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Don't miss the B section inside today's edition; be sure to enjoy all 20 pages!

## Pot grows could net city \$17 million a year

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"A typical indoor grow would result in [annual] revenue of about \$800 per square foot," Willits City Councilman Ron Orenstein said, reporting the findings of the Commercial Cannabis Industry Policy Development Working Group to the city council last week.

With the working group considering ordinances for cultivation of up to 22,000 square feet within city limits, "that equals more than \$17 million," Orenstein calculated. "So we're talking about some serious money here."

The working group –

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## New roof approved for BGMS gym

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The Baechtel Grove Middle School gymnasium will get a new roof, after the Willits City Council unanimously passed an emergency action last week "approving a construction contract with R. Wayne Bashore, in an amount not to exceed \$107,139."

Two other contractors offered bids for the job, but Bashore's was the lowest, and so was recommended by city staff, said City Manager Adrienne Moore. All three bids were copied and made available at the meeting.

Because the emergency action recommendation

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## New 'granny unit' law sparks board interest

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Supervisors directed county Planning and Building Services staff on Tuesday to take a closer look at a new state law, Senate Bill 1069, which will allow local jurisdictions to adopt ordinances that make it easier and cheaper for property owners to build and get permits for accessory dwelling units.

Accessory dwelling units are secondary housing units, rentals or "granny

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Above, from left: A lovely valley view is visible while cruising down the new bypass. Willitsians can cheer: A "Willits Next Exit" sign looked ready to be installed just north of the southern interchange on Tuesday afternoon. Roxie demonstrates her "Bypass Sit 'n' Stay."



Above: Hunter Garcia smiles at the idea of welcoming Willits up onto the bypass after the opening ceremony on November 3 at 11 am (see Calendar for details and directions). Below, left: A raised fence protects the side of the road at mile marker 47, while a fresh tire burnout indicated someone else's christening ceremony, performed sometime before Thursday's official ceremony. Below, right: A new and slightly shocking sight for Willits residents: a "Main Street 1/2 mile" exit sign just to the south of the northern interchange.



Photos by Maureen Moore



Above: Long rows of tables filled with community members who attended the Willits Chamber of Commerce's fundraiser last Saturday.

## Supper on the Bypass

Crowd gathers for fundraising event on the Willits bypass viaduct

"Supper on the Bypass," the Willits Chamber of Commerce's once-in-a-lifetime event Saturday on the viaduct of the Willits bypass – before it opened – was sold out weeks ago. Despite the rain earlier that day, a full complement of 240 guests came to enjoy appetizers, wine, music, speakers, dinner under a tent – and a beautiful view.



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Maureen Moore

Above, left: Evelyn Persico and Edie Ceccarelli. Above, right: Willits FFA's Caitlyn Forrester helps serve at Supper on the Bypass.

## Woodhouse arrested; supervisor's future uncertain

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Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse was arrested at his Willits home on Friday evening, October 28, on suspicion of misdemeanor domestic battery and resisting arrest, according to a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office press release released Tuesday afternoon.

"At 8:22 pm," the press release states, "deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a disturbance at a residence located on ... Meadow Wood Lane in Willits. Upon arrival deputies contacted Thomas Woodhouse who had exited

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## Alley plans spark controversy

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Like the Main Street Corridor Enhancement plan, which is nearing its final stages before being submitted to Caltrans, the Downtown Willits Streets & Alleys Connectivity Study resulted in a vigorous discussion, not without controversy, between Willits city staff, councilmembers and members of the public, as the first draft report was presented during last week's city council meeting.

The three major areas of concern raised by both the public and city council centered around proposed changes to public parking in general, access to the city parking lot next to Main Street Music and Video,

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## AT&T plans enhanced broadband in county

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AT&T Vice President for External Affairs Marc Blakeman told the board of supervisors on Tuesday that his company is planning to expand internet service into rural areas of Mendocino County as part of that company's Connect America Fund – Phase 2.

The program is required and funded by the federal government.

AT&T has agreed to accept \$427 million a year

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Thank you!

To the Editor:

The trustees of the Willits United Methodist Church are so pleased with the new paint job on the church and very grateful for all who had a part in making that happen.

Thank you to each of you who donated, who prayed, and who encouraged us to make it happen this year before the rains. We could not have done it if it wasn't for each of you.

A very special thank you goes to Colby Jergenson, owner of Super Coats Painting. Colby was a pleasure to work with and did a wonderful job.

Erla Barr, Pat Moeller, Rick Williams and Kay Wright, trustees, WUMC

## Vote by mail ballots

To the Editor:

Vote by mail (absentee) ballots and our sample ballots were mailed out to voters on October 11, 2016 and are available in the County Clerk's Office, for the Presidential general election to be conducted on November 8, 2016. The County Clerk's Office is located in Room 1020 of the County Administration Building located at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah.

If voters who normally vote by mail did not received their vote by mail ballot, it is too late to request a mail-in ballot be mailed to them, but ballots will be available to pick up in our office until 8 pm on Election Day, November 8.

To check and see if your voted ballot has been received by our office, please go to [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acrvbm.htm](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acrvbm.htm); fill in the information requested, in the format listed on the right side of the page.

We would like to remind voters that we have a drop box located outside our office in our circular driveway. Voters do not need to get out of their vehicles to drop off their ballots. The drop box is open 24/7 until 8 pm on Election Day!

The Elections Office would like to remind voters to vote early and mail your ballot, or drop it off at our office so it can be processed and be among the first results we post on Election Night.

For additional information please contact the Elections Office by calling 707-234-6819.

Susan M. Ranochak, Mendocino County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

## Cannabis Nurses Association

To the Editor:

To all licensed, active or inactive, vocational nurses, registered nurses and nurse practitioners of Mendocino County: The American Cannabis Nurses Association is anxious to bring local support to our state and specific geographical location in order to create an official ACNA chapter.

The ACNA's mission statement is the following: "To advance excellence in cannabis nursing practice through advocacy, collaboration, education, research and policy development."

The ACNA is a national organization dedicated to expanding the knowledge base of endo-cannabinoid therapeutics among nurses. It was founded by a small group of dedicated nurses who saw the need for an organization to bring nurses together in a collegial and informational capacity to discuss the growing use of cannabis in medicine.

Nurses provide direct patient care, using a holistic approach that incorporates the biological, sociological and psychological aspects of patients in their care. Hence, the public health considerations of cannabis use, the social and legal climate, and patient care issues are all directly relevant to clinical nursing practice.

Initially, the ACNA is requiring that we start a "Meet-Up." This is the first step in beginning the process of creating an official ACNA chapter in Mendocino County. The ACNA provides the first comprehensive online "Cannabis Curriculum" for nurses. Currently the ACNA is working diligently on the national level to provide a sub-specialty certification in Cannabis Nursing that will be recognized by the American Nursing Credentialing Center. The ACNA web site is: <http://americancannabissnursesassociation.org>. This much-needed step is complicated by the current schedule and status of cannabis in the United States.

The first greet, meet and informational meeting in Willits is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 6 to 8 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. My email is [janice.cinek@yahoo.com](mailto:janice.cinek@yahoo.com).

Janice Cinek, RN, Willits

## Ecology Action Workshop

To the Editor:

The quality, scope and demographics of the participants in this November 4-6, 2016 Ecology Action 3-Day Workshop in Willits is the best we have seen! People are seeing that biologically intensive farming makes possible high yields, while needing a fraction of the water, nutrient, soil and energy per pound of food produced. Increasingly they want to grow a living, dynamic present and future.

Attendees include visitors from Arizona (1), Bermuda (10), California (28), Canada (1), Ghana/Nigeria (1), India (3), Kenya (2), Pakistan (1), Oregon (4), Utah (1), Togo (1), Virgin Islands (2), Washington (2), and Wisconsin (1), with eight additional applications en route and seven more anticipated for a total of 73.

The participants include a woman from India and her two associates, who have been and are providing technical assistance to 1 million+ organic farmers in their country; a well-known model who has been on the cover of Cosmopolitan magazine, loves GROW BIOINTENSIVE, is known internationally, and has 160,000 Instagram followers; and many people already very involved in food growing and farming, including an intern from Kenya who is teaching people in Nairobi's 2 million person slum\* how to grow food and, in the future, also income, another Intern who will be teaching people in Ghana\* and Nigeria how to grow food and soil, a Canadian, who with his wife will be establishing a GB mini-ag center/soil test station in British Columbia, an Intern from Kenya who will be assisting people in the Coastal province to grow food and soil in both areas with 12-month growing seasons as well as more restrictive limited rainfall areas, and an intern who will be combining SRI rice culture with GB. (\*Many people in these

two areas currently often do not eat three days a week.)

The participants will be supported by a GB Team of 14 farmer/teacher/trainers, staff and associates.

Exciting! And up to now we have taught almost 2,098 participants in 47 states and the District of Columbia, plus 34 countries at 3-Day Workshops. GROW BIOINTENSIVE is currently being successfully used in 151 countries – in virtually all climates and soils where food is grown.

If you know of anyone wishing to attend, they can find the application materials at: [www.growbiointensive.org/workshop.html](http://www.growbiointensive.org/workshop.html). Registrations can be made up until noon on Thursday, November 3.

Thanks for your support of and interest in Ecology Action's biologically intensive work and initiatives!

John Jeavons, GROW BIOINTENSIVE, Willits

## AF fatally flawed

To the Editor:

I have long supported national legalization and taxation of marijuana. Black market profiteers corrupt communities, destroy the environment, weaken democracy, typically don't participate in society, and don't pay taxes. Greedy growers couldn't wait for democracy and the existing county marijuana ordinance to proceed with environmental review, so they rushed a "take it or leave it" measure to the voters. If they had done a good job on writing Measure AF, I could have been a supporter.

Unfortunately, these Marijuana growers wrote Measure AF to:

1. Evade environmental review and mitigation.
2. Exclude criminal enforcement of the measure.
3. Make violation of the measure a meaningless \$100 fine.
4. Only allow amendment of the measure after 2018, and then, growers could legally challenge any amendments they don't like.
5. Include "Right to Farm" language so neighbors can't complain about generator noise, lights, odor, traffic, trimmings, etc.
6. Reduce set-backs to neighbors, schools, churches, parks, and youth-oriented facilities by 400 feet from county standards.
7. Significantly reduce the wildlife fencing standards in the county ordinance, so they can continue to rely on rat poison that affects the entire ecosystem, from birds to bears.
8. Eliminate effective local enforcement to rely on state agencies in Sacramento and Santa Rosa, who don't have sufficient staff for current issues, for enforcement of environmental degradation.
9. Change the zoning on over 48,000 county parcels to include growing marijuana by right, without public input.
10. Allow an unlimited number of dispensaries in any commercial zoning, without public input.

On top of all that, AF does not provide a mechanism for the county to actually collect the taxes that AF promotes as helping the county! Don't be fooled by AF. Vote no.

Dennis Slota, Willits



Above, from left: The chainsaw-wielding clown – firefighter Mike Wilder – was a particularly scary finale to the Little Lake Fire Department's Haunted House. Some little participants made it out on foot. Others preferred to be carried! Liz Carter, holding Natalie, smiles for the camera. Above, right, top: Some friends hooked elbows to make their way through the Haunted House. Above, right: Alicia Logan carries her daughter Tinley out through the final stretch of the Haunted House. Below, left: Spiderwebs and bodies were everywhere inside the Haunted House.



## Little Lake Fire Department's Haunted House

"We were so happy with the turnout," said Little Lake Fire Fighters Association President Kevin Reedy. "Even with the downpour, we had people lining up to come in!"

Reedy estimated around 175 to 200 people came through the Haunted House on Halloween afternoon. The event was held between 5 and 8:30 pm and was free to attend. Donations were being accepted, however, and Reedy noted over \$100 was raised.

The house was full of volunteer firefighters and members of their families who were dressed as a range of characters intermingled between props, mannequins and frightful sights, including: a Day of the Dead bride, a swinging witch, a tortured zombie, a swinging body, Freddy Kruger, a jumping spider, a body inside a popcorn machine, maggots, brains and eyeballs strewn about, and a chainsaw-wielding clown to boot. Noises came from banging doors, slamming on the walls and screams – some from the actors and many from the attendees!

"This was our third event," said Reedy. "We started doing them because of my son Jeremiah."

Reedy said the team who helped plan the event this year included Little Lake firefighters Tylor Yaden, Levi Linderman, Tim Caldwell, Mike Cornwall, Bill Carter and Kristen Colvig.

"Of course, I want to thank all the many other volunteers and family who helped make this year's event such a success, too!" said Reedy. "See you all next year!"

– Maureen Moore



Above: Members of the department and their families who made the Haunted House possible, including from left: firefighter Robert McKenzie holding Rylee in back, Naomi McKenzie holding Colby, firefighter Mike Cornwall, firefighter Eric Alvarez with Kylie Alvarez, Heather Linderman, Sophie Linderman and firefighter Levi Linderman, and Tylor Yaden. In front, Jeremiah Reedy and firefighter Jeremiah Martin. Below, left: A different kind of axe held by firefighter Bill Carter was on scene for the Haunted House. Below, right: Even in the rain, patrons waited outside under umbrellas and a pop-up tent to get a chance to go through the house. At bottom, from left: A creepy peek-a-boo clown waited for just the right moment before giving Shanna Marie Drake a scare. Kelley Labus made it through with the light of her cell phone. This crowd of young 'uns made their way through, with smiles on their faces at the end.



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# Cold season: Boost your defenses

Fall is here, the kids are back to school, the days are getting shorter, the holidays are approaching, and we all know someone who is sniffing and sneezing. With cold and flu season upon us, here are eight quick health tips to boost your defenses.

