doing very well," King said, adding she For Nunez, attracting and retaining wanted to "be on this board of education teachers and making sure people hired because this board and superintendent to teach had proper credentials was have turned things around, and I want to paramount.

be a part of that." A budget question asking for Candidates shared information about candidates' views on the sufficiency (or themselves, as well as their thoughts and not) of a state-mandated reserve of 3 positions on school board matters. percent of the general fund for economic uncertainties elicited general agreement Laurent – a mother, grandmother, and that 3 percent was sufficient. great-grandmother who has been in the community for 33 years - consistently Laurent said she would need to do identified doing what was best for further research, while Colvig advocated children as most important to her. looking at the issue in the context of cash

King - a retired Willits Unified special education teacher (1981-2005) who Chavez, however, said he'd like to see has been in Willits since 1980 – was 30 percent in a "perfect world," having the first in her family to go to college seen cuts happen when he was in the and has earned both bachelor's and Central Valley, including the state having

master's degrees. She volunteers in to intervene in a couple of districts. her grandson's classes and is an active When asked how they would respond board member of the Willits Rotary Club. to an upset parent, the general consensus King said her "only agenda" was that was to listen and make it right.

she "cares deeply about children." Nunez stressed the need for consistent Nunez, an employee in the district responses for all students. McNeal for over 40 years, has been attending pointed out there was a protocol for district school board meetings for more dealing with complaints, to which Neary than 30 of those years. She said she agreed. "First thing," he said. "Don't start understands "every position in the district with a board member." The progression, except superintendent and bus driver." he said, went from teacher to site Colvig graduated from Willits High administrator to superintendent, then to School in 1966. Now retired, he was the board.

employed by the district in many Candidates were asked what they'd capacities – from teacher to principal to do with a million-dollar windfall. Neary counselor. admitted to dreaming of this and said

he would spend it on facilities. The Colvig said he has "a passion for other candidates agreed that facilities education" and just wants to see kids would get some of the money but added "happy, healthy, and safe, who want to compensation to teachers and other come to school. staff as well, after meeting with the

Chavez grew up in an impoverished stakeholders involved. neighborhood in Fresno but said he didn't A questions about whether candidates know he was "very poor." He credits the would support a bond on the ballot to public education system with changing

currently facing the district was the need Laurent's call to keep the impact of the to fix school facilities. Neary and Colvig

cut "as far away from the classroom as possible" was the general consensus. Nunez added looking at cutting "the most expensive people in the district," and King thought, "maybe not buy new curriculum."

Making a list and consulting with stakeholders in deciding what to cut was recommended by Colvig and Chavez, who added that they had been through it.

Neary pointed out the district "doesn't really have much discretion in spending. Eighty percent of it is salaries," he said.

When asked how they would make themselves available for interaction with the community and stakeholders, all the candidates agreed it was important and that they would be readily available, be it by email (incumbents' email addresses are at willitsunified.com), telephone, the checkout line in Safeway, etc.

Beyond generally agreeing they were available and open to contact, Nunez added she was "a firm believer that board members have to go to all school sites.' King agreed, saying board members "need to be seen in school."

Colvig said he "tries to go to as many [school] functions as possible," and Laurent thought it important that board members "walk a day in the shoes of employees. It's important to know the jobs they do," she said.

Responses were generally in accord when questioned about support for a mobile phone ban on campus based on research showing such bans improved academic performance. Neary supported a case-by-case approach. Methods that would make cell phones allowed on campus but not available while in the classroom were supported by King, Nunez, Chavez, McNeal, and Colvig. Laurent said she didn't know how a ban would work, and she didn't have a phone.

When asked about support for implementing robotics and coding to the curriculum, there were varied responses. Neary said he wasn't "sure what that means," but he supported integrating new curriculum, which, he added, didn't start with the board. Nunez wasn't sure it belonged here, but "we could think about it a little bit."

Chavez was the most gung ho. "If we had a staff member who could do that, I'd say 'heck, yeah,'" adding there had been a robotics competition in a district he had worked in, and it was "amazing."

McNeal acknowledged robotics was "amazing,' adding that girls needed to get involved and said it "sounds like an after-school program." King said the idea could be looked at if there was "money



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Willits Fest

Visit Willits Tourism Board is off to a

great start with new, fun, healthy event

It was a perfect day for a run, cool but not too cold

for a fall day. The approximately 170 participants (130

registered and 40 free runners age 10 and under) came

from all over Mendocino County, Santa Rosa, Lake

County, Sacramento, and the Bay Area to enjoy the beauty

of the Little Lake Valley as they ran and walked and jogged

and a half-marathon (13.2 miles). For several of the

participants, this was their first or second run. Some were

apprehensive at the start, but all were glad to be in the

town for the inaugural Wild Willits Fest, the first project of

Friends and co-workers ran together. Others made new

friends prior to and during the races. All were happy to

cross the finish line and to congratulate themselves and

others on a race well done. Some wanted to win, planned

to win, practiced and worked out in preparation. Some were

athletes, on cross-country teams or members of soccer

teams such as the Under 14 League "Red Hots," who have

won one game this year, but were just as determined and

motivated as the veteran runners. Most of the runners

came to challenge themselves and enjoy the comradery of

But the races were just the beginning. They were only

the first event of the day of food, art and music that was

the Wild Willits Fest, as imagined and spearheaded by

Hayley Schmidtke, a director of the Visit Willits Board of

Directors, local business owner of U.S. Cellular, and long-

time runner. Along with her husband, Evan (who acted

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those sharing a common activity on a beautiful day.

the newly formed Visit Willits Tourism Board.

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over the roads on three separate

There was the most popular 5K

(3.1 miles) run, the 10K (6.2 miles)

Above, from left: Sarah Touchstone of Roots Restaurant offers a taste of the smoked salmon with apple and fennel. City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra hands out water to a runner. Byron and Meghan Leisek keep warm next to their Thirst and Rescue coffee truck. Below: The runners start their race.







S U R G E R Y

We are pleased to welcome to Dr. Paul M. Charpentier to the Orthopedic Joint Center team. Dr. Charpentier will be working with Drs. William Bowen and Jeremiah Dawson doing what he loves most – helping patients get back to moving without pain.

Born and raised in Mendocino County, Dr. Charpentier is excited to care for the community he loves. He specializes in minimally invasive hip and knee replacement, arthroscopic

Wild Willits

Race Results Total registered runners: 130 Estimated free 10 and

under runners: 40

5K - Female 1. Amanda Koch, 24:30 2. Georgeanne Croskey, 26:00 3. Elizabeth Roripaugh, Lavtonville, 26:23

5K - Male 1. Bryan Christensen, Willits, 21:19 2. Philip Henebury, Redwood Valley, 23:10 3. Geronimo Guerva, Ukiah, 24:32

10K - Female 1. Amber Sublet, Ukiah, 46:56 2. Elizabeth Russell, Lakeport, 55:10 3. Terry Bondreau, 56:06

10K - Male 1. Jordan Blough, Willits 1:00:08 2. Jose Garcia, Ukiah, 1:09:44 3. Phil Seehawer, Willits, 1:09:45

Half-Marathon - Female 1. Brieana Evans, Willits, 1:51:00 2. Becky Parsons, Ukiah. 2:22:31 3. Blythe Nelson, 2:32:14

Half-Marathon - Male 1. Teophil Labus, Willits, 1:30:16 2. Michael Hollrigel, Willits, 1:33:17 3. Shane Topolinski, Willits, 1:33:52

> Results provided by Wild Willits Fest

Second District Supervisor John McCowen wondered why Kemper and his firm appeared to favor building the crisis residential treatment facility more than the psychiatric rehabilitation facility, which was – to put it in terms of 45 rpm records – sort of the B side of the psychiatric health facility proposed for the old Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits.

Kemper said he leaned toward the Redwood Community Services proposal because of the work that had already been done. The Redwood Community Services proposal was reviewed by the Mendocino County Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services in 2015. However, at that time former BHRS Director Tom Pinnizatto did not support the project and refused to apply for a grant to fund it.

However, after Pinnizatto was fired, newly hired Behavioral Health Director Jenine Miller recommended applying for a Senate Bill 82 grant on behalf of the proposal. The county asked for \$2.1 million; it was award \$500,000. It used the money to buy the property at 631 South Orchard Street in Ukiah

In 2017, RCS applied for a Community Development Block Grant to construct the project. That proposal included plans for a crisis access center, a crisis stabilization unit, and a crisis residential treatment center. That grant was not awarded.

In August 2018, Kemper Consulting Group estimated the cost of building the facility at \$4.66 million

"We concluded that you've got work underway, you've got community support for this, you've made an investment, you've got plans, you've got costs," Kemper said. "If the Community Development Block Grant had come through, I think you'd be pretty close to having a building.

"We're pretty pragmatic people and saw that as a pragmatic strategy," he said.

The Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee, which was set up to advise supervisors on spending Measure B funds, was set to meet on October 24, with an agenda item that included possible action on a presentation by RCS on "facts and figures for the Ukiah Orchard Avenue project," but that meeting was cancelled.

raise money to fix facilities prompted the his life and allowing him to "rise out of most diversity of response. that poverty."

Nunez said no, we "need to study other He said the "tough decisions" he had to approaches first." make during his long career as a principal and superintendent in other districts Chavez said a bond would be necessary weren't all that difficult. "Ask what's best "if we want to fix facilities," noting he for children, and that makes it easy." had been at five different districts and observed many bond issues. He pointed Neary, a local attorney and rancher, out that, although "mismanagement graduated from Willits High School in and a changed economy" could cause 1966. He was on the school board from negative results, he had "seen bond 1980 to 1992 and returned to his present seat in 2013. He sees public schools as measures do amazing things," including

attracting considerable matching funds. a "great equalizer in society." McNeal said she needed more McNeal began teaching third and

fourth grade in the district in 1978; she information but had heard people retired two years ago. She's been a wouldn't vote for a bond measure, and Willits Otters swim team coach and has suggested there were things that could help financially on the state level, which sat on their board.

should be looked into. Asked about the primary duties of Neary noted the 2010 bond offer board members, Colvig, Neary, King and was "doomed to failure because of a Chavez agreed the primary duty was to set policy and hire a superintendent, precipitous drop in assessed valuation" with Chavez adding that the board also of property and expressed caution. functions as "somewhat of a watchdog."

repair

Colvig emphasized the need to fix facilities and that a bond measure had "We are not administrators and need to stay out of day-to-day affairs," said to be considered because there "was not enough in the general fund" to pay for Neary. necessary improvements.

