



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Wreaths Across America

To the Editor:

This year, National Wreaths Across America day will be held on Saturday, December 15. This annual tribute to America's veterans, organized by the national Wreaths Across America group with the help of local volunteers, has been placing wreaths on veterans graves since it started in 1992 in Harrington, Maine.

Locally, a ceremony will begin at 9 am at the Willits Cemetery, located at 1200 Highway 20, followed by the placement of wreaths at all three cemeteries in the Cemetery District of the Redwoods. Together, the Willits Cemetery, Little Lake Cemetery and Sherwood Cemetery are where 504 local veterans are laid to rest. This ceremony open to anyone who would like to attend.

In 2017, there were approximately 300 wreaths placed at our local cemeteries, leaving 204 without a veterans' wreath. This year our goal is to cover every veteran grave. With the generosity of the community of Willits, we are hoping to meet this goal and ensure no veteran is forgotten. Each hand-made, fresh, live wreath costs \$15 to sponsor. Wreaths are made in the United States with Maine balsam. If more than one wreath is sponsored with the fundraising group, the cost is \$10 per wreath.

On behalf of the volunteers and military families looking to honor all the veterans laid to rest at Cemetery District of the Redwoods, and the Wreaths Across America extended family, I thank you for your consideration of this patriotic cause. For more information about how to sponsor a wreath, contact, Natalie Spackman, Willits 4-H Club, 707-841-7214, willits4hclub@gmail.com or Kelley Brackett, Willits FFA, 707-272-0871, willits4hclub@gmail.com. Or visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org), using this information to sponsor: Fundraising Group ID: CA0199 (Willits Wreaths Across America); Location ID: CAWCDR (Cemetery District of the Redwoods). Thank you.

Natalie Spackman, Willits coordinator,  
Wreaths Across America

## Thank you

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone in this community who helped me and my family throw a heart-wrenching tribute. I am so grateful for the love and support that pulled together to help myself and family pay for my baby girl Victoria Neveah Eileen Stewart to come home and to have a celebration of her short-lived life. I can't really put into words how I am so thankful for all of you. All the time and donations that this town gave is amazing.

I also want to thank Tabitha Hulsey and Shailyn Brewer, Victoria's cheer coaches, for your running around and getting all the donations from the community, also the raffle and bake sales. The time you girls and the cheerleaders put into honoring a fellow cheerleader.... I know it was hard for them, as it is so very hard for us. I just know that Victoria is looking down and seeing how much she is missed and how she in her short-lived life touched a lot of hearts.

She had so many friends – we always had a house full just about every weekend doing cheer and making musical videos, laughing and talking just about all night. It really is so quiet now, that I can't even think or sleep, it's really so sad at our house. But lots of good memories that I so dearly am hanging on to.

Also thanks to Ashley Rodrigues for coming out to me in my "I don't know what to do" state of mind and starting a Go Fund Me for Victoria and Bobbie. All the time you spent making all the amazing decorations and then setting them up. I love you all, and thank you very much from the bottom of my heart.

I also want to thank Lynesha Macias for all the tied-dye sweatshirts for everyone – that was so nice, and time-consuming out of your days. Annie, thank you for coming and being there for me and also for finding Lynesha. The candlelight vigil was a wonderful gathering of people who knew Victoria and Bobbie.

It was nice to hear all of the good things about them, and to see how much this community really cares about people who live here. I can't thank you enough for all the support our community has given myself and my family. THANK YOU! I really appreciate every single one of you.

Jessica Mabery, Willits

## California investing tens of millions for homeless housing and services on the North Coast

Submitted by the Office of Sen. Mike McGuire

Sacramento, CA – The Golden State has a homelessness crisis. The growing emergency of homelessness has reached a critical stage – California comprises 25 percent of the nation's homeless population; 12 percent of the nation's population of homeless families with children; and 58 percent of the nation's unsheltered homeless youth reside in California.

Senator Mike McGuire has been one of the leading voices on homelessness in the Legislature, ensuring billions in resources are secured to advance services, programs and permanent housing in small communities, rural counties and our state's largest metropolitan centers.

He was one of the lead authors of the bipartisan "No Place Like Home" initiative in 2016 to fund the construction of permanent supportive housing focused on the hardest to house – residents who are chronically homeless and those at risk of chronic homelessness. Many of these residents have a dual diagnosis, challenged with drug and alcohol addictions and mental health issues. It's estimated each chronic homeless resident costs taxpayers approximately \$100,000 each year, mostly due to unreimbursed stays in emergency rooms and time in county jails.

With a recent court ruling in favor of state funds being released through No Place Like Home and a ballot measure on November 6 reaffirming the Legislature's 2016 action, the state is gearing up the multi-pronged approach to addressing the homeless crisis.

Funding for No Place Like Home grants is moving forward, and counties across the North Coast have already started receiving technical assistance grants to prepare for and plan local projects to house homeless residents. Applications were also released last week for counties to apply for the first round of millions of dollars in funding through the No Place Like Home program to construct new permanent homeless housing wrapped with mental health and addiction services.

"While these resources are significant, we know it's going to take time and additional funding partnerships to help people and communities invest in long-term solutions to homelessness. Whether it's downtown LA on Skid Row, San Rafael, Ukiah or Eureka, cities and counties lack the funding to implement the programs thousands of Californians desperately need," Senator McGuire said. "The state is investing millions up and down the North Coast, which will help give our communities the ability to create and fund local shelters, housing and programs that meet their unique needs."