**Rest.** If you're under the weather, or feel like something's coming on, see if you can sneak a nap in or go to bed early to allow yourself a little extra sleep. Temporarily reducing your schedule in order to "allow your body time" to recover can also make all the difference.

**Stay hydrated.** The number of ounces of water that you should drink each day equals about half of your body weight. For example, a 120 pound adult should drink about 60 ounces of water each day. Pushing fluids through your body helps to purge out viruses and bacteria which make you sick.

**Exercise.** Generally speaking, if you are sick from the head up, mild or moderate exercise can be beneficial in facilitating draining, getting blood and lymphatics pumping, and helping to clear sickness out of your body faster. If you're sick below the head – dealing with more chest or gastrointestinal issues, it's a better idea to reduce exercise, hunker down, and let your energy stores work on getting you better.

**Food.** In order to really kick your immune system into high gear and to cut off the food source for sickness, try to avoid foods which cause inflammation such as those high in sugar and animal proteins (like dairy and red meat), but only temporarily until you're feeling better. Eating spicy foods will open up blood and lymph vessels which facilitate draining and purging of disease.

**Vitamins C, D, and zinc.** These supplements can be

just the boost the immune system needs to push a virus through its course without taking you down completely. And, incidentally, a lot of named and branded cold products are merely high doses of vitamins C, D and zinc among other ingredients. Elderberry can be a helpful option in the early stages of a cold, by blocking the viral replication process as well.

**Probiotics.** Probiotics represent the good bacteria in your gut that aid in digestion and immunity. Since 80 percent of your immune system is in your digestive tract, enhancing the probiotics in your gut while you're sick will directly boost your immune system. You can get any of these supplements at the local whole foods store or eat them in food sources.

**Pressure points.** There are plenty of pressure points that, when stimulated, can boost your body when and where it's lacking – acupuncturists study this in great detail. During cold season, massaging a few on your own can be helpful. The low, inside corners of your eyebrows represent two of these points; massaging them in small circles can help with head pressure and facilitate drainage and help with headaches. The points under your cheek bones straight out from your nostrils can help your sinuses to drain – again, massage them in little circles. Massaging your neck from your ear to collar bone will help to drain the lymphatics from your head which helps your ears, sinuses and throat to drain.

**Get adjusted.** Chiropractic balances the nervous system by removing impeding pressure on the nerves exiting the spine. When the nervous system is in balance the body does its best job to regulate itself. With respect to a cold, what people usually experience when their spine is well-adjusted is that they get sick less frequently, and when they do get sick, they don't need as much time and energy to get better.

Cheers to good health!

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Shawna Handschug  
Columnist

# California Retired Teachers Week

November 6 through 12

By Ed TePas, contributing writer

The first full week in November every year is proclaimed "California Retired Teachers Week." There are about 43,000 California Retired Teachers Association members who do nearly 2.1 million hours of volunteer work annually. If you put a value of \$26/hour on those hours, it would come to \$55 million. We do not know how many more hours the 210,000 non-CalRTA-member retired teachers volunteer. I would estimate 10 million total hours.

Pictured above is Paul Ubelhart, a retired educator of Willits. Ubelhart was principal at Blosser Lane Elementary for years. But even now at 85, he volunteers a lot of time as a member of the Mendocino College board of trustees, the Willits Senior Center board, and member and former president of our Kiwanis Club.

Here in Mendocino County, the 278 members of the California Retired Teachers Association have done 8,900 hours of volunteering in 2015, valued at \$231,400. These figures do not take into account the approximate 1,500 retired educators in our county who are not in CalRTA.

In California, expenditures stemming from state and local pensions supported 376,572 jobs and \$10.9 billion in federal, state and local tax revenues. In fact, each dollar paid out in pension benefits supported \$1.65 in total California economic activity!

So, next time you bump into your favorite teacher/principal at Safeway, give him/her a thumbs up.

*Ed TePas is a retired teacher of Round Valley, a Willits resident, and president of the Mendocino Division of the California Retired Teachers Association. Find out more about CalRTA by visiting [calrta.org](http://calrta.org) or checking out the "California Retired Teachers Division 55, Mendocino County" page on Facebook.*



Paul Ubelhart



# 'Art-Song-Soup & Soul'

An evening with Marjo Wilson and friends at Brickhouse Coffee

Get ready for some bluesy country-rock and boogie your bootie this Saturday night at the "Art-Song-Soup & Soul" opening at Brickhouse Coffee with Marjo Wilson and her collection of musical talents. Make sure to check out the yummy soup and other enticing morsels that will be available at the coffee shop that night. "Art-Song-Soup & Soul" is part of an art block party on Commercial Street that

night, as the reception for the Willits Center for the Arts' November show is also happening that night. The WCA show, "The Women's Book Club," features book artists Dianna Hinkle and Laura Wiecek (see sidebar).

Combining the two shows makes for an exciting evening of Willits' original, imaginative and inspiring offerings.

The Brickhouse is a perfect venue for Wilson's intimate show. She will treat us to her acoustic roots and Americana-style music from her own collection of favorites, as well as introduce us to special guests throughout the evening. Visiting friend and longtime musician,

John Teglgard, from Denmark, will accompany Wilson with his ukulele and guitar. Yes, ukulele, like you've never heard!

Wilson and Teglgard rehearsed a few of Wilson's favorites – "She's a Lady," "California," and "The Mighty Eel River" – in her Covelo studio. During some of the songs' riffs, Teglgard made the uke reverb, quite a fun sound.

Wilson, a "creative" in the largest sense of the word, likes to add varieties of experiences to her shows and showcase little-known female musicians. Into the evening we'll be entertained with original songs by young Willits musician Natalie Moss (as Wilson describes her, with

At left: Marjo Wilson's painting, "Drafts." Below: Marjo Wilson and Suzanne Picetti take a break from hanging Wilson's paintings for her show, "Retrospective Ranch Art," at Brickhouse Coffee. At bottom: Wilson and John Teglgard pause in their rehearsal to talk about their individual musical experiences in Wilson's Covelo studio.



a "strong, husky voice with bluesy-rock roots") and later, the "Outré" duo, Melissa Hand and Eric Kaplan, will treat us to their unique sounds. Closing the evening some of the folks from Wilson's "strum class" in Covelo will invite us to sing along to American favorites. "If you can walk, you've got the beat. If you can talk, you can sing," is Wilson's mantra in her classes.

The backdrop to all of this is a room filled with Wilson's "Retrospective Ranch Art" paintings, another of her artistic passions. With help from her art rep, Suzanne Picetti, and Brickhouse Coffee owners, Sara and Tom Mann, Wilson has graced the beautiful brick walls with original works. Some are giclees of favorite paintings printed on canvas,

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# 'The Women's Book Club'

November show at Willits Center for the Arts

A show of lush renderings of the female form and complex origami forms fashioned from books will fill the Willits Center for the Arts for the month of November.

"The Women's Book Club" is the creation of Dianna Hinkle and Laura Wiecek. The show is to be mixed, with the two artists displaying their talent – Hinkle's distinct forms of women and Wiecek with her mysterious origami books.

Wiecek's "Book Club" contains books such as Webster's Dictionary, "The Da Vinci Code," and "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe," all displayed in complex, mathematically based folds. Wiecek is a master weaver, mathematician, draughtswoman, painter, and etc. "Any reason to create art is reason enough for me," she said.

Dianna Hinkle creates paintings of women at leisure posing for the viewer with lush colors reminiscent of California beaches and vivid skies. Oranges that lead to rich pinks, soft blues, and alluring flesh tones fill these large canvases with stylish nudes.

The Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street. The show will open on Saturday, November 5, with the "Members' Hour from 6 to 7 pm, followed by the public reception from 7 to 9 pm. WCA is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726.

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# Walking in Willits

By Nan Trichler, contributing writer

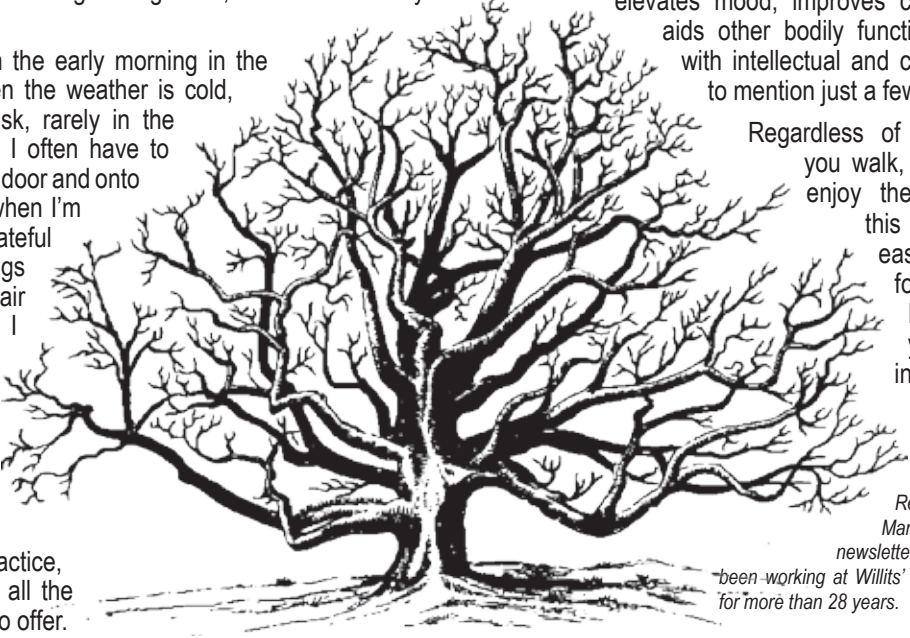
It is common doctrine now with the medical establishment that walking is one of the best and most readily available forms of exercise that we can engage in. For years I have found that walking is the exercise for me and because of recent health concerns, I've been advised to walk for at least 30 minutes, five times a week to help control my blood sugar. I live in Willits, and have for almost 40 years now. I have walked nearly every inch of our city at some time or other and like a paraphrased Post Office motto, "Neither rain, snow nor other forms of weather shall keep me from my appointed task."

I have often wished my walking paths were larger or more varied and that there was more rural or wilderness access, not fenced off as private property, but I've learned over time that even the same route is never the same experience. So off I venture, most days, into the familiar and yet always surprising out of doors.

The seasons offer the most reliable variation on the backdrop of our little village. The overpowering fragrance of the Mimosa, currently in bloom, greets me from half a block away. The abundance of summer gardens, peeked at through fences, or fully revealed on what were once front lawns, lift my heart each time I pass. I have to say I admire the quirky and personal yard ornamentation that accessorizes the plants themselves, even if they are not always my chosen style.

There are certain plants I visit with frequency and reverence, such as the old Walnut. I call the Grandmother tree on Exley Lane. In summer it's fully leafed out and adorned with nuts. In the fall it will lose its leaves, not as spectacular a show as some of the more colorful varieties. In the winter of course it is bare, showing the true grace of its form. In spring it is slower to leaf out than some neighboring trees, but overall it's my favorite tree.

I usually walk in the early morning in the summer, later when the weather is cold, occasionally at dusk, rarely in the middle of the day. I often have to drag myself out the door and onto the sidewalk, but when I'm underway I'm grateful for the way my lungs receive the fresh air and the fact that I can still enjoy the movement of my aging body. In recent years I have made gratitude the theme or mantra of my walking practice, and I try to notice all the beauty Willits has to offer.



Although I mostly walk by myself I'm never alone, because of all the creatures, including humans, I meet along the way. The birds are my iPod, their music changing from block to block. Dogs, of course bark, that's their job, and most cats shy away, but a few greet me and follow me for a while. Deer are not strangers to our streets, but they are fearful of human presence, so I honor them by simply admiring their beauty and wildness, cutting a wide berth wherever possible. I'm always running into friends and engaging in brief chats.

Strangers are often the most surprising, like the man I met this spring after a heavy rain, who was relocating earthworms that were flooded out of the ground and dying on the sidewalk. "I used to be a hunter, but now I can't stand to see anything suffer," he offered in explanation. No matter what I encounter along my way, I am always better off for having taken the time to simply walk.

Here are a few facts I gleaned from Google about the health benefits of walking:

Every minute of walking can extend your life by up to two minutes; that's a 100 percent return on your energy output in some cases.

Longer, moderately paced daily walks (40 minutes at 60 to 65 percent maximum heart rate) are best for losing weight.

Shorter faster walks (20 to 25 minutes at 75 to 85 percent maximum heart rate) are best for conditioning your heart and lungs.

Walking improves the efficiency of your heart and lungs, raises your metabolism, increases your energy, lowers blood pressure, helps control blood sugar levels, relieves stress, slows aging, improves flexibility, strengthens your bones, elevates mood, improves circulation which aids other bodily functions, and helps with intellectual and creative thinking, to mention just a few benefits.

Regardless of why or where you walk, I hope you will enjoy the benefits from this simple free and easily accessible form of exercise. If you find yourself walking in Willits, maybe we'll meet along the path someday.

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Thursday, November 3

**Willits Bypass Opening Ceremony:** Caltrans invites the public to the opening ceremony of the Willits bypass on Thursday, November 3 at 11 am; parking opens at 10 am. The ceremony will also include the dedication of the 1.1 mile long viaduct as the "Jesse D Pittman S01 Navy SEAL Memorial Bridge." The celebration will be held on the new highway, at the south end of the viaduct. Entry will be through the southern interchange, just south of Willits. Follow the signs for "Special Event" to be directed to parking. Speakers will include: Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans director; Charlie Fielder, retired Caltrans District 1 director; Betsy Totten, Caltrans District 1 chief of public information; California Assemblymember Jim Wood; Phil Dow, Mendocino Council of Governments executive director; Bruce Burton, mayor of Willits; Justin Diston, Operating Engineers, Local 3; Mike Costa, Flatiron West district manager; Jeremy Treskon, US Navy Seal, who served with Jesse Pittman; and Terry Pittman Jr., brother of Jesse Pittman.