Laurent and Nunez noted representing the community was important. McNeal said she didn't know but would "find out," and emphasized education and "making sure our kids are progressing." Laurent thought the "board [is] responsible to

push our children to reach their highest potential possible."

Most candidates felt the key issue the next year's budget.



available.

Laurent agreed with Chavez, adding if students want it she "would definitely have to look at it."

A question about high-stakes testing and its impact on students and teachers elicited a variety of responses.

McNeal noted there was a technical part to testing at the elementary level that needed to be addressed, since students used computers to take the tests

Neary found testing helpful to show general trends. King thought scoring high on tests shouldn't be a "be-all, end-all, It's important, she said, to see the child as "a whole human being - head, heart and hands.'

> Nunez saw testing as most valuable to show year-to-year growth.

Chavez said he'd seen the "full pendulum" of standardized testing, which is here "whether we like it or not. I've seen some teachers rise, and I've seen it stifle some creative teachers," he said.

There may not have been many people at the forum, and there may not have been a lot of disagreement King emphasized a bond offering expressed among the candidates, but was a matter "not [gone] into lightly" the position of school board trustee is of consequence to community members in while acknowledging the budget was inadequate to fix the facilities needing many respects.

Those who missed the school board candidates' forum can watch the video, Candidates were also asked what posted on YouTube at this link: www. they'd do if \$300,000 had to be cut from youtube.com/watch?v=-LH_w9kdEOk

Welcome Paul M. Charpentier, MD Orthopedic Surgeon

surgery and complex reconstruction of the hip, knee and shoulder. He is an advocate for non-operative treatments, but is highly trained in surgical joint replacement and revisions. He believes multi-modal pain protocols and post-operative rehab protocols are key to a speedy recovery.

Dr. Charpentier earned his medical degree from Northeast Ohio Medical University, completed a residency at Michigan State University, followed by a Fellowship at Virginia Commonwealth University, specializing in joint replacements.

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Thursday, October 25

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music, Thursday, October 25, 3 to 6 pm. Willits Farmers Market will move indoors to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, as of November 1. The last of the summer veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, fresh fish from Fort Bragg, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, flowers, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Friday, October 26

Sherwood School Fall Festival: Friday, October 26. Carnival games and dinner from 4 to 6 pm; the kids will perform at 6 pm. 32600 Sherwood Road. 707-984-6769.

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

Behind the Mic:

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

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

Saturday, October 27

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

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

Model Ships in Motion Regatta: The American Legion Post 174 presents a regatta of radio-controlled

Sat. Oct. 27, 2018 Model Ships in Motion Exhibition Welcome Aboard! model boats from the Redwood Time to Weigh Anchor! Empire Model Shipwrights Club of Come and see

City Pool." Just north of Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Info: 463-4226

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

St. Anthony's Fall Fiesta: St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 61 West San Francisco

Avenue, will hold its Fall Fiesta on Saturday, October 27, 11 am to 5 pm (food served 12 to 4 pm). Presale tickets; adults \$12, children \$6. available at El Mexicano. Loose Caboose and Adri's Salon.

Willits Charter School's

Infested

Laboratory

Willits Charter School

1431 S. Main St.

6:00-8:00 pm

entry



for the children Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Saturday, October 27, 6

to 8 pm. See October 26 listing for Oct. 26th, 27th, & 28th details Hot Buttered Rum Halloween Bash: The 4th Annual Hot \$5 General \$3 for Children Buttered Rum Halloween Bash, a 7 and under* benefit for the School of Adaptive If your child is easily scared, they can stay in the Kids Agriculture, Willits' own farm Room, where there will be a variety of fun activitie school, will kick off with The Real Sarahs. Silent auction. Food by Zocolo Collective (Roast Pork in Tomatillo Sauce with Black Beans, Sweet Corn

Cakes, & Local Mixed Green Salad with Avocado Vinaigrette and more). Costume contest. Cash bar. Dessert by She Wolf Coffee. Kids room. \$25 advance, \$30 door. Tickets available at J.D. Redhouse, the Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op and online (Eventbright & http://www.school-

of-adaptive-agriculture.org/product/hbr18/. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Saturday, October 27, 6 to 11:30 pm. Shanachie Pub: Halloween Party with The Irie Rockers: "From the coastal

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ridges of Northern California. As a band of experienced musicians rooted in Reggae the Irie Rockers together reflect their similar. unique



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Costume Party: Special Stooie quest host. Bro. DJ Cozmo rockin' you all night. 21 and

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over, I.D. Required.

What's Happening Around Town

or

Tuesday, October 30

Commercial Street. 459-6696.

food items you will receive \$2 off admission." Willits

High School, 299 North Main Street.

Shanachie Pub: New weekly

show with Mitchell Holman, "Wabi

Sabi": "Mitchell Holman, formerly

of the San Francisco iconic band

It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird"

will be featuring different artists at

Main Street.

Wednesday,

October 31

this new weekly event." Tuesday

Sunday, October 28

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: Last breakfast of the year. "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, October 28. Free breakfast for firefighters! (one breakfast per official ID). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods": Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk

Pancakes Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality TARASCO Bacon, organic DE LORENZO SANDO local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5

children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west

Bake Sale for the WHS Cross Country Team: October 30, 7 pm. 50B Sout Sunday, October 28, 12 to 4 pm. In front of ER Energy (next to Safeway).



contest 3 pm. Willits High School, 299 North Main

Haunted House at Willits Charter School: Sunday, October

28, 6 to 8 pm. See October 26 listing for details. Monday, October 29

Marijuana Ad Hoc Meeting: The Board of Supervisors Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee holds a community meeting on Monday, October 29, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. An opportunity to hear a brief update and share recommendations with the Ad Hoc Committee regarding potential revisions of the county's

thoughts and concerns of residents, stakeholders

cannabis cultivation ordinance (Code Section events this time of year are better than ever, and 10A.17 and 20.242). "This community meeting with Halloween falling on a Wednesday, it's sure will give residents a chance to hear directly from to be an epic one." Wednesday, October 31, 8 pm, the Ad Hoc Committee on the ordinance revision process and allow us to better understand the 7:30 sign-ups. 50B South Main Street.

John's Place Halloween Party: Annual Halloween Shanachie Pub: The Self Fulfilling Prophecies:

Thursday, November 1 "The Cannabis Hour":

"Until last year, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office ran and enforced the county's permitted Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All cannabis program and sometimes shut down black 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 market operations. Now that county and state laws on Tuesdays at the Novo Theatre for all ages. have changed and the county Ag Department and all showings. This week's Tightwad movies, Planning & Building oversee the program, what role "Halloween 2018," "Venom," and "A Star is Born." does the sheriff play? Mendocino County Sheriff For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Tom Allman will tell us who he's busting and why.' Thursday, November 1 at 11 am on the special FFA Haunted House: "If you are in the hunt for KZYX Pledge Drive show on KZYX Radio, 91.5something scary come to the Willits FFA Haunted FM. Find the archived show at http://iukebox.kzvx. Barn. On Tuesday, October 30 and Wednesday, ora/

October 31 we will be putting on one scary show! Willits Farmers Market: moves to the Little Lake From 5 to 7:30 pm we will leave the lights up so that Grange for the winter, 291 School Street. Thursday, the little kids can enjoy the haunt. From 7 to 9 pm November 1, 3 to 6 pm. See Thursday, October 18 be prepared to scream. \$7. We have partnered with listing for details. the Willits Food Bank so if you bring two canned

The Dumb Supper: "In many cultures, ancestor worship is an ancient practice. The Day of the

Dead, or All Souls Day. The Dumb Supper is a silent (a.k.a. 'dumb') sharing of food with the dearly departed. Bring small remembrances and things to honor your dear ones. Build family altars with the objects. We will also share any favorite food of your departed. It can be

Mitchell Holman

as simple as a bar of chocolate, cookies, a bottle of beer, or as delicious as homemade cornbread." Thursday. November 1 at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Street. Suggested donation \$5 to \$20.

Friday, November 2 Free Halloween Makeup Glitter

Soup & Dessert Luncheon: Friday, November Party: Wednesday, October 31 at 2, 11 am to 2 pm. \$7 per person. Enjoy soup and the Glitter My World Studio, 132 East dessert, along with handcrafted items for sale. Valley Street (studio in the back) Drawing for a one-night stay at Benbow Inn with a gift card for meals, painting by Margaret "Peggy" Hebrard, award-winning afghan, and other items. At the Fellowship Hall of Saint John Lutheran Church at 24 Mill Creek Drive. Info: 459-2988.

> Shanachie Pub: The Cult of Ours: "brings a tribal groovejam vibe through a mix of skillful

> > Street.



November 3 Willits Photography Club Opening: the 17th annual Willits Photography Club show at the Willits Center for the Arts opens Saturday.

November 3 with a members only reception at 6 pm; the public is welcome at 7 pm. Show runs through November 24 at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

Halloween **Happenings**

October 26: Haunted House, 6 to 8 pm. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street, Info: 459-5506.

October 27: Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest, 11 am to 2 pm. Mendo Mill, 305 East Commercial Street.

October 27: Harvest Fest, 11 am to 5 pm, Testa Vineyards, 6400 North State Street, Calpella

October 27: Hot Buttered Rum Halloween Bash, 6 to 11:30 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street

October 27: Haunted House, 6 to 8 pm. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street, Info: 459-5506.