The new bypass, ready for traffic.

Friday, November 4

**Annual Soup and Dessert Lunch:** Sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church Women's Guild from 11 am to 2 pm on Friday, November 4. In the Fellowship Hall at 24 Mill Creek Drive. \$7 for soup, bread, and dessert. Hand-crafted items for sale, drawings, and prizes. Call 459-2988 for more information.

**Senior Center Raffle Drawing:** Harrah Senior Center presents its first FUNDing Raffle to support ongoing programs for seniors. Prizes galore including a two-week stay in the Azores! Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Tickets available at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 459-6826. Prize drawing will be held November 4 at 7 pm at our annual Baked Potato Bar, 5 to 7 pm. (see listing below).

**Senior Center Baked Potato Bar:** annual event at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Friday, November 4, 5 to 7 pm. Baked potatoes with your choice of toppings; dessert and beverage included. \$9 adults; \$8 members; \$5 children.

**Willits High School Football game** at home field against Middletown on Friday, November 4. JV game, with coach Billy

Arms, 5:30 pm; varsity game, with coach Mike Colvig, 7:30 pm.

**Shanachie Pub:** Los Troubadoux, "traditional covers & original songs in French, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian, for a fun dance party to get your body moving." Friday, November 4, 9 pm. No cover. Visit <https://lostroubadoux.bandcamp.com>. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, November 5

**Brooktrails Flea Market:** Saturday, November 5 from 9 am to 2 pm, inside the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch St. Booths are \$30; for more info or to reserve a space call John at 707-391-5052.

**Rescheduled WUSD Color Run:** due to rain last weekend, the Blosser Lane and Brookside PTOs rescheduled the 2nd annual Willits Unified School District Color Run, to Saturday, November 5, at the Willits High track. Registration begins at 9:30 am; "Blast Party" at 10:55 am; run begins at 11 am. Fee is \$30 per person, to raise funds for Brookside, Blosser Lane, Baechtel Grove and Willits High. "Please come and show your support for our schools!! You can run, walk or dance your way around the track!!" More info: Windi Kvasnicka 707-354-0755.

**2016 Mushroom, Wine & Beer Camp:** Mendocino County Museum's lively mushroom dish competition, wine and beer tasting, along with a great barbecue, at the Wente Scout Reservation, a beautiful camp on a lake surrounded by walking trails, a mere 15-minutes east of Willits, on Saturday, November 5 from 1 to 5 pm. Mushroom cook-off contest prepared by chefs, locally crafted beer and wine, and mushroom walks and talks (led by Mendocino's own mushroom expert, Eric Schramm), plus camp-themed games, nature crafts, a barbecue, and more. Tickets \$90 camper ticket (full camp program and wine and beer tasting); \$10 bus ticket (70 seats available. Park at the museum



Train Singer Greg Schindel at a previous Mushroom event. Photo by Nathan Dehart

and let the bus do the driving); \$50 camper "dry" ticket (for designated drivers). Group tickets now available: Purchase two or more for \$80 or bring a group of four or more and only pay \$75 per ticket! For a continuously updated list of participants, or to buy tickets, visit [www.mendocinomuseum.org/mushroom-wine-beer-event-2016.html](http://www.mendocinomuseum.org/mushroom-wine-beer-event-2016.html). Proceeds to benefit the museum's exhibits, education programs, and special events.

**Free Inner Resource Center class:** "Tapping the Power of Your Own Mind ... How to use affirmations and the law of attraction to create the life you want and need!" Everyone is invited to this free class at Inner Resource Institute, 1500 Hearst Road, on Saturday, November 5, from 2 to 4 pm. Class will teach simple, but very effective tools for tapping into the full power of your own mind to consciously bring about permanent positive changes in your self and in your life." Please pre-register at 707-357-4676

**Marjo Wilson at Brickhouse Coffee:** Artist's reception for Marjo Wilson's exhibit at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 Main Street. Saturday, November 5. Doors open at 6 pm; show from 7 to 9 pm. "An Americana mix of ranch art and down home groove,

with special guest singer/songwriters Natalie Moss and Melissa Hand of Willits. (Melissa Hand and Eric Kaplan are the new band, Outre) Also featuring guitarist John Telgaard, visiting from Denmark. Plus a little ukulele presentation, audience sing-a-long! Info: check Marjo Wilson Facebook Page.

November exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts features "lush renderings of the female form and complex origami forms fashioned from books," created by artists Dianna Hinkle and Laura Wiecek. Opening reception is Saturday, November 5. 6 to 7 pm is Members' Hour, and the reception opens to the public at 7 pm. WCA, at 71 Commercial Street, is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm. Info: 459-1726.

**Karaoke Night at WCT:** The Willits Community



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Theatre presents a karaoke night, hosted by DJ Mendocino (Hal Wagenet). Wagenet has more than 20,000 songs from all genres – rock, country, rhythm and blues, and hip hop. Come blow the dust off of the ceiling, leave us reeling and be appealing. Saturday, November 5, 8:30 pm. \$5 at the door.

**Shanachie Pub:** Billie Kerr & The California Tire Fire Band, "Influenced by bluegrass, country, rock, blues and soul, Billie's acoustic folk rock sound has been described as 'Vintage Nashville folk with an edge.'" Saturday, November 5, 8 pm. No cover. Visit [www.billiekerrmusic.com](http://www.billiekerrmusic.com). 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Saving Time ends – an extra hour of sleep this morning!

**Senior Center Bingo:** Monthly bingo on Saturday, November 6. Snack bar opens at 11 am; games begin at 11:30 am; bingo buy-in \$10. Info: 459-6826.

Monday, November 7

**MCOG Transportation Workshop:** "Come have a say about the future of transportation in Mendocino County!" The Mendocino Council of Governments is in the process of preparing both an Active Transportation Plan and an update to the Regional Transportation Plan, which will identify transportation needs and projects for the next 20 years in all modes of transportation including bicycle, pedestrian, streets, highways, rail and transit. Willits workshop is set for Monday, November 7 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, and for Covelo on Wednesday, November 16, from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Covelo Fire Protection District, 75900 Hwy 162. Info: 707-463-1859.



Friday, November 11 Veterans Day

**Veterans Day Breakfast:** The Willits Post 174 of the American Legion hosts its annual Veterans Day Breakfast, on Friday, November 11 from 8 to 11 am at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Breakfast is free to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy and Girl Scouts.



Willits Rotary presents Bluegrass by Sideline

Sunday, November 13

Willits Rotary is sponsoring its annual bluegrass show, featuring Sideline, a powerful group of seasons pro bluegrass players, who formed a "side project," which has become a main gig for its members. . Sideline consists of Steve Dilling (banjo), Skip Cherryholmes (guitar), Jason Moore (bass), Ashby Frank (mandolin), Nathan Aldridge (fiddle) and Brad Hudson (dobro).

Art Menius, in Bluegrass Unlimited's October 2015 edition writes of Sideline: "Sideline captures so much of what was great about bluegrass in the 1980s and early 1990s. In large measure, Sideline serves up what was contemporary bluegrass 30 years ago. It sounds traditional in 2015. Sideline's driving bluegrass with killer harmonies and propulsive rhythm, well-chosen blend of new and old material, and especially the focus on being an equal ensemble takes the listener right back in time to when these guys were jamming in the campground."

The show is set for Sunday, November 13 at 3 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. This is a fundraiser for high school scholarships. Last year Willits Rotary was able to give about 12 scholarships for \$1,000 each to Willits seniors. Tickets are \$20 advance (available at Willits Furniture and Willits Redwood Company) and \$25 at the door. Ticket info: 459-9566.

Seeking Thanksgiving volunteers!

Willits Community Services seeks volunteers to help serve at its 27th annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 am to 3 pm, November 24 at Harrah Senior Center. More info or to sign up: 459-3333.

"Reflection Bench" Dedication Ceremony:

a new "Reflection Bench" placed next to the Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be dedicated with a brief ceremony at 1 pm, on Friday, November 11, at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits, 400 East Commercial Street. The black granite bench is sponsored by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sons of the American Legion posts of Mendocino County, and is intended to allow visitors a place to sit as they reflect on the lost lives of the veterans inscribed on the memorial, as well as the veterans of all wars involving the United States of America. The museum will be open from 10 am to 4:30 pm on Veterans Day. Veteran volunteers will be present to share information and answer questions about the memorial and the "Veterans History: Personal" display in the Main Lobby. Museum admission is \$4; \$1 for ages 6 to 20; admission is waived on Veterans Day for veterans, active duty personnel, and their families in recognition of their service.



The new "reflection bench" at the Mendocino County Museum.

Photo by Rick Cooper (Cmdr. A.L. Post 96, Fort Bragg)



Tuesday, November 8 Election Day – don't forget to vote

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

**Shanachie Pub:** Honey Mountain Do-Dos, original roots, country and blues music with a rock n roll style. Tuesday, November 8, 8 pm. No cover. Visit [www.hmddmusic.com](http://www.hmddmusic.com). 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, November 13

**Celtic harpist/storyteller Patrick Ball:** returning to Willits for a 2 pm show, Sunday, November 13, at the Willits Community Theatre, with spellbinding stories and mesmerizing sounds from his maplewood Celtic harp. Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Inferno'

**The Story:** Brilliant, but twisted, bio geneticist Dr. Zobrist recognizes quite rightly that the majority of our world's problems are the result of too many people. His solution? Create a plague and kill off 95 percent of the human population. Unfortunately, Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks), whom we know and presumably love from "The Da Vinci Code," has the key to stopping the plague, but he has amnesia. On the other hand, (ad gloriam Dei!), the lovely and adorable and intelligent Dr. Brooks (Felicity Jones) is more than ready to help him regain his memory and solve the terrible dilemma of where in the world the plague will start. Mysterious, frantic and violent forces conspire to stop them. Grab your armrests – time is running out – and there are countdown clocks to keep us focused.

**My Thoughts:** I really liked this movie. Yes, it is a bit confusing. I did not care. There are twists. And yes, I didn't quite follow all of them. But again, I did not care. "Inferno" is classified as a mystery thriller. And I agree. It is a mystery thriller. It's also a spectacular travelogue taking us to Florence, Venice and points east.

**Parents:** Teens and up. I think it is too scary violent for little children. Shootings. Stabbings. Blood and fire. Damaged and deformed faces of the plague.

"Google Latin for 'glory to God!' because I like Felicity Jones, and Latin because there are so many churches and cathedrals.

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

Willits favorite Patrick Ball returns to WCT

Celtic harpist and storyteller Patrick Ball will bring his popular performance to Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, November 13 at 2 pm.

After delighting sold-out WCT audiences in 2014 and 2015, Ball returns with his latest combination of spellbinding stories and mesmerizing sounds from his maplewood Celtic harp. In his passion for eloquence and a deep devotion to the mythic oral tradition, Ball spins together his Irish wit, tales from the old country, and compositions from Ireland's national treasure, Turlough O'Carolan.

The crystalline, bell-like resonance of the legendary Celtic harp is guaranteed to take Ball's listeners into deepest realms of the imagination. He has been awarded grants for his work by the Zellerbach Family

Ongoing Events

**Willits Winter Farmers Market:** the farmers market has moved inside for the winter at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. 3 to 5:30 pm (winter hours) every Thursday afternoon. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

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

**KLLG Radio Action Group:** meets Mondays at 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10. Learn about and participate in building Willits Hometown Radio. Volunteers needed. More information is available at [www.KLLG.org](http://www.KLLG.org) or by calling Lanny Cotler at 367-1812.

**Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo:** Potluck dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Be sure to bring a dish to share! 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

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

**Drop-in Knitting Circle:** Due to popular demand, the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects – we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in."

**Library Coloring Club:** Want a little color in your life? Then by all means, come to the library! The Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, is hosting a Library Coloring Club, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for ages 14 and up. "We've got the crayons and the paper – you bring the imagination."

**Soroptimists International of Willits:** Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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

**Volleyball Open Gym:** at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

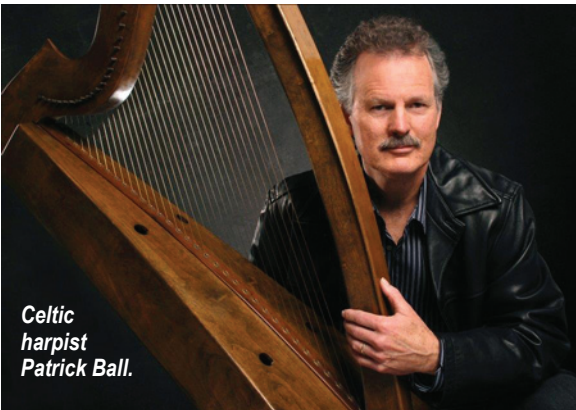
**Smoking Cessation Program:** Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HHM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen group: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. No cover. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday, 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. "An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!" 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room:** Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

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



Celtic harpist Patrick Ball.

Fund and the California Arts Council and is the recipient of the Circle of Excellence Award from the National Storytelling Association.

His appearance at WCT with his amazing harp and magical storytelling is a one-time annual treat, so early tickets are encouraged.

Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– Steve Hellman, for WCT

2016 Mushroom, Wine & Beer Camp

Saturday, November 5

The cross-county Skunk Train is still not available this year, so the Mendocino County Museum is reprising the lively mushroom dish competition, wine and beer tasting, along with a great barbecue, expanding the options for activities, and shortening the transportation time by holding the 2016 Mushroom, Wine & Beer Camp at the stunning Wente Scout Reservation, a beautiful camp on a lake surrounded by walking trails, a mere 15-minutes east of Willits, on Saturday, November 5 from 1 to 5 pm.

Guests will still enjoy the popular mushroom cook-off contest prepared by chefs, locally crafted beer and wine, and mushroom walks and talks (led by Mendocino's own mushroom expert, Eric Schramm), but this year will also feature camp-themed games, nature crafts, a barbecue, and more.

Tickets now on sale: \$90 camper ticket (full camp program

and wine and beer tasting); \$10 bus ticket (70 seats available. Park at the

(for designated drivers). Info or to buy tickets, visit [www.mendocinomuseum.org/mushroom-wine-beer-event-2016.html](http://www.mendocinomuseum.org/mushroom-wine-beer-event-2016.html). Proceeds to benefit the museum's exhibits, education programs, and special events.

Group tickets now available! Purchase two or more for \$80 or bring a group of four or more and only pay \$75 per ticket! Individual tickets are \$90; sober driver tickets are \$50. Optional bus tickets available for \$10. For tickets and a continuously updated list of participants please visit [www.MendocinoMuseum.org](http://www.MendocinoMuseum.org) or call the Museum at 707-459-2736.

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**Dannie Judd Payne**  
*December 26, 1948 – October 20, 2016*

After a courageous 10-month-long battle with brain cancer, Dannie Judd Payne died peacefully in his home on Thursday, October 20, 2016 with his loving wife, Binet, by his side. His oldest daughter Zuni was also present. He faced cancer with the quiet strength, grace and dignity which was his way of life.

Although Dannie was born in Kirksville, Missouri, his parents relocated to San Diego's Ocean Beach, California when he was 8 years old. This move sparked what would become Dannie's lifelong love and passion for the Ocean. He quickly became an avid surfer, and when he later moved inland, he would continue to surf anytime he could "find a wave!"

He was drafted shortly after his graduation from Helix High School in 1966, and bravely served his country in the Vietnam War. When he returned from the war, he attended Grossmont College where he received an Associate in Arts Degree. During this time, he spent many hours working with his parents in their small stores and businesses — and of course surfing all over San Diego and Mexico with childhood friends.

In the very early 70's, he came to Laytonville to visit friends, and never left. In Laytonville me met the love of his life, built his home, raised his children, and lived out the happiest years of his life.

He was hired at Harwood Products and did many different jobs during his 37-year career with them — until the mill closed. Few people knew that he was the very last employee to shut the door for the last time at Harwood Products.

Dannie contributed to his community over the years in many different ways. In the early years, he was head umpire for the Laytonville Little League. I am sure many remember those early years were wild! But he showed up faithfully for games on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Little League became a way of life for his daughter Maya and the family.

Always more comfortable behind the scenes, Dannie put in many tireless hours helping his wife, Binet, a teacher in her classroom. He helped Laytonville Schools develop Mendocino County's first Educational Garden, implementing state-of-the-art worm composting. He worked shoulder to shoulder with Laytonville students, building chicken coops, shoveling, learning, and teaching by example. Many students will also remember him helping after school with science fair projects. Later, through another school grant, he would Captain a crew of students out of Noyo Harbor, and into the Pacific Ocean, giving them memories to last a lifetime.

For the past 15 years Dannie pursued his lifelong love of the Sea by spending summers and weekends on his boat in the Pacific Ocean with his wife, Binet, and many, many friends. When he wasn't on the Ocean, he spent his time taking loving care of the home and land they shared.

Dannie is survived by his wife of 43 years, Binet Payne, daughters Maya Haynes (Todd Haynes) and Jennifer (Zuni) Mickey (Michael Horner), Grandchildren Ashley Pietak, Serena MacDonough, Michaela Horner, Austin Haynes, Great-Grandchildren Willow Bea Pietak and Phinn Day, Brother Dennis Payne, Niece Brandy Presley (JP Presley), Great-Nephew Lincoln Presley and Great-Niece London Presley and countless lifelong friends who were like family. He was preceded in death by his parents Beaulah and Judd Payne and Granddaughter Caitlyn Nell.

There will be a celebration of life at Dannie Payne's home on Davidson Road in Laytonville on Saturday, November 5. People can come anytime between the hours of 2-6 p.m.

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### Congratulations Column

# Happy Birthday



Early November means the start of birthday season in our family tree, starting with Kevin Moore who celebrated on November 1 and Kathryn Sterngold who celebrated on November 2. Hope you both had fabulous birthday days! <3  
— **Maureen Moore**



### Willits High School's

# Amazing Athlete



### Volleyball | Sequoya Swearingin, age 14, Freshman

**Position:** Middle blocker

**Breakfast of Champions:** Pancakes

**Love for the Sport:** "I love the teamwork."

**How Long Playing the Sport:** For four years

Varsity volleyball player Sequoya Swearingin had a dominant game at the net for the Wolverines against Cloverdale. As our middle blocker, nothing seemed to get by her, and she had a season-high four blocks for the night. Sequoya is the only freshman on the varsity team, but has already shown a great level of talent, maturity and potential.

— **Coaches Jill Walton and Tim Miller**

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the front of the residence and remained outside while verbally expressing his displeasure at the deputies' presence.

"While engaging the deputies in conversation, the deputies witnessed him push his wife, resulting in the deputies making a decision to arrest him for misdemeanor domestic violence battery.

"As the two deputies walked towards Woodhouse, he assumed a fighting stance, and a struggle ensued as the deputies attempted to place Woodhouse into handcuffs.

"Woodhouse was able to flee into the residence where an additional struggle with three deputies took place, resulting in a deputy deploying a Taser device in an attempt to end the struggle without further violence. The Taser device was ineffective and, after a short time, Woodhouse was eventually physically controlled by the deputies and placed into handcuffs.

"Woodhouse was transported to the county jail where he was subsequently released prior to booking because of a medical condition not sustained as a result of the struggle with the deputies during the arrest."

Willits Weekly asked Captain Greg Van Patten of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office if he could identify what the "medical condition" of Supervisor Woodhouse was that prohibited him from being booked into the county jail. Van Patten declined to identify it, stating that he could not do so. "Based on privacy rights I am not able to disclose or discuss what that medical condition was," Van Patten said.

Woodhouse, who was elected as Third District supervisor in November 2014, is currently on a leave of absence from the board, through November 3. He has not attended a supervisors' meeting since an August 30 special meeting.

At the September 20 board meeting, Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman told supervisors he had received a phone call from Woodhouse's wife, who'd told him, "The family is going through a personal family matter." Allman told Willits Weekly in a separate conversation he expected Woodhouse to attend the October 4 supervisors meeting.

At that October 4 meeting, county CEO Carmel Angelo announced Woodhouse had requested a month's leave.

On October 3, Woodhouse granted a telephone interview with Willits Weekly in which he admitted to having had what he termed "a disaster."

"We had a family emergency," Woodhouse said. "And everyone had to get together and talk about it, because of me. I was the emergency, because I had a disaster that lasted for two days. After the disaster, I was OK."

However, Woodhouse declined to describe the nature of the emergency more fully.

On October 7, the Woodhouse family released a statement, saying Woodhouse had "a medical condition and is presently under a doctor's care. We are hopeful Supervisor Woodhouse will be able to return to work in early November."

When contacted on October 30 by Willits Weekly, Carlyn Woodhouse declined to comment on the situation. She said the matter was working itself out and the family would issue a statement when it was ready to do so.

During the Tuesday, November 1 board meeting, supervisors were asked during the public comment period what the board was going to do in the face of Woodhouse's evident incapacity. Second District Supervisor John McCowen said the board had no role to play in the situation.

"This is an unprecedented situation for the county," said McCowen. "I am not aware of a role the county has to play. The county counsel or the CEO may have something to say on this, but I don't know of anything the county could be doing or should be doing regarding this, other than, of course, extending our sympathy to Supervisor Woodhouse and his family."

McCowen's statement was affirmed by County Counsel Katharine Elliott. "I think you've accurately stated what the law is on this," Elliott said.

Should Supervisor Woodhouse resign, California Gov. Jerry Brown will appoint a replacement.

According to California Government Code Section 25060, "Whenever a vacancy occurs in a board of supervisors, the governor shall fill the vacancy. The appointee shall hold office until the election and qualification of his or her successor."

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Orenstein, Councilwoman Holly Madrigal and Willits city staff members — had gotten that information and much more from participants at the group's first public meeting on October 18.

Orenstein said other than considering commercial cultivation, the working group is exploring "value-added [cannabis] processing, including trimming, productions of salves [and] tinctures, and testing labs."

Once ordinances for these activities are examined sufficiently, the working group will move on to other areas of the cannabis industry, such as transportation and dispensaries.

"More than a dozen members of the public came [to the October 18 meeting]," Orenstein said. "We didn't have time limits on speaking. It was a bunch of people sitting around the table and talking back and forth. We got some good dialogue going."

Topics tackled during the meeting included the number of cultivation licenses to allow, how to select who gets licenses, and how quickly those licenses would be granted.

The group is currently leaning toward a limited number of licenses issued on a first-come, first-served basis, provided candidates have all appropriate forms completed and can pay required fees.

"That's when they would be considered," Orenstein said.

"Some of the public comments included permitting only clean, organic cultivation," Orenstein said. "We should consider energy and water conservation. Most of the public felt local ownership and employment was important."

Madrigal said one recommendation repeated by several people was to disallow big operations, so small mom-and-pop cultivators would be able to compete.

Requiring clean, high-quality organic cannabis cultivation "could help local producers," Madrigal said, because people will know if cannabis and cannabis products come from Willits, they are meeting high standards. This could create an attractive product unique to the area.

Another benefit to keeping operations small-scale would be reducing the amount of electricity required, Orenstein noted.

"Indoor grows require a great deal of electricity, and solar panels would be prohibitive in cost and area required," Orenstein said, adding: "Greenhouses could be a way to cultivate."

Any indoor cultivation activity, under the working group's priorities, will take place in industrial zones.

"The overriding requirement is this: Anyone standing outside of the [cannabis cultivation] building would not be able to tell what is going on inside the building," Orenstein said. "That's the rule of thumb."

"I appreciate all the work you've put into this," said Councilwoman Madge Strong. "I would like you to at least look at dispensaries, and what is being done in other places. If we are [to allow] medicinal cannabis, and we have patients here, it seems reasonable for them to have access

#### The rest of Granny | From Page 1

units" that can be either separate from, or connected to, main dwelling units.

According to a letter from county Director of Planning and Building Services Steve Duncnicliff, SB 1069 will waive requirements for on-street parking and will eliminate the requirement for separate water and sewer hookups for these units, resulting in lower costs for people who wish to build them.

"Taken together, these two provisions may significantly reduce a property owner's construction costs," Duncnicliff wrote. He added the law "will likely encourage the construction of thousands of accessory dwelling units in California."

County staff had not yet drafted an ordinance to encode the provisions of

to purchasing it."

Madrigal replied the working group is looking at zoning requirements. "Once we get into that, we'll be talking about all the other stuff associated with cultivation."

Mayor Bruce Burton asked about residency requirements for those wanting cultivation licenses, but there seemed to be some confusion between Madrigal and Orenstein on the legality of requiring such a restriction.

"Apparently, [residency requirements] aren't legal restrictions," Madrigal said.

"The county ordinance, the one they're still working on, has a two-year residency requirement," Orenstein opined. "We'll have to look into it, and see what we can do. We don't want to break any laws."

Chuckles greeted Orenstein's remarks. It has been Burton's central argument that allowing cannabis cultivation in Willits would break the federal law, which still classifies cannabis as a Schedule 1 narcotic.

"That would be funny if it weren't...." Burton trailed off, changing the subject. "What's the logic of limiting [cultivation] if you have a facility that is totally benign to an outside individual?"

Madrigal answered it was "an overabundance of caution," that there could be a perception problem, "and we don't want any of that." She added "drug safety zones and setbacks that are around schools already, those would still apply."

Burton challenged the reasoning behind limiting cultivation to industrial zones, raising the possibility of legal conflicts.

"It you think there's a legality issue with a residency requirement, don't you think there will be a legality issue with something permitted in heavy industrial zones," especially since "you are choosing which industrial zone you're going to permit it for? Don't you think that could be a problem?"

While Burton's question wasn't completely answered, Orenstein maintained "not all industrial zones are suitable to what we're talking about. We're looking at the possible parameters. It could very well be that — if we take a look at our town — we might come to the conclusion [Willits] isn't suitable for cannabis cultivation."

The next working group public meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, in council chambers from 4 to 6 pm.

Orenstein said the earliest the city council could expect to review any ordinances would be in January.

#### New city park trees

City Manager Adrienne Moore announced new City Park trees have come in and will be planted sometime next week, depending on the weather. "They are in 24-inch box containers," Moore said, not just saplings, "so we could get a more significant planting right off the bat."

The new trees are "two or three different varieties" of maple, she added.

Concern has been voiced by many residents about the original, nearly 100-year-old trees taken down in recent months. Moore and others have done their best to explain the necessity for their removal.

"The trees are coming down because

they are damaged or dead, and are quite a safety hazard," Moore explained. "We have a slice of one of the trunks at city hall that is hollowed out. On the outside you can't see that, but if anybody wants to stop by and check it out, [they'll see that] there's a reason why we're doing this."

Moore blamed poor treatment of the trees as a reason for their demise.

"One of the problems was, a couple decades ago or more, concrete was poured into them," Moore said. "We're being much more mindful about how to take care of [the new trees], and we are using local experts."