October 27: Halloween Open Mic, 7:30 pm signup, 8 pm start. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

October 27: KMUD & Mateel Halloween Boogie featuring Jamaican artists Anthony B and Warrior King: 8 pm doors, 9 pm show. Mateel Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway,

October 27: Halloween Party with The Irie Rockers, 9 pm. Shanachie Pub. 50B South Main Street.

October 27: 3rd Annual Costume Party, 9 pm to 1 am. Al's Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street. 459-2444

October 28: Haunted House, 6 to 8 pm. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info: 459-5506.

October 30: FFA Haunted House, 5 to 7:30 pm for little kids, 7 to 9 pm for others. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street

October 31: Enchanted Pumpkin Path. 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Waldorf School, 6280 Third Street, Calpella. October 31: FFA Haunted House, 5 to 7:30 pm for little kids, 7 to 9 pm for others. Willits High

School, 299 North Main Street. electric improvisation and October 31: Spooktacular Costume Contest, 6 the blending of energies to 10 pm. Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi between the audience and Place.

the band." Friday, November October 31: Annual Halloween Party at John's 2, 9 pm. 50B South Main Place, with a costume contest at midnight. 377 South Main Street. Info: 459-5636.

Muse, 30 San Francisco Street.



17th Annual



'Halloween'

AT THE MOVIES

killed showdown that's not vegan appropriate. My Thoughts: Slasher movies are favorites

of teenage girls. This "R" for violence film will not disappoint



though not as HALLOWEEN much as the John Carpenter original, which

is a horror classic. Let me say from my heart that this 2018 sequel has got its admirable moments. I loved it. No really, I loved it. Burn in Hell. Michael Mvers!

Parents: Not for children. It's a slasher flick fergawdsakes.

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



pretty



FFA Haunted House: See Tuesday, October 30

Happy Halloween

Costume **Contest:** Sherwood Valley Casino's Costume Contest: Earn 100 points to qualify for \$10 in free play and an entry for one of the three costume categories: scariest, most creative, funniest. Each category will have a 1st and 2nd place prize of \$1,000

and \$500. Wednesday, October 31, 6 to 10 pm at the Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi Place, 459-7330.

Shanachie Pub: Halloween Open Mic: "Our Open Mic

St. Anthony's FALL FIESTA

ere: St. Anthony's Catholic Church 61 W. San Francisco Avenue

When: Saturday, October 27th, 2018

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Community for a fun-filled afternoo

A full-blown fajita Barbecue will be

prepared and served, consisting

of Chicken and Beef, marinated

served with rice, beans, tortillas,

and a dessert, and hot dogs for

in delicious Mexican spices -

There will also be:

Mariachi Band

Bounce House

Childrens Ga

Raffles

the kids!

of food and fun for the whole Family!

1 1:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Food served 12-4 p.m.)

Pre sale lickets only: Adults - \$12, Children_\$

Rohnert Park. Saturday, October 27, 10 am to 2 pm. "Come and see the extraordinary detail in style and function of these beautiful model ships plying the waters of the Willits Mr. George H. Froschi, Ret. MSgl, US Air Foroz Mendocino County Veteran Service Mon. to Thur. 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Full bar, outside patio. Stooie Juice giveaway. Saturday, October 27, 9 pm to 1 am. 207 South Main Street. 459-2444.

and interested parties throughout the county on potential amendments." Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: 707-463-4441 or duketts@mendocinocounty.org.

Party at John's Place, Wednesday, October 31, "This local group features Morgan Stocker (nacho with a costume contest at midnight, drink specials the stockrocker), Buckminster West and Bodhi and free music. "Come join the fun and dress to Idarius, who all grew up in Ukiah." Saturday, impress." 377 South Main Street, Info: 459-5636. November 3, 9 pm. 50B South Main Street.

478 ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH BENEFIT FOR THE SCHOOL OF ADAPTIVE AGRICULTURE aining the next generation of farmers FREYNINEYARDS SAT. 10/27 | 6-11:30PM LITTLE LAKE GRANGE (Z)X School St, Willits, CA 95490 Costume Contest - Silent Auction Cash bar - Drinks by Tamar Distillery Dinner by Zocalo Collective Dessert by Shewolf Coffee - Kids' Room \$25 in advance | \$30 at the door Available at JD Redhouse, Ukiah Natural Food Co-op, Eventbrite, and 9 www.adaptiveagriculture.org.



Candidate forums available online If you missed the October 4 candidate forums for Willits City Council candidates and for Third District supervisor candidates, videos of the forums are online on WCTV's Youtube channel:	Senior Center Lunch Week of October 29 through November 2 Monday: Turkey Tetrazzini Tuesday: Meat Ball Sub Wednesday: Monster Mash Corned Beef Hash Thursday: Pulled Pork
	Thursday: Pulled Pork Sandwich
WillitsCommunityTV. And	Friday: Hot Dogs
also broadcasting on Channel 3 Comcast TV.	Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1

per to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older: \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Sing Out! For Cancer November 10

A community sing-along is planned for November 10 at the Willits Center for the Arts from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event, called "Sing Out!" is a fundraiser for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County, includes food. Sweet and savory pie and non-alcoholic beverages are included. Beer and wine will be available at an extra cost. Richard Jeske, Don Willis, and Cherie Sheraque will play live music, with the crowd invited to sing along to '60s and '70s rock-and-soul hits. The lyrics will be projected on a screen - like a group karaoke, but with pie. Tickets \$10 in advance, at Cat's Meow and online at crcmendocino.org, also may be purchased at the Cancer Resource Centers' Ukiah office at 590 South Dora Street, during business hours, or by calling the CRC administrative office at 707-937-3833. \$15 at the door

Tickets Are Available at the Following Business El Mexicano, Loose Caboose, Adri's Salon Shanachie Pub). North County Women in Business November 7

North County Women in Business is proud to have one of their charter members speak at the Wednesday, November 7 meeting at the Willits Center of the Arts upstairs gallery. Kitty Norris, longtime volunteer and Chrystina Lynette Patterson, the managing director of the Willits Community Theatre, will discuss the history of the theater, current happenings, and how it all comes together to create the local community theater. 8:15 to 9:30 am. Arrive at 8 am for networking and coffee provided by Shewolf and healthy refreshments by Diane Smalley of Abundant Health Acupuncture & Herbs. Denise Rose of Brooktrails Township/Community Services will facilitate. First-time attendees and Willits Chamber members, free. \$5 for returning non-Chamber members. Please RSVP by November 4 for food count.

Dirty Cello Harvest Fest November 11 "The San Francisco band, Dirty Cello, brings its high energy blues, bluegrass and rock with a

unique spin to the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, November 11 at 2 pm. Led by vivacious cross-over cellist, Rebecca Roudman, Dirty Cello is cello like you've never heard before. From downhome blues on a wailing cello to virtuosic stompin' bluegrass, the band gets the heart thumping and 27 from 11 am to 5 the toes tapping. Besides Roudman on cello, fiddle and vocals, the band includes Jason Eckl on guitar, bassist Colin Williams and drummer Cory Aboud." Music journalist Nick Diamantides says, "When lead guitar is replaced by the sound of hot licks on a cello, blues, rock and bluegrass rise to a new dimension." Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. The Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind

is free. Wine and food can be purchased. Their harvest theme is highlighted with a grape stomp, pumpkin patch, photo opportunities, wine sales and more. This is a family-friendly event, with an area for games for the kids and a face painter. Food will be made available by Kiwanis Club of Ukiah. There will also be desserts from Schat's Bakery available and other delicious fall treats. Testa Vineyards, 6400 North State Street, Calpella, 707-485-7051. TestaRanch.com

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Vineyards

October 27

be hosting its first-

ever Harvest Fest this

Saturday, October

pm at their Ranch in

Calpella. Admission

Testa Vineyards will

Singers Wanted: Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Directed by Denise Beckler and Carole Hester. The popular family event is Sunday, December 16 at 3:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church-Ukiah (corner of Dora and Perkins Streets). Call for rehearsal schedule, which starts in late October. Singers are invited to join this community choir under the direction of Les Pfutzenreuter, recently retired as Chair of the Music Department at Mendocino College. Among the featured artists are 4Euphs4Him euphonium guartet under the direction of Marshall Merklin. Capt. Jim Howlett of the United States Navy, with Barbershoppers. Lori Schafer will be at the organ. Info: Beckler at 707-468-9235 or denise@fpcukiah.org or Carole Hester at 707/972-2795 or carolehester@juno.com



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Sherwood Valley Tribe names new general manager for

casino Submitted by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Council

After an extensive regional and national search, the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Council recently announced they selected Michael J. Broderick as general manager of Sherwood Valley Casino, a business wholly owned and operated by the Tribe. Broderick brings over 25 years of experience in gaming and resort

management to his position. He will be responsible for the overall management and success of the current gaming the Trump Organization in Southern California enterprise for the Northern California property

"I'm honored to have been selected by the Tribal Council, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work for the Tribe and its membership," said Broderick. "It is a great opportunity for me, both personally and professionally, to be part of this organization. I look forward to helping this growth and self-sufficiency.'

Prior to the Sherwood Valley Casino, Broderick served as the general manager for the Cahuilla Casino and Mountain Sky Travel Center in Anza, California, and director of marketing for the Sky Ute Casino Resort in Ignacio, Colorado. He has also held numerous executive



Above, from left: Sherwood Valley Casino, located at 100 Kawi Place in Willits. Michael J. Broderick, the new general manager of Sherwood Valley Casino.

his career, including tenures in Washington, Rhode Island,

"We are excited and looking forward to working with Mr. Broderick," says Michael Knight, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indian's chairman. "We believe his experience, creativity, and successes in gaming and hospitality make him an exceptional fit for our casino. He is a well-versed. dynamic and successful leader with an impressive track company and the Tribe continue with its efforts of economic record, and we believe Mr. Broderick, along with the casino team, can take this property to the next level."