Councilman Larry Stranske voiced his wish that the new trees be planted in the same configuration as the old trees because of the historical significance. The original designer of City Park also happened to be the superintendent of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

"It will be very similar," reassured Moore. "the only difference will be the spacing between the trees. The configuration will be the same."

#### Wastewater camera system

The city council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing "a shared services agreement between the City of Willits and Brooktrails Township Community Services District for the procurement, use, maintenance, and storage of a ROVER X camera system" to detect wastewater inflow and infiltration."

According to a report drafted by Moore and Utilities Superintendent Scott Herman, the camera system "is necessary to inspect smaller sewer laterals than what can currently be done with existing equipment."

The city conducts inspections during dry weather months, while Brooktrails "conducts inspections in wet weather months," and "neither party has enough budgeted to purchase the equipment alone. To "improve services and provide mutual benefits in the performance of certain functions, it makes good sense to partner on this acquisition."

The estimated cost of the camera equipment to the city's Sewer Enterprise Fund is \$31,731.25.

#### Water and wastewater study

On a 4-1 vote, the council approved "a professional services contract with Bartle Wells Associates to conduct rate and capacity fee studies for water and wastewater, in an amount not to exceed \$45,300."

According to a report authored by Finance Director Susie Holmes and Herman, the most recent water rate study was conducted in 2008 by Bartle Wells Associates; a wastewater study was completed in 2006 by the same contractor.

"The contract assures that city rates are based on the cost of providing services, are fair and equitable to all customers, are compatible with the city's billing system, and comply with the requirements of Proposition 218."

Estimated cost to the Wastewater Enterprise and the Water Enterprise is \$22,650 for each study.

Councilman Larry Stranske cast the lone "no" vote, saying "water rates are high enough. This is an expenditure."

point of view, meaning in terms of the additional load these accessory dwelling units would place on existing sewer lines.

He noted the county had already put in place a law allowing sewer pipes from accessory dwelling units to tie into existing septic systems in unincorporated areas, with good results. "We've been doing this for a number of years, and we have not seen the failure of a single septic system," Jensen said.

Supervisors unanimously directed Planning and Building staff to study the new law further and return to the board with recommendations about what an ordinance encoding the provisions of SB 1069 might look like.

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Above, left: The “Cabin Pressure” crew, standing, from left: Farrow Lockwood, Dylan Foley, Lilah Crane, Zoe Jordan, Destiny Anderson, and kneeling, Matt Browning and Jessica Cronin, pose in front of the partial set used in “Annie.” Above, right, top: Farrow Lockwood and Zoe Jordan project their lines. Above, right: Matt Browning and Jessica Cronin update the cast and crew list.

## ‘Cabin Pressure’

Willits Charter School students produce, direct and act in BBC radio play

The Willits Charter School Theatre Arts Program is going where it’s never gone before. Led by 2015 graduate Matthew Browning and junior Jessica Cronin, the group is creating a 100 percent youth-run production called “Cabin Pressure.”

Adopted from two episodes of the popular BBC Radio 4 sitcom, according to Cronin: “Cabin Pressure’ is about a small charter airline called MJN Air. [The owners] have one jet that is constantly falling apart.”

Written and created by John Finnemore and starring Benedict Cumberbatch, “Cabin Pressure” aired from 2008 through 2014.

Cronin brought the idea of producing the radio show as a play to her teacher and mentor, Billy Hetherington, during last year’s run of “Annie.”

“I approached him during the phase of my binge-listening to ‘Cabin Pressure,’ and mentioned to him about doing a shorter version,” Cronin recounts. “Billy said: ‘That sounds great. Why don’t you do that for the play next year, and you could full on direct it?’ And that’s how it began.”

Cronin next approached Matt Browning, then Hetherington’s assistant producer, about the challenging opportunity and responsibility of making the idea a reality. Browning accepted.

“In the past, Billy decided what happened, because it was his play, and I’d just be the helper,” Browning says. “This time I’m going full-out producer mode.”

Browning has big ambitions for “Cabin Pressure,” challenging himself to build on his experiences working on past Willits Charter School shows like “Little Shop of Horrors” and “Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

“My goal is to always try to make the production value better than the last,” says Browning. “I want it to always be getting better. I don’t want to go all out one year and

then lack in places the next year. I want it to be a steady increase in how it looks and sounds.”

Since publicity is a primary function of the producer, Browning explains that he contacted Willits’ own newly formed FM radio station to help get the word out about “Cabin Pressure.”

“Since it originated as a radio show, we contacted KLLG, and we are in the process of making a play trailer and doing an interview for that,” says Browning. “We’re also going to try and do ‘Cabin Pressure’ on the radio. I think it’s cool to convert it from a radio show to a play and back to a radio show.”

Like all theater productions, “Cabin Pressure” needed funding in order to get off the ground, so to speak, and it was Browning’s job to hit the streets of Willits to make it happen.

“This year I’ve gone to 60 businesses,” says Browning. “I’ve learned that I really like getting involved with the community. [It was fun] writing donation letters and going around to the businesses in the area and asking them politely for money to help put on the show.”

Although Browning estimates that “Cabin Pressure” has reached its funding goal, more money is needed for future productions.

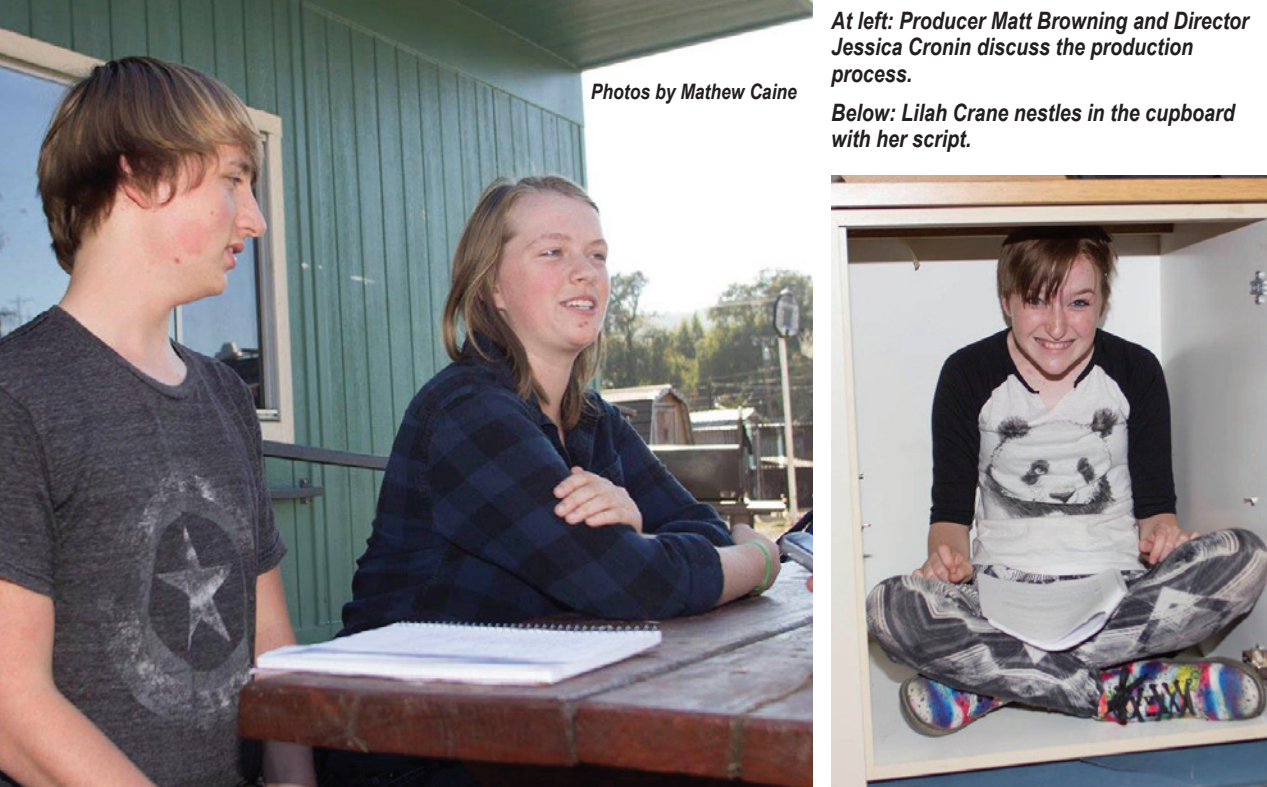
“The next production we’re looking at doing is ‘Grease,’” Browning says. “That one is going to be expensive.”

In the meantime, both Browning and Cronin agree that “Cabin Pressure,” with its manageable six-person cast, is the ideal type of show to take on as an all-youth endeavor.

“I learned that the smaller cast is wonderful, because I’m really going to get to know everybody,” says Cronin, who is stepping into the lead director role for the first time.

“It’s a lot different from assistant directing,” says Cronin.

Read the rest of **Cabin Fever** | Over on Page 11



At left: Producer Matt Browning and Director Jessica Cronin discuss the production process.

Below: Lilah Crane nestles in the cupboard with her script.

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led rehearsals with the full authority I have here. They really have to do everything I say. It’s fun.”

Cronin and Browning elucidated their love for theater, encouraging more youth to participate.

“I think that theater is a good way to get involved and get out there,” explains Browning. “Sure, you can go home and play video games, but it’s not the same feeling as stepping back when the show is actually running, and take a breath and say ‘wow!’”

“The kind of relationship you build with people doing theater is really unlike anything else that I’ve experienced,” says Cronin. “You can go into the situation with complete strangers and come out as really close friends.”

Currently Browning is attending classes at Mendocino College, and has ambitions to take his love and talent for producing to Los Angeles.

“I plan on transferring to UCLA to do film and television production,” says Browning. “They’re ambitious dreams, I know, but I think I can do it.”

The Willits Charter School’s production of “Cabin Pressure” is scheduled to run during the first three weekends of December at the Little Lake Grange on School Street in Willits.

The cast includes Chloe Breen, Dylan Foley, Farrow Lockwood, Lilah Crane, Destiny Anderson and Zoe Jordan.

The crew includes Michel Chenelle, Lucas Iverson, Tokyo Jordan, Nour Taha, Makayla McGrew, Jacob Anderson, Josh Redding, River Hickman and Finlay Moore.

For more information or to make a donation to the Theatre Arts Program at the Willits Charter School, call 459-5506.

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edges hand-frayed and “painted back into” the image, making them fresh and original. The show will be up through the end of the year, so make sure to stop by later since you probably won’t be able to see the paintings well through the crowd at the opening!

“Art-Song-Soup & Soul” will be Saturday, November 5, from 7 to 9:30 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street at Commercial. Marjo Wilson’s “Retrospective Ranch Art” paintings will be on display through December 31.

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was not on the original agenda for the meeting, a four-fifths vote was required to add it.

City Attorney Jim Lance explained to the council and the public about the legal requirement to get on record the extent of the emergency.

“If we’re proceeding on an emergency basis, and thus dispensing with time required to conduct formal competitive bidding, then we must have a vote by four-fifths approval that, No. 1, an emergency exists that justifies dispensing with further competitive bidding, and that it’s necessary to get started right away,” Lance said.

The Baechtel Grove Middle School gymnasium is one of three facilities the city shares with the school district, along with the swimming pool and the high school tennis courts.

“The roof on the gym is in very dire condition at this point and needs to be immediately replaced,” said Moore. “So, the school district has voted to allocate the funds to pay for the repair. But because the city is the owner of the facility, we need to be the contracting agency with the contractor that will do the work.”

Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman said: “There hasn’t been any maintenance done on that building in probably two decades. The roof sheeting itself is being severely water-damaged and in some places, completely rotted through. Some of this rot has eaten through to the roof trusses.”

Sherman explained the current roof is “composition” and was inadequate to handle the debris caused by overhanging oak trees.

“[The tree limbs] are only six or eight inches above the roof,” Sherman said. [The debris] just eats right through.”

Sherman told the council he has drawn up a set

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and the reconfiguration of Mendocino Avenue from a two-way to a one-way, eastbound street.

Both the Main Street Corridor plan and the Streets & Alleys project call for elimination of the current Van Lane entrance to the city parking lot. Access would be limited to Schmidbauer Lane (between It’s Time and the Noyo Theater) from East Commercial Street, a restriction Ardella’s owner Lori Dorholt is concerned might be bad for businesses like hers.

“I would hope to encourage you folks that parking is still a premium problem down by us,” Dorholt said. “We have five businesses there and seven parking places, maybe 11 if you add Main Street parking.”

Dorholt said many tourists wouldn’t make the extra effort to hook around to East Commercial, then to Schmidbauer Lane to access the parking lot.

“They’re going to go where it’s convenient,” Dorholt said. “If downtown is going to be viable, it can’t be that complicated. This isn’t Amsterdam.”

Councilman Larry Stranske echoed Dorholt’s concern, while Main Street Music and Video owner Pete Swanton voiced his approval of the plan’s recommended elimination of the Main Street entrance.

“I love what they’ve come up with,” Swanton said. “If it means people have to make two right-hand turns to get into the city parking lot. I see that as absolutely no problem. Just use proper signage.”

PlaceWorks landscape architect John Hykes, who presented the draft report, along with City Planner Dusty Duley, said adequate wayward signing is included in the plan, to give visitors clear directions to area parking.

Hykes pointed out that by eliminating the Main Street entrance, “it makes for a better pedestrian thoroughfare” and creates, what Councilwoman Holly Madrigal called a “city square” by connecting East and West Van Lanes.

The plans call for a widened elevated crosswalk across Main Street, an archway at the entrance of West Van Lane, complete repaving of the alleys on both west and east sides, and an extended plaza-like atmosphere surrounding the Willits Community Theatre.

According to the draft report, a transformed Van Lane will “provide a centralized resting spot for pedestrians travelling along Main Street” and “expand this space into the existing public parking lot to create a more effective plaza space.”

However, many people opposed changing Mendocino Avenue from a two-way to a one-way street, and the east side of Wood Street to one-way, both of which are recommended in the draft report.

“Wood Street is already one-way, and I don’t see the benefits of changing the east side [of Wood Street] to one-way,” Madrigal said. “Mendocino Avenue is a major thoroughfare to go to Brookside School.”

Willits City Council candidate Saprina Rodriguez agreed. “I’m not in favor of the one-way direction.”

Duley explained some of the reasoning behind the one-way recommendation.

“The one-way idea was supported by the Public Works Department [because] Mendocino is an undersized street,” Duley said. “It doesn’t meet the standards for a two-way street.”

He added that by making Mendocino and East Wood Street one-directional, there is a potential to add more parking spots.

Hykes concurred, explaining: “If you did not do the extended sidewalk [as recommended], you could keep it at a 6-foot [wide] sidewalk, which would keep Mendocino at 26 feet [in width], allowing for the potential of parking on both sides and one narrow through lane. This was suggested recently by the Public Works Department.”

Both Duley and Hykes emphasized that “nothing is written in stone,” and the plan is subject to revision.

“Any revisions we identify tonight will be made, and we’ll [be bringing] the final versions of both back to the council concurrently with the Main Street Project,” during a December 6 special meeting, Duley explained.

While the two projects are technically separate in scope they are, Duley said, “very much related. There are a number of goals [in the Streets & Alleys Project] that mirror

our Main Street Project.”

Such goals include:

1. Beautify and enhance downtown
2. Provide better accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. Maintain parking and provide loading zones for downtown merchants.
4. Encourage local and regional bicycle and pedestrian mobility.
5. Improve public gathering spaces in downtown.
6. Improve traffic safety ad visibility for motorists.
7. Improve lighting, wayfinding signage and landscaping throughout downtown.

The boundaries of the project’s area of study are: State Street to the north; School Street to the West; California Street to the south; and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad tracks to the east.

#### Other proposed changes

The Streets & Alleys draft report begins with detailed maps and pictures of the area’s existing conditions. From there the report details “priority project areas,” and offers design recommendations.

At the Main and Commercial Street intersection, the report includes (but is not limited to): protected left-turn phasing and dedicated left-turn lanes on Commercial Street through the removal of on-street parking adjacent to the intersection; pedestrian bulb-outs to shorten crosswalk distances; and eastbound right turns on Commercial Street accommodated via a right-turn pocket shared with the bike lane.

Recommended changes for West Commercial Street include: bike lanes along the north curb; replacing street parking; and removal of existing diagonal parking along the south side of the street, to be replaced with new parallel parking or a diagonal parking alternative.

Along with repaving the Muir Lane, and East and West Van lanes, Schmidbauer Lane will receive a pedestrian striping makeover, with parallel parking on parts of Muir Lane and enhanced alleyway lighting.

Recommended changes for East Commercial Street include: New southbound dedicated left-turn lane; westbound thru-and-right-turn lane at Main Street; shift westbound bicycle lane at the curb west of the fire department; and removal of northside on-street parking (loss of four to five spaces); relocation of four diagonal parking spaces reserved for better bicycle facility; and additional public parallel parking spaces (gain of two to three spaces).

Mayor Bruce Burton reminded everyone that the bypass is nearly open, and further discussion on the Streets & Alley Connectivity Study should be placed on hold until it can be determined to what extent traffic on Main Street will actually be reduced.

Current estimates place the reduction at 20 to 25 percent

“It’s going to be an overnight change to traffic [after the bypass opens],” Burton said. “It will take probably six months for people to figure out their new shopping habits and their new ways to and from work and how that works. I’m going to be very reluctant to make any commitments about redesigning traffic flow downtown until I have an opportunity to see what the traffic is.”

City Manager Adrienne Moore said that, unlike with the Main Street Relinquishment Project, the Streets & Alleys project has only been funded at the planning level; there are no funds yet to start construction.

“We’ve got this study and the Main Street plan under grants we pursued last year,” Moore said. “When you receive those grants, you’re held under a timeline to get the [design plans] that grant is covering completed.”

“We have some flexibility [and can] allow some time to pass to recognize if some of these ideas are going to work,” Duley added. “There’s nothing that requires us to complete the construction to go along with the plan in any kind of timeframe.”

“This plan is a placeholder on the shelf until you get funding for it,” Burton said. “Not until you spend the money on construction are you dialed into this plan.”

The draft report for the Downtown Willits Streets & Alleys Connectivity Study, as well as the Main Street Corridor Enhancement Plan, can be viewed at <http://thecityofwillits.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/10-26-16-Agenda-Packet-Council.pdf>.

The rest of **AT&T** | From Page 1

for the next six years to implement the program.

The technology is dual. Electronic signal will be provided to cell towers in the county by fiber optic lines. From these towers, broadband signals will be beamed to small receivers placed at customer homes. Each home also will be provided with a wireless router to translate the signal from the exterior receiver to a computer in the customer’s home.

Blakeman said AT&T has sufficient funding to connect 141,500 homes and businesses in the company service area.

He noted company management does not yet know how many homes the company will be able to connect in Mendocino County.

He did say that, at present, AT&T engineers have designed a system that will use eight AT&T cell towers already in the county, and the company will either construct several new towers or lease space on existing towers owned by other companies.

The system design, he said, calls for 14 of these newly built or extant, leased towers to be utilized.

AT&T plans to use already existing towers in Branscomb, Potter Valley, Arboles, south of Hopland, east of Hopland, south of Boonville, east of Philo and near Ten Mile Road in the Gualala area.

The company plans to build new or lease existing towers in areas north of Sherwood Road, near Mariposa Creek Road, north of Potter Valley, south of Potter Valley, near Boonville, Gualala, Fish Hook Road, in Manchester, north of Manchester, in Navarro, east of Albion, in Comptche and south of Fort Bragg.

Trish Steel of the Mendocino County Broadband Alliance said that while the investment AT&T will be making will help internet users in the county, that is not enough.

“Is it a good step forward? Absolutely,” Steel said. “The technology is line-of-sight. It is not going to create universal service. We need to continue to put pressure on big providers to expand their service and increase their speed.”

Steel noted the money for the program comes ultimately from a tax on customers.

#### AT&T improves system resiliency

Blakeman also presented a brief report to supervisors on steps AT&T has taken to provide “resiliency” to its communications system on the North Coast area, including Mendocino County.

“Resiliency” is a term that, when applied to the world of communications systems, means a system can withstand a break in service at one point. Even when one point in the network is broken or down, other avenues of communication remain viable and so modern electronic communication can continue.

Resiliency was needed in summer 2015, when a break in the main communication line between Santa Rosa and Eureka occurred, plunging a large part of Mendocino County into an internet blackout.

Blakeman said AT&T has added a lot of fiber optic lines into the regional system, resulting in what he termed, “a circuitous spider-web like network all over the county.

These upgrades provide geographic diversity (another term for resiliency) to over 91 percent of the fiber in the North Coast. This includes utilizing full diversity along the Highway 36 fiber line.

“These improvements allow our network to be self-healing when a fiber cut occurs, and will help protect phone and internet services for consumers and businesses in the North Coast from outages,” Blakeman said.

He said the work the company has done has already improved the level of service. “The recent Clayton Fire in Lake County provides an example. When the fire burned a section of fiber cable, most wired traffic was re-routed along diverse fiber paths. This maintained service to the greater region and contained the affected area to a much smaller footprint,” Blakeman said.

According to Blakeman: “The county is now diverse everywhere except for the Fort Bragg to Westport area. This project does not guarantee there will never be an outage again. There will be cuts. There will be outages. But the goal of our resiliency plan is to minimize the number of cuts, and minimize the number of people who will be affected by that cut to the maximum extent possible.”





# Fit-N-Fabulous

Exercise studio in Evergreen Shopping Center offers play and study spaces for kids, too

Well, folks, the holidays are nearly upon us, which – for some of us – will mean the gain of a few unwanted pounds. So it may be the perfect time to check out Fit-N-Fabulous, a new work-out facility started by Beatriz Sanchez, which opened October 1 in the Evergreen Shopping Center in the former Curves location.

Andria Stone  
Features Writer

Fit-N-Fabulous offers the usual variety of exercise equipment one would expect to find at a gym, but it also offers something a lot of fitness places don't: childcare. "I wanted to bring something that Willits doesn't have," Sanchez said. "it's difficult to have a good workout if you're worried about your kids."

The facility provides a playroom for younger kids, as well as a space for older kids to do homework or to study, and there are plans to have a tutor on site as well. "I had a vision to make this an all-in-one spot," said Sanchez, who has a young daughter herself. Sanchez feels providing spaces for kids will help "individuals who can't get to the gym because of not having daycare."

The newly redecorated space is professional yet inviting, with an almost spa-like atmosphere. Though at this point there are only dressing rooms, Beatriz plans to eventually have showers and locker rooms. There are also plans to add yoga and piyo (a combination of Pilates and yoga)

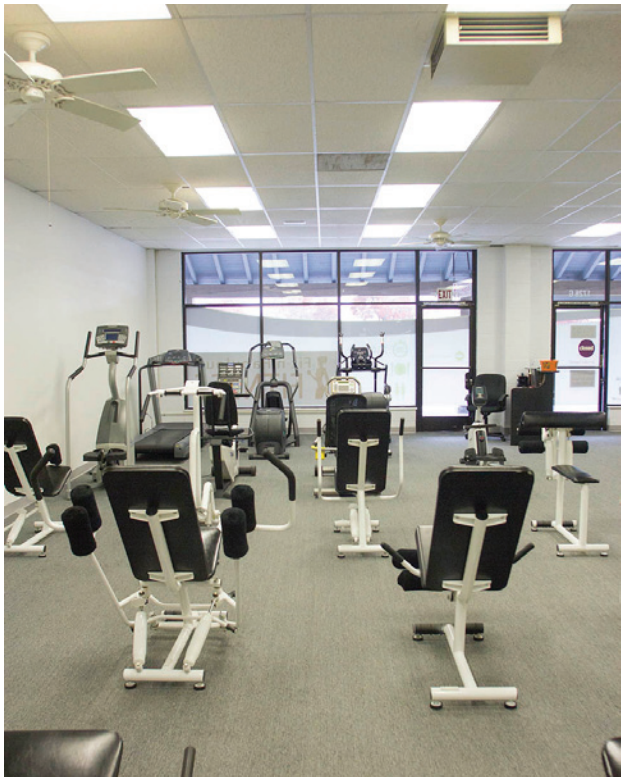
classes. Currently, members may take part in half-hour circuit training with a trainer, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 5:30 am, or they can come in to use the equipment on their own.

Fit-N-Fabulous is also working to reestablish the "Silver Sneakers" program, which allows American Association of Retired People members to bill the cost of membership to their insurance company, and is partnering with Howard Memorial Hospital to provide membership options to hospital personnel. As membership grows, Sanchez said, she will find out what else people would like the gym to offer.

Though the facility is primarily geared toward women, anyone is invited to join.

In 2007, Sanchez decided she wanted to make some changes in her life and began to eat healthier and to exercise. After a "major weight loss," she said, she "found that working out is something I really need in my life. Since having my baby I've gained back some weight, but I tell people, 'That's life.' You lose weight, and then maybe you gain it again, but you just have to get back into it. Never give up!"

Fit-N-Fabulous is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 7 pm and on Saturdays from 7 am to noon. For more information, contact Sanchez at 456-0751.



Above, left: Fit-N-Fabulous in the Evergreen Shopping Center opened October 1 where Curves used to be. Above, right: Beatriz Sanchez, owner of the new Fit-N-Fabulous in the Evergreen Shopping Center, with her baby, Miliani. At right, above: Workout equipment inside the new Fit-N-Fabulous studio. Fit-N-Fabulous has a playroom for the little ones, and a study area for older kids.



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# Costumed Critters

Willits Mendo Mill holds first annual Pet Costume Contest for Halloween

More than a dozen decorated pets came – with their owners – to the Willits Mendo Mill store to compete for three titles up for grabs during the first annual Pet Costume Contest.

The event was held on Saturday, October 29 in the store's new pet department. Judges included Mendo Mill's TK Warner, Tonya Howe and Jennifer Faustina, and Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore.

Three categories were available: scariest, most unique, and best overall. Nala, owned

by Stephanie and Serenity Campos, won for scariest; Cayman, owned by Bobbi Lippmann, won for most unique; and Sparky, owned by Corazon Elliott, won for best overall. Prizes of \$25 gift cards to Mendo Mill went to Lippmann and Campos, and a \$50 gift card went to Elliott. The Campos ladies also took home the Evanger's door prize, a basket filled to the brim with treats and goodies for pets.

Mendo Mill plans to hold the contest annually and welcomes all next year.

Below, from left: Bobbi Lippmann and Cayman the Zebra, who won the most unique costume award. Corazon Elliott and Sparky, who won the best overall costume award. Stephanie and Serenity Campos and their dog, Nala, who won the scariest costume award, with a depiction of "Kujo."

Above: participants in Mendo Mill's Pet Costume Contest, including, from left: Sparky, Zoe, Max, Tinkerbelle, Echo, Peaches and Nala. Sparky won for overall costume, and Nala won for scariest costume. Below: Owners and their dogs pose for a group photo, including: Bobbi Lippmann with Cayman and Kona; Rachel Belvin with Trigger and Gus; and Serenity and Stephanie Campos and Selma Navarro, with Sandy.