Broderick is Harvard University Graduate Schoolcertified and a former degree candidate at Harvard University Extension School, and he received his bachelor's degree and MBA in business management from California Coast University in Santa Ana, California and leadership positions in gaming and hospitality throughout his associate in science degree in business administration

from the Corporacion National de Education Professional Colorado, Oregon, New Mexico, Florida, Wisconsin and for in Santiago, Chile. He is also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserve

> The Sherwood Valley Casino is gently nestled against a backdrop of the lush coastal forestry that forms the signature scenery of Willits, the heart of Mendocino County. Featuring over 220 of the newest and best slots, Sherwood Valley Casino is reputed to be "The Friendliest Little Casino in Mendocino County." Dedicated to providing our quests with an exceptional gaming and entertainment experience, Sherwood Valley Casino's 6,000-square-foot, action-packed gaming floor features the Creekside Café for a delicious bite to eat, the most generous players club in the area, and the friendliest customer service around! We are open 24/7, 365 days a year.

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The rest of Apples

From Page 3 surroundings under the Willits "W" on the mountain behind his apples, Allman spoke about the process of producing the cider. property "Three years ago, I convinced Hard apple cider Laura to allow me to put in this experiencing a renaissance cider house. I'm not licensed of late. It can be found on the because in California there is shelves of grocery and liquor a prohibition on peace officers stores and on tap in the pubs. having their names on an ABC "When the Mendocino agriculture license. I went to Sacramento, report was presented to the and I spoke with the director of supervisors this year," explained the Alcohol Beverage Control, Allman, "apples were the only whose last name, coincidentally, product that went up in value is Applesmith. because of the hard apple cider trend across America right now. "He heard my plight, listened Hard apple cider has displaced to my story, thanked me very approximately 5 percent of all much for coming over, and said beer sales in America." there's nothing they're going to do to change it. Thank you very For an area such as the Little much. So I can make 200 gallons Lake Valley that is looking for an a year, as can you. When you economic boost, apples - and all look at the tank, you can see the the products associated with the top part, the 'bubbler' is bubbling. fruit – might be one of the ways A real simple chemistry lesson: to help. Allman asked the people Sugar inside the fruit juice gets at Gowan's why they were being eaten by yeast which turns it into so helpful with their advice and

alcohol. expertise, as he might become a competitor eventually. After making the alcohol, Allman force-carbonates it to "Their answer was simple." he create the final product. Then said. "They said that if Mendocino he will bottle it and distribute the had only one winery, it would not bottles to friends, especially the bring anyone up here, but all ones who help him with apples the wineries together create an and labor. Eventually, when he attraction. If we have half a dozen is able to sell Satisfied Apple or more apple cider places in our cider, he wants to have a pizza county, we can actually start oven so people can come in some kind of tourism.'



the good weather, sit outside, More of Measure I | From Page 1 and buy hard cider and pizza, and enjoy the beautiful outdoor

The rest of

community as well as for motorists traveling through on the bypass. It would impede the department's access to downtown, to the northern on-ramp of Highway 101. and to the Brooktrails area where Little Lake Fire is mutual-aid partners with the Brooktrails Fire Depart-

ment. he savs. "We'll try to do our best to operate out of that station, but it creates serious logistical and response issues for us," Wilkes says. "In very layman's terms it would not meet the needs of fire protection in our district and within our city limits.

The old Commercial Street firehouse has been plaqued by a myriad of problems for decades, including severe mold, structural damage, leaky roofs and walls, ADA compliance issues and unreinforced standards.

A new station would eliminate these problems, and also allow the department's equipment to fit properly, including a ladder truck Wilkes says really should be housed at the Commercial Street station, but is too big for the current firehouse.

"We're one of three ladder trucks in the county," he about 600-650 per year, according to Wilkes notes, "and that ladder truck was always meant to be in city central. It's meant for commercial business; it's meant to be downtown. We keep it at station 541 because that's the building that can house it. It would not fit here in any bay. But ultimately to utilize [the truck] for what it's built for, it needs to be downtown. It's the right spot for it."

In addition, the new firehouse design would allow some Little Lake fire personnel to remain on duty at the station overnight if necessary during an emergency in small dorm-style rooms - currently an impossibility with the condition and structure of the old station. Wilkes says Little Lake Fire volunteers wanted to stay on duty overnight at the firehouse as last year's Redwood Fire en-From Page 2 croached on Willits but

had to "sleep" on chairs Letters because there were no facilities for staffing the falsely claiming that the full project nitv cost would fall to locals. Actually, firehouse overnight in such a district would provide a local an emergency. contribution for short- and long-term And there are other memories and lessons roadway needs, leveraging county, state and federal transportation funds that stood out to Wilkes about the devastating for Sherwood corridor projects. Redwood and Sulfur As Pinches stated at a recent debate in fires, which occurred Willits, "we must put up real money" to one year ago this Ocachieve any local priorities. But his only tober. solution for the second access project, "Just the impact to hope "we get lucky and get a federal on our community, grant," contradicts his own statement. how it impacted us Candidate Pinches spoke about as a whole," he says. "Mostly to me – as the priorities during that debate, yet he fire chief - how vuldisplayed his true priorities in 2013 nerable we are where when he killed the Brooktrails second we're at as far as comaccess project. He failed to support it munications go and at the point of a funding commitment where we're located; decision for \$3.5 million of state and federal funding in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The rest of As Third District supervisor, Pinches Fest recommended to the board of supervisors to pull this project, ranked No. 2 in the Mendocino Council of Governments' list and sponsored by the county. On his recommendation, both the supervisors and MCOG board abandoned the project, allowing the \$3.5 million to be redistributed almost entirely to three of the cities for their local projects. Public health and safety bringing others with them. batted last that day. No further funding has been forthcoming for this needed project, thanks to former Supervisor Pinches, who cost us five years of delay. The final direction of the board of supervisors in 2013 was "to not continue project development until a reliable source of funding ... was identified," according to the transportation director. MCOG had to follow the supervisors' direction and is now waiting for a local share from the Sherwood community to demonstrate local support for this critical project. been busy all day. Haschak has demonstrated a constructive approach to this and many other complex issues a county supervisor must face. He is everywhere and has shown a big ear and a studious ability to gather and process current information. Haschak is a lifelong learner and will not get stuck in the sands of the past, but instead will help to move us all to a better day. My wife, Janet, and I enthusiastically endorse John Haschak for supervisor. Tony Orth, Brooktrails

how easily we can be sealed off from the rest of the world.... That a fire can sweep through and literally take all your communications away. Your power, your gas, the internet.

"As far as operations goes, the fact [is] you have only 40 volunteers and only so many people that can do the work. You can only offer so much service. We have to be able to fend for ourselves and rely on our local partners to get the jobs done.

"And the biggest thing for me as fire chief - other incidents did not stop happening," Wilkes says. "We had engines out on the Redwood fire, we had engines doing work there. We still had to respond to medical aids. We had structure fires in the middle of that time. We had vehicle fires in the middle of Highway 20. We had a multi-casualty incident on the ridge, and we had to do that with local response because there was nobody else available. And those responses were provided by masonry walls that no longer meet earthquake safety Little Lake with help from Brooktrails - by volunteers

Plans for the new firehouse, he adds, would include a new communications system that could function as a backup emergency operations center for the area. and could be crucial during another such emergency. A backup EOC would also be helpful, considering the number of calls the department now handles -

Like many local firefighters today, the Little Lake Fire Department is trained to help the community in a variety of ways other than fire protection, including emergency medical responses, hazardous material cleanup, urban search-and-rescue, swift-water rescue, and vehicle accidents, which Wilkes notes make up the majority of the department's calls.

The Little Lake Fire Protection District covers 240 square miles surrounding Willits, and has a "sphere of influence" that extends to 360 square miles. In addition, Little Lake firefighters sometimes work with strike teams at larger out-of-area fires. This year teams helped on the Carr and Delta fires, among others.

Wilkes praised the personnel in his department, and volunteer firefighters in general.

"I can tell you what inspires them to do it," he says "We interview all of our volunteer firefighters, and they all say the same thing: 'I just want to help my commu-

"They're held to the same standards training-wise as any professional firefighter. When they come in here, they leave work, they don't get paid, and they do the same training and same job as everybody else,' he says. "It's an incredible amount of dedication.... think that sometimes gets lost."

Measure J would tax property owners in the Little Lake Fire Protection District on a unit system at \$39 per unit annually. A typical lot and house count as two units, meaning taxpayers would pay \$78 per year.

Other commercial properties and larger buildings with more fire protection needs would pay more, with for example, convalescent hospitals and gas stations at 5 units, restaurants and bars at 6 units. light manufacturing and hospitals at 10 units. Voters who'd like to know what number of units their properties would be assessed are welcome to call the firehouse at 459-6271 and ask.

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as racemaster) and several other of art, jewelry, information and other directors of Visit Willits and valuable doods. There was the Ramirez tood truck and Ethiopian food by Tenadam volunteers, Schmidtke created a full Catering, as well as the Lions Club day of eclectic treats. The aim was to serve lunch and snacks. The live to bring people to the town, show them the beauty of the Little Lake music, arranged by DJ Joey D, who also kept the beats going all day, Valley, entertain and feed them, and started out with Billie Kerr soloing on leave them feeling positive about the area and wanting to return, hopefully guitar and voice, then Dennis Chrisp and the Eclectic Coyotes, and the Fat Chance Truckin' Band. "This was absolutely a success!" One of the most popular sections beamed Schmidtke, "I've had people of the festival was Taste of Harvest, come up to me all day with ideas for an epicurean competition with a next year, that they can't wait for next varied group of participants. People year, or that they wish they would could purchase tickets to enter the have run, they want to run next year. pavilion, decorated deftly in agrarian It's the mark of a good event when motif by Lyndsey Burns. Inside they people want to come back. It's a firstcould taste the creations of local food year event. We were hoping that if growers or preparers, and then vote we had 200 people here it would be a on the entry which appealed most to great event. So the fact that we had 135 runners, not including 10 and them under.... Taste of the Harvest has The winner, Alive Retreats, with their vegan raw sprouted hummus tartine, was in competition with "The more that we can demonstrate Nurturing Seed Farm (potato latkes to the community that we can build it with apple topping), Roots Restaurant ... people will come. I don't just mean (smoked salmon with apple fennel) the people who are attending. I also Mariposa Market (focaccia), Big mean the artisans, the wellness folks, Chief of Laytonville (pork-chicken the chefs. People want things like this sausage with sauerkraut aioli and to happen in Willits. The more that we pickled mustard seed), New Agrarian have events like this, the more that Collective of Ridgewood Ranch people start to show up to them. (apple pulled pork with a slice of "I have a group of about four or five Eliot's Wholegrain Bread and apple people that are really instrumental: coleslaw), Green Uprising Farm Bekah Allen who helped with the beer (picadillo vegetarian / Mexican apple and wine, Jaynene Johnson with the chutney). Those inside the Taste of food and Taste of the Harvest, Saprina Harvest section could also taste the Rodriguez for a lot bourbons, ryes and gins of the Low of the detailing and Gap Craft Distillers and several wines permitting, Evan from Barra. Schmidtke with his All in all, for a first-year event, Wild **AUTO REPAIR & TRANSMISSION** race knowledge, Willits Fest was more successful than Automotive repair at a price that's fair! and lan with Schmidtke and the Visit Willits Board K ZI Radiant Tribes." could have hoped. Board members After the races, are looking forward to building on this success and providing even more everyone was L(UNERK) welcome to attend events and promotions in the quest Business Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:30pm the free event to help revitalize the City of Willits Email: ssautorepair@comcast.net which included and to provide fun, safe and healthy 637 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490 • (707) 459-1853 over 35 vendors venues for visitors and residents.

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questions that we have been asked.

. What exactly will the tax money raised from Measure J be used for?

- The taxes raised from Measure J will be used to replace your fire station on Commercial St. and can ONLY be used for debt reduction of the new firehouse.
- This Special Tax money CANNOT be used for F.D. operations, wages, or benefits.
- 2. How much is the new firehouse going to cost ME?
- A single parcel with no structures = 1 unit = \$39.00 per year onyour Prop. Tax.
- A single parcel with a residence = 2 units = \$78.00 per year on vour Prop. Tax.
- •Commercial properties vary depending on use.
- If you have questions about your specific property tax bill, call the FD at 459-6271.
- B. How long will it take to pay for the new station?
- The loan for the firehouse is a maximum 40 year loan. We are anticipating an earlier pay-off, at which time it would be removed from your tax bill.
- Why do we need two Fire Stations?
- The Station on Baechtel Rd. is a garage for emergency response only and is not adequate for full-time personnel.
- Your Fire Department covers almost 360 square miles. Forty volunteer firefighters respond to these stations from their respective homes and workplaces 24/7, so location is essential for quick response.
- •Logistically, we need a station at each end of Willits which allows for full coverage and adequate response times. •We have to protect over \$8,000,000 worth of life saving equipment.

Signed/Board of Directors, Tony Madrigal, Tom Herman, Arnie Mello, Nancy Stipe, Skip Lucier







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kiosk with the plaque near the southern end of the Haehl Creek Trail. Steppin stones at the southern end commemorate major donors like the Sherwood Vallev Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, and Northern Aggregates. One of the benches along the Haehl Creek Trail on a foggy morning.

At right: This plaque lists the names of volunteers and supporters who helped build the Haehl Creek Trail. At right, below: The trailhead

at the southern end of the trail. Below, right: The volunteers got emotional as they sang "Amazing Grace" – led by Ananda Johnson – to commemorate the successful completion of six years of work. Below, far right: The Haehl Creek Trail volunteers pose at the new kiosk. from left: Alan Falleri, Mike Aplet, Keith Johnson, Ananda Johnson, Dave Madrigal, Linda Buletti, Donna Stropes and Larry Stropes.



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walking trail that welcomes the public.

too

The group recently came together for a

photo opportunity and brief get-together -

the highlight of which was a couple verses

of "Amazing Grace" – to celebrate the trail

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completion.

Runners, mountain

bikers or horseback

riders are welcome,

The dedicated volunteers who created with the land designated for a public trail as the delightful Haehl Creek Trail out by the part of developer Ed Mitchell's negotiations new hospital have now finished the last with the City of Willits to get his Haehl improvement planned for this shady little Creek Homes subdivision approved.

> When the volunteers, some of whom live in Haehl Creek, were asked if they see people using the trail, Madrigal and volunteer Ananda Johnson chimed in together: "All the time."

"We see [hospital] employees in their scrubs walking, and a lot of community members," Johnson said.

"I walked the trail a couple days ago at 1 pm on a weekday, and I passed five "This is our 'swan song,' said organizer different groups of walkers," Stropes said. and volunteer Larry Stropes, about the Dogs are also welcome on the trail, which beautiful kiosk near the southern end of the features doggie bag dispensers at each trail that features a bronze plaque engraved end and in the middle of the trail. There are with the names of volunteers, donors and trash cans on each end, too. supporters who made the trail happen over

the last six years. The kiosk also features Two energetic dog walkers then arrived at the kiosk, including Richard Jeske, who says he uses the Haehl Creek Trail "almost every day" with his canine companion. "There's not a lot of places to walk in Willits The plaque is installed on a beautiful that aren't on the street," he said. Jeske

rock from Margie Handley's ranch on the Read the rest of Eel River. Handley's Howard Foundation Over on Page 11 Trail donated a strip of land for the trail, along



The rest of From Page 9 Measure]

Wilkes says he understands people's hesitancy to vote to pay higher taxes, but urges them to look at what the money will be spent for "Nobody wants to pay more taxes," he

savs. "However, I'd like property owners to look at the fact that we are their local fire department; this is their firehouse. We're not an arm of a bigger budget. The money doesn't go to the state, then gets trickled down to us. "The dollars our property owners spend for fire protection with the Little Lake Fire District, they stay here dollar for dollar. It's their money.... It's our communities and, literally, it's

tangible. Every dollar they spend here stays here to protect our local community." Wilkes also responded to claims from some community members that plans for the firehouse are overly luxurious. He says the "gymnasium" some have talked of is only an office-sized room – maybe big enough for a few exercise machines – and would likely be used for storage initially. And the four dorm rooms for sleeping are only 80 square feet might be lower than the each – big enough for a bunk but not much else

also emphasizes that Measure J funds will be "People say: 'Well you just want a new firehouse." Wilkes notes. "We're not actualused only for the cost

The rest of The rest of Trail Redhouse From Page 10 grow to meet requests of customers only lives a mile away, but and the needs of the community. drives to the trail and walks, "We always wanted to create a to take advantage of the family place to come and shop, which non-paved, but easy-toincludes our Sweet Shop," said Bixler. walk gravel surface. "I went "Maybe the kids and dad could come to the City Council when have and ice cream while mom did the trail was proposed to

endorse it," Jeske said, one-stop-shop for lots of things for the "and I told them you already whole family. have a great slogan: 'Take Snacks for people and pets are cera hike, go to Haehl." tainly two of those one-stop items. J.D. Originally, as trail Redhouse puts together delicious and volunteer and former City interesting salad and sandwich comof Willits planner binations, breakfast croissants, and Alan Falleri explained, the Haehl even peanut butter and jelly sandwich-Creek Trail was part of a es to go along with their smoothies, proposed "Willits Creekside coffees, and delicious ice cream and Trail System," which was old-fashioned candy selections.

envisioned to stretch from J.D. Redhouse also took over the Haehl Creek on the south production of the beloved fudge that was once made at Rexall. When the to Willits High School on the north. The city submitted a business closed, the recipes and ma-California River Parkways chinery headed down the street to J.D. grant back in 2005, and Redhouse where they continue old favorites like "Killer" and "Chocolate was awarded \$135,000. Walnut" but have also started their own But before actual best-sellers including their No. 1 fudge: construction work began "Dark Chocolate Caramel Sea Salt." on the trail. Falleri said, the Pets of all sizes relish the options Willits City Council at the of chewies and crunchies as well as time decided not to pursue a variety of top-notch kibble brands. the project and to return

There's also a freeze-dried raw bar the grant to the state. "The with pet-flavored options galore. Pet project advocates were food and treat purchases made at deflated for some time," Redhouse are also eligible for their re-

ly building what we want. If we were building what we want. it would be two stories, it'd be ment or salaries.

continue to grow in the future.

new facility more quickly.

tion district

brick on the outside.... We're literally building what we need. It's a metal building with office space that fits the appropriate apparatus and provides for future service to our community and meets [National Fire Protection Association] standards for what's expected of a fire-

house in 2018. "We've done all of the value engineering we can do in this building," he adds. "Aside

from literally taking stuff out and making it to where it's almost unusable, we've done everything we can do to back down the size of the [new] building. We've done everything we can do to minimize the building to our needs." Estimated cost for the new firehouse. based on a preliminary architectural report, is

\$7.25 million which, accounting for interest, is expected to be paid off in about 40 years using Measure J monies. At that point the tax will be "sunsetted" out. Wilkes says there was hope the district

could reduce that 40-year time span by posand says he's seen firsthand - both as a citsibly lowering costs and The rest of or with interest rates that From Page 1

Cannabis

budget anticipates. He an opt-in zone there. The package of ordinance amendments is scheduled to go before the board of supervisors at a special meeting on Friday, November 16. From Page 1 Consultant Paul Junker, an employee of Michael Baker International, told commissioners he used a two-pronged approach to canvass the populations in the communities proposed for either the opt-in or the opt-out zones. He and his associate Mark Corcoran sent out postcards to property owners and some shopping, or it could serve as a followed up with an on-line survey. In the case of Laytonville, South Leggett and Covelo, they sent out a second mailing of postcards. Junker said that in no case did he believe he received responses

from 60 percent of property ownaccompanied by a petition signed ers. Instead, Junker and Corcoran by at least 60 percent of the proptabulated the responses from those erty owners in the district. who responded to the surveys and As proposed by Baker, and as the postcard mailings.

approved by the Planning Com-To the survey question: Shall a mission, after an accommodation cannabis accommodation district district has been dissolved, people be approved for your neighborwho are growing cannabis within hood? The results were: for the the boundaries of the district may core area of Covelo: 81 percent continue to do so for three years. yes; for the Fairbanks Road area After that time, they must cease of Covelo, 60 percent yes; for Lay-

operations. tonville: 80 percent yes; for South Leggett: 88 percent yes; for the What is a cannabis northern reaches of Mitchell Creek: prohibition district? 10 percent yes; and for the south-

ern reaches of Mitchell Creek: 33 percent yes.