Below, from left: The rest of the 2016 costume contest entries, including from left: Rusty, Rex, Gus, Cayman, Kona and Trigger.



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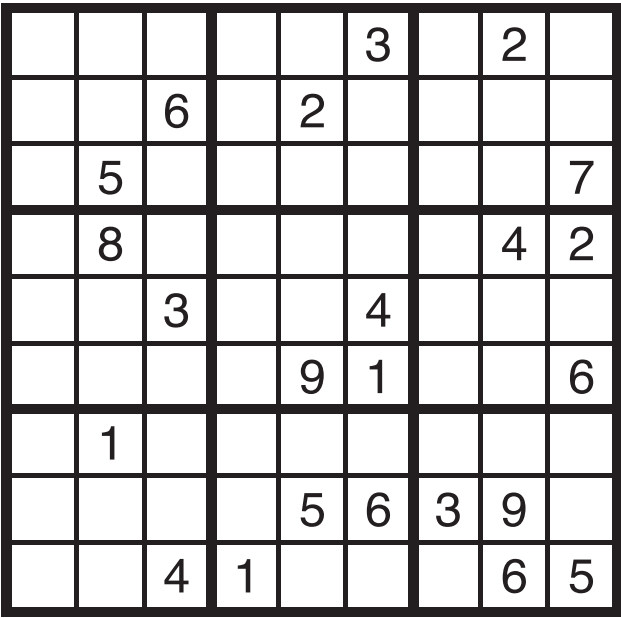
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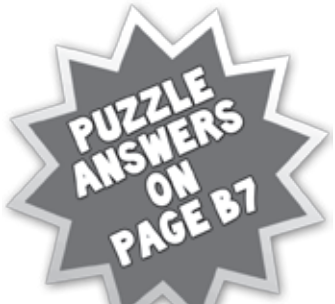
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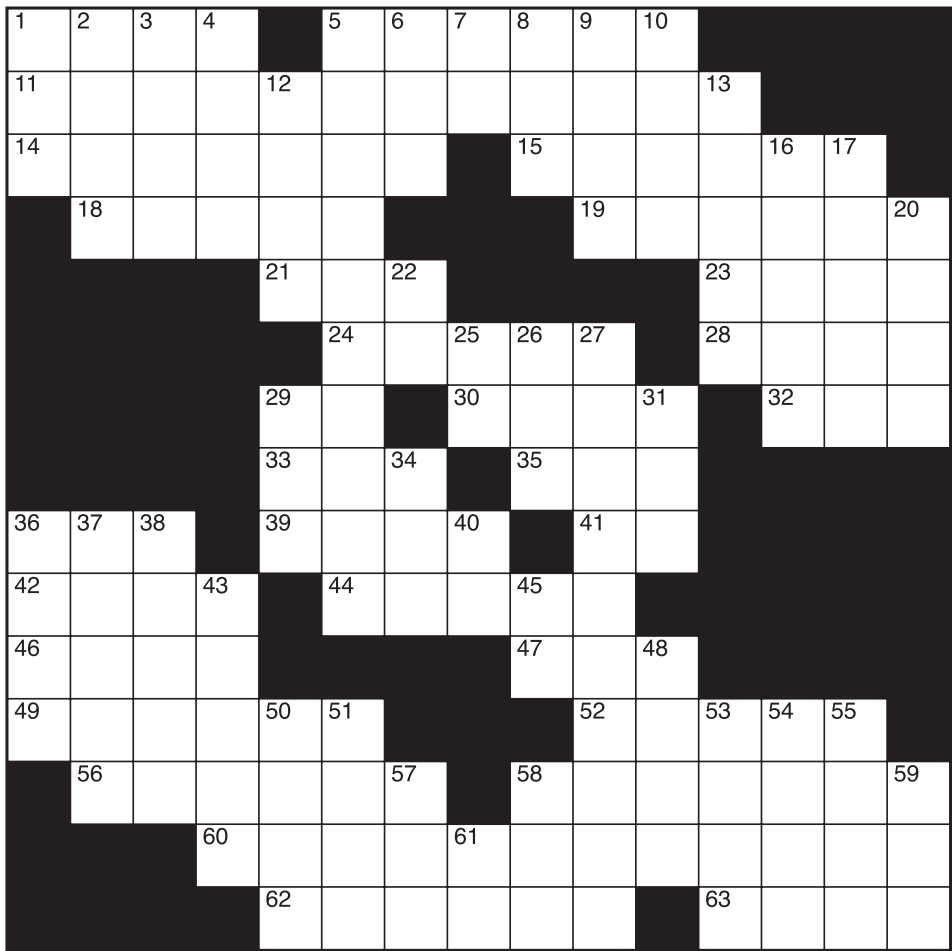


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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Famed Spanish General's nickname
5. Drink alcohol
11. Savings for soggy days
14. Kleenex, Puffs are some
15. Moved in a circular way
18. Pile of stones
19. Drenched
21. Talk to you (abbr.)
23. World's longest river
24. Thoughts
28. Stake
29. Lawrence Taylor's nickname
30. Coat or smear
32. Comedian Josh
33. Cost, insurance, freight (abbr.)
35. Royal Bank of Canada
36. Polyvinyl chloride
39. Lifeless
41. Doctor of Medicine
42. Former Saudi Arabian king
44. River along border of India and Nepal
46. German widow

## CLUES DOWN

1. Expression of creative skill
2. Nonclerical
3. Credit card company
4. Ancient Chinese city
5. Personas
6. More (Spanish)
7. Close to
8. Nigerian City
9. Pals
10. Internal
12. Type of tent
13. Beloved Princess
16. Supplementing with difficulty
17. Region in Mississippi
20. Brave act

22. 36 inches
25. --, denotes past
26. Swiss river
27. Submersibles
29. Portable computer screen material
31. Binary-coded decimal
34. Supervises flying
36. Represents dull, abrupt sound
37. Deformity involving a limb
38. Map
40. Dominican Republic
43. Breed of hogs
45. District attorney
48. Light Russian pancake
50. Selves
51. Rock songstress Turner
53. American Music Awards
54. Partner
55. Egyptian Sun god
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58. Consumed
59. Doctor of Education
61. Actinium

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## Imagination Library

FIRST 5 Mendocino has given away nearly 209,450 free books to local kids

As of October, FIRST 5 Mendocino has given away 209,450 free books to Mendocino County kids, thanks to Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library" program and to local donors.

There are 3,358 children enrolled in the program countywide, including 558 kids in Willits.

FIRST 5 Mendocino launched the free book program in April 2009 to promote reading at home with children, from birth to age 5.

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a tax of 50 cents per pack on cigarettes to support programs, including FIRSET 5 Mendocino, for expectant parents and children ages 0 to 5.

The "Imagination Library" program is free for all Mendocino County children. Children receive one book a month from enrollment until age 5, which means that for children who enroll at birth, they will receive the full library of 60 books before they enter kindergarten.

"Our generous supporters and

donors are the reason for this program. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to make over 200,000 smiles at the mailboxes throughout Mendocino County!" says Roseanne Ibarra, executive director of FIRST 5 Mendocino.

"There are children enrolled from Gualala to Piercy and everywhere in between. Thanks to our wonderful and generous donors, this program has grown over the years to help many, many children in the county have access to high-quality reading material, for free! Introducing books to children is one of the most important keys to early brain development. With this program, we are sending books directly into the homes of Mendocino County children and fostering a love of books from the start," said FIRST 5 Mendocino Program Manager, Menaka Olson.

FIRST 5 Mendocino encourages parents to spend 20 minutes a day reading with their children. Parents can enroll their child in the Imagination Library by visiting the FIRST 5 Mendocino website at [www.MendoChildren.org](http://www.MendoChildren.org): Click on "What We do" for children who enroll at birth, they will receive the full library of 60 books before they enter kindergarten.

— submitted by FIRST 5 Mendocino

Malkah, center, reads "The Princess Knight" to Diego and Shanti.



Cleaning up the site for the "Reflection Bench" dedication ceremony, from left: Tom Moore, Roger Ham, John Frankum, Dominic Favalora, and Zack Ireland.

Photo by Ruth Hubbell

## Veterans Day

First responder breakfast and 'Reflection Bench' dedication ceremony

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sons of the American Legion posts of Mendocino County have sponsored the placement of a "Reflection Bench" to the left of the Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits.

The bench will be dedicated with a brief Veterans Day ceremony, Friday, November 11 at 2 pm.

The bench, in black granite to match the Veterans Memorial, is intended to allow visitors a place to sit as they reflect on the lost lives of the veterans inscribed on the memorial, as well as the veterans of all wars involving the United States of America.

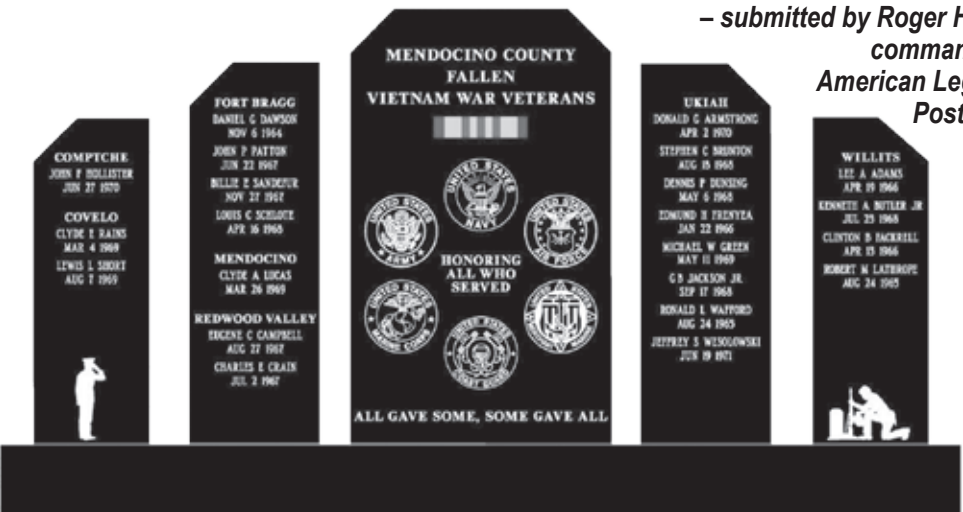
The event is being coordinated by the Willits American Legion Post 174 and the Mendocino County Museum. Due to the brevity of the ceremony, seating will not be provided.

The museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street, will be open from 10 am to 4:30 pm on November 11 to commemorate Veterans Day and allow people to visit the "Veterans History: Personal" display in the Main Lobby, and the rest of the museum as well. Veteran volunteers will be present to share information and answer questions about the exhibits and the memorial.

Museum admission will be waived for veterans, active duty personnel, and their families in recognition of their service, on Veterans Day. Regular admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for ages 6 to 20.

The Willits Post 174 of the American Legion also offers their annual Veterans Day Breakfast, on Friday, November 11 from 8 to 11 am at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Breakfast is free to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy and Girl Scouts.

— submitted by Roger Ham, commander, American Legion Post 174



## A Hot Buttered Bluegrass Night

Farm school Halloween benefit at the Little Lake Grange

The Hot Buttered Rum Halloween party Saturday night at the Grange was a rocking good time, with the costumed crowd enjoying great bluegrass music, food and drink.

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"We had a good crowd," said promoter Da Grand Pooba.

"Willits again came together and showed

that under one roof we all get along. The good news is that Hot Buttered Rum plans to continue to come to Willits to play on Halloween. They have 'pledged allegiance' to Willits because they love the crowd. They're really joyful to come here and share the music, because this is a really wonderful town."

This year's Halloween show at the Grange, like

last year's, raised funds for the Grange School of Adaptive Agriculture. Total funds raised are still not known, but "it was a financially successful show," Pooba said. "We did well. The thing, though, that made the farm school and the production crew and the band smile wasn't the money: what made us smile more than anything was to feel the juice that was in the room."

Opening the show was bluegrass legend and Grammy Award-winner Peter Rowan, a singer-songwriter who's been working the stage for more than five decades.

"Peter Rowan went out of his way to contact me to be a part of what we're doing at the Grange,"

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Above, from left: Dinner attendees Lisa Davis and John Kvasnicka of Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli. Mike Garitty and Misty Gonzalez of Willits Power and Hardware. Laura and Robert Walker of Sparetime Supply. Suzi Kelley and Danya Davis of Sparetime Supply. Jeff and Bobbie Yokum of Yokum's Body Shop. Andrew and Laurin Hosford of Sparetime Supply. Margie, Mike and Alana Smith of Willits Furniture and La Bodega. Below, from left: Jaime Wilkes and Paul and Diana Hosford of Sparetime Supply. Dinner MC Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman. The new bypass will offer drivers a lovely valley view once opened to traffic on November 3. Willits City Planner Dusty Duley, left, talks with event attendees under the tent. Willits City Councilwoman Holly Madrigal and her husband, Gabe.



Below, from left: Tables were arranged in long rows running almost the length of the tents. Attendees were able to gather together and talk with others throughout the dinner. The Gibson Creek band played in the appetizer tent. Stephen Lawler gave a Native American blessing.



Photos by Maureen Moore



Above, left: Willits City Mayor Bruce Burton speaks to the crowd. Above, right: Linda Posner, left, and Helen Sizemore give a blessing before the meal. Below, left: Katrina Kessen of BARRA of Mendocino and Holly Madrigal. Below, right: Willits Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Epstein talks at the podium at the front of the tent. At bottom, left: Attendees listen to the speakers from their seats at the dinner table. At bottom, right: Sharon and Bear Kamoroff smile at the dinner.



### The rest of Supper

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Lisa Epstein, president of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, talked about the "varied and deeply held emotions" about the construction of the bypass around Willits, seen as a "symbol of waste and destruction," as well as "a new beginning."