To the survey question, shall a cannabis prohibition district be approved for your neighborhood? the results were: for the Deerwood

of the facility, not redirected toward equip- izen and a longtime police officer - the work Little Lake Fire does and how important quick response times are.

He points out that a 2013 measure for replacing the Commercial Street firehouse "As a police officer in a small town I was failed to win a two-thirds majority by less than very dependent on the fire department at acci-100 votes. The cost for virtually the same dents," he says. "It would be really hard waiting design has more than doubled since then for somebody else to respond because the fire because of inflated building costs and new department couldn't respond and you're tied regulations. And those costs, he adds, could up on a law enforcement thing."

Chief Wilkes says he appreciates every-Wilkes also points out that all the funding one who has expressed support for Measure dedicated by previous Little Lake Fire boards J, and notes the importance of community as and local fundraisers for a new station will still a reason to vote for it.

be put towards that cause. That money, he "As we found in the Redwood [fire], we says, is the reason the district won't need to need to take care of ourselves," he says. seek interim financing if the measure passes. "We need to make sure we have the ability and can begin the work on constructing the to respond to incidents in our local area ourselves

Willits City Councilman Gerry Gonzalez, "And the way we do that is through comformer Willits police chief, has been verv munity support and making sure all of us public in his support of Measure J (the entire have a stake in what's here - and to make council planned to discuss officially endorssure we're self-sufficient. That we can proing the measure at their October 24 meeting) vide for our own fire service, we can provide for our own means of fire protection.'

> feet from adjoining legal parcels. If regulations, but many said they a property owner wishes, the minidisapproved of certain aspects. mum setback from an adjoining le-Mitchell Creek grower Chris Hargal parcel, or to an occupied legal ris said he and his brother, who structure on an adjoining parcel, together grow 1,400 square feet of can be reduced to less than 20 feet plant canopy, paid 5 percent of the with an approved administrative cannabis taxes collected by Mendocino County in 2017. The Planning Commission also "The sunset that is being subjectagreed with Michael Baker Internaed to us, will force us to leave our tional's proposal that it will take a community in Fort Bragg," Harris high bar to annul an accommodasaid. "There is not another parcel available for sale today that I can

After an accommodation district move my operations to. has been approved by the board "We are environmental stewof supervisors, an application ards. We have been operating one to dissolve or amend the district of our farms for 13 years with zero shall not be accepted by Planning complaints. I would invite each of and Building for 10 years after the you to come to our farms and see date of the formation of the district. how we are stewards and protect Again, when a petition to dissolve the environment," Harris said the district is submitted, it must be Gabriel Martin also grows can-

nabis in the Mitchell Creek neighborhood. "I've been operating in the location that I hold for 10 years. I've received little to no complaints and have great working relations with my neighbors.

"I understand completely the concerns of the overall RR2 zone in the area," Martin said, "and I am completely sensitive to those concerns.... We are talking about an area that is roughly 300 parcels and we are talking about eight small farms in that area.

the board that the board create a

use permit path or an administra-

Within a cannabis prohibition "I am recommending anoth district, permits for commercial-lever path for generating longevity el cannabis operations may not be for these farms that have jumped issued. After a cannabis prohibithrough all the hoops and have complied with all the regulations tion district has been declared by and are good players in the game, the board of supervisors, people growing commercial-scale canna-Martin said. "I strongly recommend bis within a prohibition district have the commission recommend to



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Falleri said, "but got rewards program, including the popular energized about six years "Buy 10 Bags, Get 1 Free" Taste of the ago and started a volunteer Wild loyalty program. effort to build the trail."

They've also started a store-wide The goal of this volunteer rewards program where purchases effort was to construct the made will tally up points on a frequent basic trail - about 6/10s of a mile long – without using any city resources. With the \$5 back. support of a number of local

volunteers and businesses that donated time, money and materials to the project, the project has been successfully completed, complete with benches to rest on and picnic tables that also honor supporters cast iron pans. of the trail.

The store's clothing and footwear For those interested sections for men, women and children in exploring this "real boast wide varieties of casual and community trail," there are contemporary brands like Volcom and three entry points. Visitors Sanuk, as well as work and farm brand can park on East Hill Drive essentials like Wrangler and Carhartt. before the Haehl Creek Supporting the community which Drive turnoff to the hospital supports the store is huge for the J.D. look for the Haehl Creek Redhouse family; they are consistent Bridge, and enter on the donors and or sponsors to local youth north trailhead. The north sports teams, the Willits Rotary Club, end of the trail also has Willits Frontier Days, 4-H and FFA, the par course equipment that Willits Educational Foundation, Sober was installed thanks to a Grad and a myriad of other groups, orgrant from Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Turning in to Haehl Creek

ganizations and individuals. The shop also hosts the Mendocino County Care-A-Van's low-cost and free vaccinations and surgeries van, Drive, look for the cupola and makes regular donations to the on the top of the hill and Mendo Shelter Pets Rescue and more. the big Commonwealth Garden greenhouse on the As Willits looks to settle into its new right side of the road. You future, J.D. Redhouse plans to contincan park on the street, walk ue to evolve and adapt to changes in past the greenhouse, and the community while keeping up their find yourself in the middle friendly atmosphere, helpful staff, wide of the trail. To enter on the selection, and unique buying experience that can only be found at Willits' south end, keep driving very own hometown mercantile

down Haehl Creek Drive, then take the right "Y" onto Stop by J.D. Redhouse, located at Haehl Creek Court, park 212 South Main Street, reach them by before you get to the big calling 459-1214, or connect with them gate, and look to the right to online on Facebook and Instagram under "J.R. Redhouse & Co.' see the southern trailhead.

Woody Glen community: 92 percent yes.

What is a cannabis accommodation district? Junker explained the proposed

area, 94 percent yes; and for the

customer card. Once the card reaches regulations for both cannabis ac-100 points, shoppers can enjoy a free commodation and prohibition districts. Accommodation districts are What could you buy to add up those being proposed for residential zon-

ing districts, that is, RR1 and RR2. points? Well, any and everything, including some 60 feet of art supplies, For any future neighborhoods to a cut-your-own soap station, the best be identified and approved by the lavender-scented EO Essential Oils BOS as an accommodation dishand sanitizer money can buy, Stance trict, at least 10 parcels must join brand socks and undies, Zippo lighttogether to apply for an accomers. Strider bikes, greeting cards, and modation district. To form an ac-

commodation district, at least one property owner who lives inside district must be submitted the proposed district must apply to the Department of Planning and Exceptions Building Services and must accom-

pany the application with a petition signed by at least 60 percent of the property owners who also reside or own property within the district. Applications to form an accommodation district must be submitted to Planning and Building by November 1, 2019. Within the boundaries of a cannabis accommodation district, the sunset provisions in the county's

cannabis cultivation ordinance which provide that commercial cannabis cultivation in residential parcels under 5 acres in size must cease by May 4, 2020 - are extinguished Instead, small-scale cannabis

cultivation, defined as outdoor cottage, indoor cottage and mixed light cottage - cultivation sites with a plant canopy of up to 2,500 square feet - may take place on existing cultivation sites located on any parcel subject to the planning

the consultant's recommendation that certain exceptions should be incorporated into the cultivation ordinance. Chief among those would be a provision that setbacks separating cultivation sites from adjoining parcels could be 20 feet, if an administrative permit were approved by the Department of Planning and Building Services. The commission also assented

three years in which to cease op-

erations

district

to a proposal that fudge factors could be incorporated into the cultivation ordinance. Baker recommended that parcels between 3.5 acres and 4.99 acres in area may be granted permits that are currently limited to parcels that are 5 acres in extent. Likewise, Baker is proposing parcels between 7 acres and 9.99 acres can be given permits previously limited to parcels at least 10 acres in size.

tive permit path, that would handle The guidelines for forming any each permit on a case by case bafuture cannabis prohibition district are the same as for a cannabis sis, which would be directly impactaccommodation district: there must ed by their immediate neighbors.' be 10 parcels joining together, and Third District Planning Commisthe application must include a petisioner Alison Pernell made the foltion signed by at least 60 percent lowing comments toward the end of the property owners within the of the meeting. "The hard part of today, and the The guidelines for dissolving a hard part of this conversation," Percannabis prohibition district are nell said, "is that the overlay zone also the same as for an accomis the right thing for Laytonville and modation district except, unlike the Covelo, and that it is not as clearcannabis accommodation district, cut for Mitchell Creek. I am sensithere is no deadline by which an tive to this conversation about an application to form a prohibition exodus happening, because I am personally experiencing that in my community, in my schools, in our friendship network. I have had like The commission also approved 25 percent of my friends leave in

> the last six months. So, it's very personal "On the other hand, I also think this overlay zone issue is a community sovereignty issue. And the beautiful thing about land use issues in general, is that land use decisions are local," Pernell said. "It's not the state telling us what to do. We are here today to make decisions and recommendations to the board of supervisors about our

community and about the best land would be supportive about further conversation about use permits for Mitchell Creek. I don't know if it's the right thing, but it would be very interesting to explore," Pernell said. "However, the survey results also speak very clearly about what the vast majority of residents would like to see there, so I don't want to discount that.

The public speaks

Twenty-eight people addressed "So, it's a toss-up for me on the commission during the public Mitchell Creek, but it's very clear to comment portion of the meeting. me that the overlay is the correct Several approved of the proposed thing for Laytonville and Covelo."

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Alumni Banquet

Former FFAers and friends enjoy an evening to benefit the ag program at Willits High School

The Willits chapter of the Future Farmers of America held an Alumni Banquet fundraiser at the Willits Grange Hall on Saturday, October 20. Over \$13,000 in donations was raised in support of the students. The funds go towards sending students to the State FFA Conference, supplies for the Ag Farm on the Willits High School campus, and other agricultural project needs of the chapter. Funds raised at a previous banquet allowed

Danya Davis Features Writer willitsweekly@gmail.com the Willits FFA to purchase a new truck for the faculty to use in assisting the students with their various agricultural projects.

The event began with the FFA officers introducing themselves and their stations. Andrew Hosford then explained a bit about the FFA Alumni Advisory Committee and how they contribute to the students. A silent auction was open throughout the evening with numerous items donated by community members and local businesses.

A delicious dinner was served and enjoyed by all attendees. Following the meal, a live auction ensued with auctioneer Sheriff Tom Allman, with amazing desserts prepared by FFA Alumni and community members that were enjoyed by the highest bidders, along with several large ticket items such as a load of base rock and a smoker donated by local businesses.

Ag teacher and FFA advisor Kelley Case-Brackett mentioned the accomplishments of the students at the Redwood Empire Fair and the current projects that they are working on. The evening closed with the FFA officers performing their closing ceremonies.

Read the rest of Banquet

Clockwise from left, bottom: FFA's Claire Case Brackett addresses the crowd. FFA supporter Jane Camp was the highest bidder on a griddle that was donated by Marcy Barry and family. Willits FFA officers serve dinner at Friday's Alumni Banquet. Future Farmers of America officers line up during the closing ceremonies for the event. A fall-themed table at the FFA Alumni Dinner, with information about current FFA projects. FFA vice-president Callie Brown displays a cake prepared by Natalie Campbell. Peggy Randrup sits with granddaughters Ella, left, and Alissa, right, enjoying the "Randrup's Oatmeal Raisin Cookies" made by Maureen Moore. Sheriff Tom Allman auctions off tasty treats prepared by Annette Pinon and displayed by Alexis England.







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By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police 11:55 pm: Officers responded to a Department handled **178** incidents in this disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley seven-day reporting period. Street. Summary of Active Investigations October 17 and Arrests 1:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of October 15 North Lenore Avenue 1:07 am: Officers responded to a 8:53 am: Officers responded to a report disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela

of illegal camping in the 400 block of East Commercial Street. 4:11 am: Officers responded to a report 6:37 pm: Officers initiated a theft of illegal camping in the 100 block of South investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.

4:34 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of October 18 7:22 am: Officers initiated a theft

5:07 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust investigation in the 400 block of Coast Street.

1:52 pm: Officers initiated a theft 3:58 pm: Officers responded to a report investigation near the intersection of Wood Street and South Main Street. of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of

4:21 pm: Officers responded to a report 5:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft of an assault in the 300 block of Boscabelle investigation in the 800 block of South Avenue

7:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment near the intersection of 5:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of North South Main Street and East Commercial Street.

8:14 pm: Officers responded to a report 8:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of aggressive panhandling in the 1700 of trespassing in the 100 block of Hazel block of South Main Street Street.

October 16

October 19 12:47 am: TARBAH, Robert Karim (51) of 8:50 am: Officers responded to a report Fort Bragg was contacted in the 800 block of trespassing in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street. of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) 11:09 am: Officers initiated a burglary and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly investigation in the 300 block of North Main conduct (alcohol). Street. 9:29 am: Officers responded to a report 2:42 pm: Officers responded to a of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley South Main Street. Street. 3:16 pm: Officers initiated a theft 3:01 pm: Officers responded to a investigation in the 1700 block of South report of threats in the 100 block of East Main Street Commercial Street. 4:37 pm: Officers responded to a report 4:44 pm: Officers responded to a

of panhandling in the 1700 block of South disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. Main Street 6:08 pm: Officers initiated a theft Read the rest of investigation in the 21000 block of Baechtel Over on page B6

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to enjoy life?

It is a simple question with

a complex answer. Health

is influenced by physical

and emotional elements.

as well as the blend of

people's personality traits

and life experiences.

However, I believe these

recommendations can help

most aging adults increase

· Focus on your health,

but don't become obsessed

with it. Concentrate on what

you can achieve, not what

Remember that you

deserve to be happy. Make

each day a new opportunity

whether that means finding

time to garden, focusing

on all the things you are

grateful for, volunteering to

help others, or whatever

• Allow for grief, but do

not let it consume vou.

As we age, friends and

away,) leaving us lonely

and sad. If you need extra

support, consider talking to

Aging

Over on page B7

Read the rest of

members pass

else you like to do.

family

to pursue happiness.

health and joy.

you cannot.

Healthy **Sport**: Three years

Breakfast of aging Champions: Cinnamon apple oatmeal.

Love of the Sport: Sarah Alvord, MD "It's an individual sport so there's not as much pressure. You're As we age, it can become running for yourself." more difficult to foster new

Other Sports Played: relationships, engage in Track. fun activities, and stay physically strong, but it is Brieana is a strong

worth the effort! leader as captain of the

I often tell patients that. core workout after every practice. She started the year already conditioned running a personal best of 17:40 on our home course last Wednesday. He had I been on the "Human from summer workouts, and she has built upon that foundation all season. Body Design Committee, As a consequence, her times in the 5K have improved significantly this Willits half marathon, where he finished first by a broad margin with a time I'd have done things year over last. She also trained extra all season in order to compete in last of 1:30:54. Still to come for Teo this year are two more home races, one differently. It seems to me weekend's Wild Willits half marathon, where she finished first with a time on Halloween and CMC championships on the afternoon of November 5, we should be rewarded for living longer, not punished of 1:51:00. with slower metabolisms

and prolonged healing times. But, since no one Mama Dot asked me, here we are.

Dot is a sassy little lady. She loves attention, when she wants Patients often ask for it. And once you start petting her, she won't let you stop until suggestions on how they she's done. She is the ultimate attention hog with all the energy can age well. That is to of a kitten. After being cooped up after having her five kittens this say, how can they maintain year (her babies are all adopted) she is now spayed and ready independence and continue for a home of her own!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is of sassy and sensitive! Uber-friendly during her

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Cross Country Amazing Athletes of Willits High

Brieana Evans, 16, Junior How Long Playing the



Cross Country Teo Labus.

15, Sophomore How Long Playing the Sport:

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Love of the Sport: "It's fun and fresh.

Other Sports Played: Swimming

Teo Labus is varsity boys' team captain. Teo's positive attitude fosters a climate of competitiveness and respect among the young men, and consequently he has led them to a 2 and 3 season, despite their relatively small team of eight

women's team this year, motivating athletes to do their best and leading the members. Teo has worked hard to improve his time in the 5K this year also trained extra on Saturdays in order to compete in last weekend's Wild both at the Brooktrails par course.

- Submitted by Coach Liz Roripaugh



located at 9700 Uva photo shoot, Frisky is beautiful, with big, loving through who currently weighs 28 pounds.

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eyes and a personality to match. She's joyful and enthusiastic, and we think she would be a smartypants in doggie classes! This lithe and athletic dog is a little shelter gem! Frisky is a 1-year-old female The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and



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October 10 to October 16 by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

10-17-18 (East Hill Road) Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported choking patient. Upon arrival the patient had coughed up the food item. Medical personnel at scene cleared the patient. 8 firefighters responded for service.

10-17-18 (Spruce Street)

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire responded to a medical call. During response Little Lake Fire was canceled. 7 firefighters responded for service.

10-18-18 (Pepperwood Way)

Vegetation fire: Little Lake Fire 13. Slang for famous person responded to a reported vegetation fire 15. Potential criminal on Highway 20 and Pepperwood. Upon arrival Little Lake Fire initiated structure 21. All over the place defense and conducted a progressive hose lay on the east side of the structure. 26. Actress Ling With the assistance of Cal Fire, the fire was 27. Mauna , Hawaiian controlled and the threat was mitigated. 7 firefighters responded for service. 32. Golfing legend Sam 10-18-18 (Hearst Willits Road) 35. Laos musical instrument Medical assist: Little Lake Fire responded 37. Open payment initiative for service. to Hearst Willits Road to assist the current 38. Having no fixed course medic unit at scene. Fire personnel 39. Type of dog assisted with removing the patient out of 42. Digital audiotape the residence and assisted with loading the patient into the ambulance for transport. 10 46. San Diego ballplayers firefighters responded for service. 47. Stop working 49. Suitable for growing crops 10-19-18 (Eastside Road at East Hill 50. Musical groups Road) Motorcycle accident: Little Lake Fire 54. Lowest point of a ridge responded to a reported motorcycle 55. Beloved late TNT accident. Upon arrival, the patient had broadcaster already been transported in a personally 57. Thin strip to align parts owned vehicle to the hospital. 11 firefighters 59. Cardinal number responded for service. 62. Frozen water 63. One who is incredibly 10-20-18 (North Highway 101) Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire Howard Memorial Hospital for evaluation.

responded to a reported traffic accident.

Upon arrival a pickup truck was viewed on its side off the roadway, the single occupant self-extricated. Fire checked for fluid leakage, and the patient was cleared by medical staff at scene. 8 firefighters responded for service.

10-20-18 (Highway 20)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident: upon arrival two vehicles were blocking the east- and west-bound lanes. Fire extricated a single occupant from the vehicle. The occupant was then loaded into REACH and flown from the scene. The occupants from the second vehicle both self-extricated and were transported by ground ambulance. 12 firefighters responded for service.