The event was complete with four blessings: first a Jewish blessing, led by Linda Posner who, with her friend Helen Sizemore, first sang a blessing "over the food."

Uniformed members of the Willits chapter of Future Farmers of America – helped by some professional wait staffers – started bringing out the butternut squash soup as the first blessing ended. "Now for a blessing over the delicious bread," Posner said. "Everybody touch a roll, or touch somebody who is touching a roll."

The blessing culminated – as did the offerings of all the speakers – with a lively and loud round of applause from the crowd.

Next, Sheriff Allman introduced "the most important person here out of 240 people, Edie Ceccarelli, who is 108 years old. Edie is probably the only person here who remembers when there was no discussion of the bypass."

Allman went on to introduce some other dignitaries in attendance, including Second District Supervisor John McCowen, Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo, former sheriff Jim Tuso, District Attorney David Eyster, Patricia Hickey from the Mendocino County Resources Conservation District (the agency in charge of monitoring the mitigation for the Willits bypass project), four members of the Willits City Council: Mayor Bruce Burton, Vice Mayor Ron Orenstein, Councilwoman Holly Madrigal and Councilman Larry Stranske, Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore, Willits City Planner Dusty Duley, Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzalez, former Willits Mayor Denny McIntyre, Phil Frisbie and Rick Knapp from Caltrans, Randy England from the California Highway Patrol, and Heather Gurewitz, representing Congressman Jared Huffman. But, Allman said, "You're all VIPs in my eyes."

The next blessing was a Native American blessing from Stephen Lawler, who talked about the decades-long wait for the bypass, and the disturbance of Native archeological sites. He asked the Great Spirit to bless the Native Pomo people with forgiveness, and to grant

safety to travelers, and to bring "unity and harmony among our community, and abundance and joy." Lawler played a drum and a flute, sang a chant, and lit some sage to smudge the bypass.

Mayor Burton also talked about "how long this has been in the coming," and told a story about friends of the family Ralph and Elizabeth Watson, who bought a ranch in the Willits valley in the late 1950s, but decided to rent a house instead of building on the property right away because "they didn't know where the freeway would be routed. They rented that house for 50 years," Burton said.

The mayor also gave credit to two colleagues who'd been advocating for the bypass project for years: Mendocino Council of Governments executive director Phil Dow and former Third District Supervisor John Pinches. "This bypass will change the face of our community," Burton said. "We'll get to have a future for our community, now that it's not bisected by regional traffic."

Supervisor McCowen applauded the chamber and all the volunteers: "You did a fantastic job putting this together." He also praised former Supervisor Pinches, who was "dogged in his determination"

to get the project completed. "Your local chamber needs your support," McCowen added: "How does Willits position itself to go forward?" He also assured the locals present that the county board of supervisors "will work cooperatively with the Willits Chamber of Commerce in designing any future changes on the north and south interchanges."

Sam Senerchia offered the next blessing, a traditional Buddhist chant invoking the spirit of compassion, but prefaced it with a wish that "each child, and each teen first behind the wheel" would be safe on the bypass, with all other travelers.

FFA servers started bringing out the main dish, a grilled pork tenderloin stuffed with pears, grapes, apples, and Gorgonzola cheese, topped with a port sauce, with Brussels sprouts and julienne red potatoes. Dessert featured handmade Kemmy's "Black and Blue Pie."

Dennis Long, chaplain from Howard Memorial Hospital, finished off the event with a Christian blessing that the crowd gave a hearty "amen" to, and then the guests took one last look out over the valley and started boarding the shuttles to take them back home.



At top: Looking south at the southern interchange. Above, left: FFA parent Bonnie Riley and FFA advisor Kelley Case-Brackett. Above, right: Lee Persico enjoys the speeches at the dinner.



At top: Future Farmers of America Willits High School chapter members helped serve the dinner. Above: Deputy Sheriff Alex Johnston. Below: Tammy Long of Phoenix Hospice and Dennis Long, chaplain of Howard Memorial Hospital, smile for the camera.







Above, from left: Tour guides Nora Raha, Aidan Bryant and Cera Byer stand ready to escort attendees through the Willits Charter School's "Poe's Haunted House." Tokyo Jordan awaits her next victim. The halls, draped with spooky spiderwebs. Below: Farrow, Alexis, Lilah, Sophia, Leilani, Chloe and Kaylee, costumed as demented dolls. At right: Amarah Potter scares the guests. Far right: Cassie Hefte and Jadelyn Caldwell.



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Above: Destin Von Tauffkirchen.



Above, left: Kaylee Anderson's blood-curdling scream. Above, right: Sol, Katherine and Kaya get candy after a scare.



Above, left: Chainsaw Man Dustin chases Kaya Slover. Above, right: Levi Skaggs.



## School's a Scream at **Poe's Haunted House**

at the Willits Charter School



Above: Lili Crain.



At top: Members of Hot Buttered Rum jam with Peter Rowan. Above: Emily Carruthers and Jana Carter. Below: Luna, Michelle and Katie. The three Minnie Mouseketeers: Lisa Austin, Gary Wertz and little Loretta Dale.

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### The rest of **Bluegrass** | From Page B3

Pooba said. "He called me through his bass player, who knows one of my sound techs – outside of normal connections – and said he'd heard about what we were doing at the Grange and wanted to help. He said: 'I have a lot of dear friends in Mendocino County that I want to come and play to.'"

"In my view, Peter Rowan has done more to change bluegrass and the perception of what it is, than anybody else. If there hadn't been a Peter Rowan, it's likely there wouldn't have been a Grateful Dead, there wouldn't have been a String Cheese or Leftover Salmon. He's been one of the ambassadors to the art of jumping out of the box."

Pooba praised the cuisine of Mama J's Zocalo Collective. "The food was spectacular," he said, including a gluten-free "Hot Buttered Rum Cake," that was made from scratch from locally sourced ingredients.

"I'd like to give a huge thank you to everybody who attended," Pooba said, "for being the best crowd of any show I've done."

Pooba's next Cosmic Pickle Productions show is set for New Year's Eve. "We're doing a day of Brazilian arts at the Willits Art Center, with samba dance and drumming taught by members of SambaDá and a light lunch of Brazilian soup and salad." The New Year's Eve dance at the Grange will feature SambaDá and Pura Vida.

### In re: Willits Weekly Petitioner Case No. MCVK-CVCV-16-20199

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Notice is hereby given that Willits Weekly will apply for an order declaring it to be a newspaper of general circulation to the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino on November 18, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department E of the above court located at 100 N. State Street in the City of Ukiah in the matter of In Re Petition of Willits Weekly, Mendocino County Superior Court Special Proceeding No. MCVK-CVCV-16-20199.

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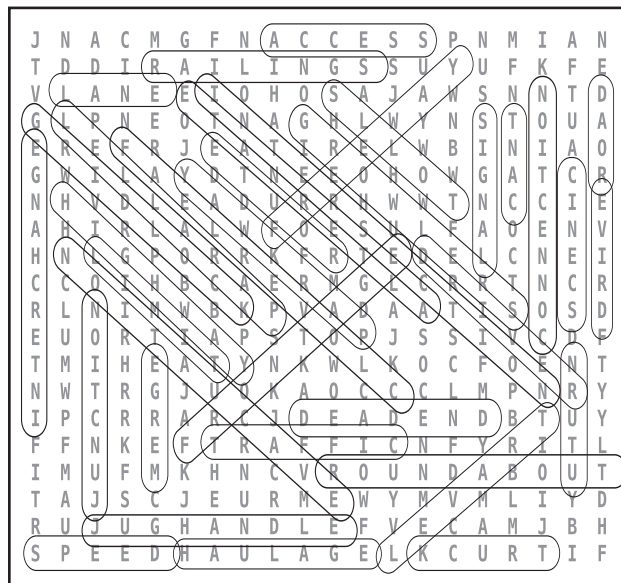
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**Thanksgiving  
volunteers!**

Willits Community  
Services seeks volunteers  
to help serve at its 27th  
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am to 3 pm, November 24  
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More info or to sign up:  
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# November 2016 Calendar

## MONDAY

**POINTS  
DAYS 5X  
POINTS**

All Players Club members will earn 5X Points from 10A to 11P on the days of the promotion!

## SPIN & WIN TUESDAY

November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

## HOT SEATS!

### Early Session:

12P ending at 3P - 2 random winners/hour (6 winners total)

### Evening Session:

7P through 9P: 2 random winners/hour (4 winners total)

9P to 10P: 3 random winners/hour (3 winners total)

Each winner will have a chance to spin the wheel and win from \$25 to \$100



## THURSDAY

### SUPER SENIOR DAY

50% discount food coupon issued (to be used for that day only) when the customer has earned minimally 50 points from 10A to 7P.



**\$100 GAME**  
11AM, 12PM & 150 FOR 1PM & 2PM  
**\$200 GAME**  
7PM & 8PM  
**\$250 GAME**  
9PM  
**\$300 GAME**  
10PM

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 11A, 12P, 2P & 2P bingo games. Players Club members must have earned minimally 75 points throughout the day to receive a bingo card for the 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games.

ANY SENIOR (55+) THAT WINS A BINGO GAME (Not a second chance) WILL WIN A \$50 FREE PLAY BINGO.

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 10A for the 11A game, and 9P for the 7P game. The 10P, 12P, 2P & 2P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended. If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners. For the 1P, 2P and 9P & 10P, there will be a "Second Chance Win" announced before each of the specific games.

After a confirmed bingo for these four games (and the winning customer has been pronounced) the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 1P and 2P game and \$100 Cash for the 9P & 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

-Ticket Entry Drawings -20 Points/Entry  
May start to redeem points for entries starting at 11A  
Each drawing time has a prize value to it



**PROGRESSIVE DRAWING  
PAYDAY!**

7:00PM <b>\$100</b>	8:00PM <b>\$100</b>	WIN CASH FROM 7-11! <b>\$125</b>	9:00PM <b>\$125</b>
9:30PM <b>\$175</b>	10:00PM <b>\$200</b>	10:30 PM <b>\$250</b>	11:00PM <b>\$300</b>

At each drawing (except the 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example, if the 7P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 8P drawing and will be worth \$200.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize. Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.



**Veterans Day**  
November 11th

10:00A to 4:00P  
All players Club members that earn minimally 60 points, may redeem their points for a Sherwood Valley Casino/Veteran's T-Shirt (while supplies last).

## Gobble GOBBLE HOT SEATS

NOVEMBER 12

### Round #1:

11 AM to 12 PM - 3 random winners per hour;  
12 PM to 1 PM - 3 random winners per hour;  
1 PM to 2 PM - 3 random winners per hour.

Each winner will win \$50 in Free Play & a Turkey.

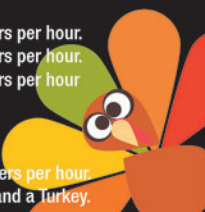
### Round #2:

5 PM to 6 PM - 3 random winners per hour.  
6 PM to 7 PM - 3 random winners per hour.  
7 PM to 8 PM - 3 random winners per hour.

Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play and a Turkey.

9 PM to 11 PM - 4 random winners per hour.

Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play and a Turkey.



## SATURDAY FUN NOVEMBER 5 & 26



### HOT SEATS (FREE PLAY)

#### Round #1:

11 AM to 12 PM - 2 random winners per hour;  
12 PM to 1 PM - 2 random winners per hour;  
1 PM to 2 PM - 2 random winners per hour.  
Each winner will win \$50 in Free Play.  
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$20 to be eligible for Round #1.

#### Round #3:

9 PM to 10 PM - 3 random winners per hour.  
Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play.  
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$40 to be eligible for Round #3.

#### Round #2:

5 PM to 6 PM - 2 random winners per hour.  
6 PM to 7 PM - 2 random winners per hour.  
7 PM to 8 PM - 2 random winners per hour.  
Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play.  
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$30 to be eligible for Round #2.

#### Round #4:

10 PM to 11 PM - 3 random winners per hour.  
Each winner will win \$150 in Free Play.  
Customers will have to play a minimum of \$50 to be eligible for Round #4.

All winner(s) must use their promotional "Free Play" by 2 AM the night they won, or the Free Play will be removed from their account.  
Customers may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.

## HOT WEDNESDAYS HOT SEATS

**EARLY SESSION: 12P ENDING AT 3P**  
2 RANDOM WINNERS/HOUR (6 TOTAL WINNERS)  
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$30 IN FREE PLAY

### EVENING SESSION:

7P ENDING AT 10P  
3 RANDOM WINNERS/HOUR (9 TOTAL WINNERS)  
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$60 IN FREE PLAY

### 10P TO 11P

3 RANDOM WINNERS/HOUR (3 WINNERS)  
EACH WINNER WILL WIN \$100 IN FREE PLAY

NOVEMBER 24

THANKSGIVING DAY



THERE WILL BE TWO  
ADDITIONAL  
BINGO GAMES AT:

10:45P \$350  
11:20P \$400

## Scratch Card Sunday! 10am-8pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club). Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be:

**\$10 Free Play   \$20 Free Play   \$50 Free Play**  
**\$75 Free Play   \$100 Free Play**  
**\$20 Cash   \$50 Cash   \$100 Cash**

## New Year's Eve 4 Wheelin Extravaganza!

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Ticket Entries: Wednesday,  
November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
(20 points/entry)

Saturday November 5, 12, 19, 26  
(20 points/entry)

Sunday November 6, 13, 20 & 27  
(20 points/entry)

On Wednesdays, Saturdays & Sundays  
(the above dates) entries will start  
being given out at 10A and will  
end at 10:45P on all the above  
dates except December 31st



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