10-20-18 (100 Kawi Place)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle into a ditch. Upon arrival the vehicle was approximately 10 feet over the edge. Fire checked for leaking fluids, and medical staff cleared the patient at scene. 11 Firefighters responded

10-22-18 (Della Avenue)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported patient with breathing issues. Upon arrival, Little Lake Fire provided basic life support until the ambulance arrived. Once the ambulance arrived the patient was loaded into the ambulance and transported to Howard Memorial Hospital. 9 firefighters responded for service. 10-22-18 (Northbrook Way) Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to Northbrook for a reported sick person. Upon arrival Little Lake Fire was on standby. The patient was awaiting transport to

8 firefighters responded for service.

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Above, from left: Friends of the Library volunteers Earlene Gleisner, left, and Olga O'Neill were staffing the cash box table and signing up new and renewed FOWL members on Saturday. Rollo the Reading Rooster, the FOWL mascot, encourages passersby to get their own stack of good books at the Fall Book Sale.

FOWL book sale at the Willits Library last weekend

Friends of the Willits Library held their Fall Book Sale fundraiser at the Willits Library's Community Room on Friday, Saturday and Sunday last weekend. Tables were piled with fiction and non-fiction books sorted into categories.

Patrons enjoyed browsing older books they'd read and loved, or getting a recommendation for a new book they hadn't read from a fellow book shopper. A hardcover version of Mollie Katzen's vegetarian classic, "Moosewood Cookbook," first published in 1977 was one star of the cookery section. The mystery section had a half-dozen very gently used volumes of Henning Mankell's Inspector Kurt Wallender crime novels. A treasure trove of children's books, mysteries, science fiction, self-help, gardening.... All funds raised by FOWL's fall and spring Book Sales go to support the Willits Branch Library.

To learn more about Friends of the Willits Library, call Beth at 459-6453 or e-mail Janey at djmit@hughes.net

Just some of the book lovers who attended

– Jennifer Poole



was blocked off, creating a safe place for children to run around as their parents checked out the vendors. Above, right: Ambria Zenitar hangs pside-down from a oair of aerial silks that vere suspended in the parking lot beside Main Street Music. At right: Willits Youth Football cheerleaders perform their routine at the Harvest Moon elebration

Photos by Jennifer Poole





Little Lake Fire Department Training Chief Eric Alvarez, Deputy Fire Chief John Thomen, volunteer Abe Lozoff, Little Lake Fire Protection board members Tony Madrigal and Skip Lucier, and volunteer Eli Owen set up a table at Mendo Mill Saturday to talk to voters about Measure J.





Harvest Moon

Friday night's downtown fall festival was kid-friendly and fun

The Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration on Friday had a little something for everyone. The streets were packed with people that were there to peruse the booths and catch up with friends. West Mendocino Avenue and the Hathaway Parking Lot were decorated with hay bales and pumpkins and lined with craft vendors, information booths, and tables Jackie Cobbs of baked goodies and popcorn from a number of youth organizations. eatures Writer /eeklv@amail.co

In the parking lot next to Main Street Music, a group performed graceful acrobatics from aerial silks. The talented women elicited gasps from the crowd as they daringly



Firefighters and board members of the Little Lake Protection District were tabling at Mendo Mill Saturday morning, giving away Yes on Measure J literature - and red and neon green plastic fire hats and trick or treat bags, too. The green hat has the Little Lake Fire logo. Stop by the firehouse to learn more about Measure J, which if approved by two-thirds of the voters, would raise funds for a new firehouse, or to pick up Halloween gear for the kids. – Jennifer Poole



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Above: WCA curator Gary Martin holds "The Gary Martin Gallery" plaque with WCA board members, clockwise from Martin: Carole Aleshire, Emmy Good, Barbara Willens, Jennie Jergenson, Lynne Whiting Robertson, Ursula Partch, Sandy Strong, Ann Maglinte, new business manager Holly Langenfelder O'Rourke and June Ruckman. At right: WCA's June Ruckman and Gary Martin hold up the new "The Gary Martin Gallery" sign over the door to the front gallery at the Arts Center. June Ruckman, standing, holds the new plaque backwards, as she starts the presentation at Saturday's meeting of the Willits Center for the Arts board of directors.

Arts Center names front gallery after curator **Gary Martin**

At Saturday's board meeting, the Willits Center for the Arts board of directors surprised curator Gary Martin by announcing they'd decided to name the front gallery at the arts center after him.

Board member June Ruckman interrupted the meeting to talk about how grateful board members were for all Martin's great work at the center, holding the new gallery name plaque backside to the front, until revealing it with a flourish.

The plaque will be installed over the front gallery doorway, indicating that the gallery will now be known as, "The Gary Martin Gallery," Ruckman said.

"We have been trying to think of a way to thank Gary for his extraordinary work, for everything he does for the Art Center," Ruckman said. "At [a recent board retreat], we decided that this was a good way to honor him, to rename the front gallery."

The Arts Center and Gary Martin were both honored by the Arts Council of Mendocino County recently, being named, respectively, 2018 Arts Organization Champion for the Arts and 2018 Arts Champion Educator.

- Jennifer Poole

wound and unwound themselves from the suspended fabric.

Kids had a blast, running around with their friends, getting their faces painted, or singing along with Marjo Wilson and the Cotton Dandee Family Band on West Mendocino Avenue. Also adding to their fun was the crew from the Little Lake Fire Department, who tirelessly gave rides along Main Read the rest of Over on Page B6 Street on the antique fire engine, blowing the horn. Harvest





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The rest of WPD

From Page B2

4:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the of intersection Holly Street and South Main Street.

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investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

October 20

12:41 pm: Officers initiated a missing person Novoa, a Willits High School junior, is investigation in the 1200 currently in his third year as an FFA member. block of Locust Street. With no previous background in agriculture. he is enjoying learning leadership skills 11:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of

suspicious vehicles in the 200 block of Shell Lane. October 21

1:35 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the

200 block of North Street. 1:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of

suspicious activity in the new pig barn for the students to house 1300 block of South Main their animals for fair. The FFA Alumni Street. Advisory Committee also supported the students by purchasing a "check 11:00 pm: Officers in" system for the Ag Farm, which aids responded to

in tracking student involvement. disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Several activities hosted by the Street.

11:18 pm: Officers responded to

At top: The crowd at the FFA dinner at the Willits Grange Friday night. At right: Some disturbance in the 1700 of the silent auction items up for bid. block of South Main Photos by Danya Davi Street.



From Page B1

Banouet

pigs, steers, and horses.

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public if you'd like to participate. A pumpkin sale, located at the lovely WHS Ag Farm Garden maintained by ag teacher Becky The Willits FFA is the second largest Bowlds, with many unique varieties of pumpkins, is open through October 31, many prestigious awards at the 2018 3 pm until dark, while supplies last. For additional information call 707-292-5156. A carnival hoedown will be held on October 28 Apple Show. The students, their parents, at the WHS Ag Farm from 1 to 5 pm and will and the faculty are all very proud of these feature music and a costume competition.

accomplishments. The students raised A haunted barn will be available to enjoy various animals including sheep, goats, October 30 and 31, 5 pm for young children, 7 pm for older kids and adults, \$7 (\$2 off Willits FFA Parliamentarian Demetri with 2 canned food items to be donated to the Willits Food Bank), located at the WHS Ag Farm. A cornhole league is being formed that will have monthly tournaments beginning November 7; for more information







At top: Nan Trichler displays some of her beaded necklaces and intricately painted frames for sale during the Harvest Moon Celebration on Friday. Above: Marjo Wilson and the Cotton Dandee Family Band entertain the kids on West Mendocino Avenue. Below: Samantha Bacon gets her face painted outside the old Tiger Lily's store.

The rest of From Page B5 Harvest

The Hometown events, put on by the Willits Chamber of Commerce's Local First committee in the fall and by Willits Frontier Days in the summer, are designed to draw Willits residents and visitors from elsewhere to downtown Willits. Brick and mortar merchants offer special sales, too, to reward and entice people to "shop local."

With sidewalk construction and road repaving and painting making navigating - and parking - downtown more difficult than usual in recent months, the Harvest Moon Festival was a timely reminder to soon-to-be holiday shoppers of what hometown Willits has to offer.







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For Member of the City Council: (vote for no more than two) Larry Stranske (Incumbent) Greta Kanne Jeremy Hershma

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One of the common adjustments we must make as we age is to learn to manage chronic disease; this often includes taking regular medication. Patients tell me they feel they're throwing in the towel once they begin this process. I think they're doing exactly the opposite. When diet and exercise are not enough to conquer high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, or diabetes, for example, regular medication can give your body the help it needs to lower risk factors and keep you feeling good.

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As people age, they sometimes drop bad habits, and as they do so, their need for medication can drop, too. When this happens, I'm very happy to take people off medications - in fact, it is one of my favorite things to do. The wisest course of action is to work with your healthcare provider to create a lifestyle plan that feels achievable.

While you are still able, it is best to prepare end-of-life plans and share them with your children or whoever will attend to those details. Ask your physician to complete an advance directive with you and put it in your medical chart. Taking care of these things early will take a huge burden off your loved ones as the end approaches.

Aging can be difficult for the person aging, of course, but also for friends and family members. It can be incredibly painful to watch your mom or dad lose function and/or decline cognitively. One of the ways you can help them is to spend time with them and encourage them to spend time with others. Isolation often hastens their decline.

Allow them to make their own decisions, as long as they remain safe, and try to find ways to allow them to continue to serve in the role of the parent. Ask them for their opinions and advice, and remind them how they've helped you become the person you are. This will be good for both of you.

Sarah Alvord, MD, is an internist at MCHC Health Centers, a local, non-profit, federally qualified health center offering medical, dental and behavioral health care to people of all ages in Lake and Mendocino counties.

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