Senator McGuire also helped lead efforts this year to include over \$600 million to combat homelessness in the state budget, the bulk of which will be allocated through the new

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Above, from left: Photographer Michael Steffen speaks about his work. Craig Gardner explains how his slate etchings are created. Exhibitor Maria Steffen talks about her aerial shots at the Art Center's opening reception. WCA Business Manager Holly O'Rourke and Curator Gary Martin. At right: "Valley of Dreams" by Volkhard Sturzbecher.



Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: Photographer Steve Eberhard with "Rainbow Droplets." Below, from left: "Ponta de Sabres Lighthouse" by Jerry Albright. Photographer John Glycer, MD, in front of two of his pictures from a trip to Panama. Photographer Jack Booth at the Arts Center's Saturday opening. At bottom: Photographers and friends enjoy the 17th annual Willits Photography Club show at the WCA.

## Picture Show

Willits Photography Club presents 17th annual showcase of local camera artists

Photography requires a balance of art and technology. One can have a vision or see a beautiful composition, but yet not have the technical acumen to make the image work, or vice versa. A photographer who is adept and knowledgeable in both aspects can create images that work on many levels – be pleasing to the eye as well as have all the elements of a work of art, composition, color, balance, etc.

Photography is about capturing moments in time, framing them, and offering them to the viewer as a statement or simply an appreciation of the subject. It is a versatile art and can take on many personas, depending on how the subject is packaged and presented. Give 10 photographers the same object to shoot, and you will get 10 different unique images dependent on angle, lighting, composition and processing. A photo artist is presented with many choices, less dependent on the equipment than his or her way of seeing the world.

The Willits Photography Club, now in its 17th year, is a group of very talented men and women who are becoming masters of their art. They help each other along in this journey with suggestions, perspective, and the sharing of techniques. They make one another better.

Each year club members present their work to the public at the Willits Center for the Arts, showcasing the wide variety of visions and techniques and processes in which each have become proficient. They all approach their art in different ways, but each one photographs that which touches and excites, be it vast landscapes, macro close-up studies, visions from faraway lands, figurative studies, or people of different cultures.

What is most striking about the current

show at the Art Center is the expertise the photographers bring to their chosen subject matter. They know how to get the image and project it onto a flat surface and present it in a way that will both please the viewer and tell a story – and there are many stories in this exhibit.

John Glycer, M.D., along with his two butterfly conservatory photos, brought two pictures of members of an indigenous tribe of Panama. "We got to visit a primitive tribe in Panama which was south of the Panama Canal," Glycer said. "Everybody was in love with this little girl. This was the chief of the village. He tried to speak for the tribe in their language. A translator changed it to Spanish, and another changed it to English."

The images were an engaging photo of a beautiful young girl, probably around 5 years old, and a mysterious and seemingly feral man, probably in his 30s. Glycer's photos bring you face to face and personal with their primitive nature.

Exhibitor Volkhard Sturzbecher was not present at the reception. He was back in Germany, astounding people with his vast open landscapes, the kind that can only be found in the American Southwest or in exotic world locations. The lighting and angles create a feeling of loneliness and awe at the scope of these parts of the world.

Steve Eberhard chose to capture a vision that was common but intriguing to him. He noticed the spray from his lawn sprinkler created a cacophony of colorful droplets at the right angles in conjunction with the sun. He planned his shot and his moment and managed to capture the phenomenon in a composition he called, "Rainbow Droplets."

Bruce Haanstra, amongst other subjects,

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## Community Foundation to help local non-profits with fundraising training

Submitted by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County

A consistent struggle for local non-profits is the ongoing fundraising necessary to fulfill their missions. Many small groups are challenged by having "chief everything officers" and are providing services with small staff and tireless volunteers.

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County works in partnership with Mendocino County non-profit organizations and is invested in their health and vitality. A strong non-profit community is also critical to the Community Foundation's ability to steward its donors' charitable funds to where they can have the most impact.

Responding to this need, the Community Foundation

has stepped up to provide top-level skill building to a specific selection of Mendocino County non-profits. The Community Foundation is pleased to announce a partnership with Network for Good to offer the Jumpstart Program, injecting nearly \$40,000 worth of targeted, technical fundraising assistance to a select group of Mendocino County non-profits.

This 12-month program will provide these organizations with specific tools and coaching to take them to the next level of financial stability. After a competitive selection process, nine groups were chosen to participate:

- Arena Theater Association
- Harwood Memorial Park & Friends of the Laytonville Library
- Mendocino Area Parks Association
- Plowshares Peace and Justice Center
- Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center
- Grace Hudson Museum
- Ukiah Senior Center
- Walk and Bike Mendocino & Ukiah Valley Trail Group
- Willits Senior Center

These organizations received seed grants to participate in this groundbreaking course. By the conclusion of the Jumpstart Program, participating non-profits are expected to have stabilized and diversified revenue, while creating the internal structures and development strategy to increase funding year after year.

An additional group of six non-profits were selected for a parallel Fundraising Readiness Program: Jughandle Creek Farm and Nature Center, Community Center of Mendocino, Noyo Center for Marine Science, Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah, and Tapestry Family Services

These groups are provided fresh fundraising development ideas, improvements to their online fundraising technology, and will work in a monthly peer-to-peer networking format.

Network for Good has gathered top quality speakers to share insights, making these organizations more efficient and effective in their fundraising. The Community Foundation is pleased to provide this individualized and unique assistance for each organization's needs, while serving a widespread group of different non-profits at once.

The Jumpstart and Fundraising Readiness programs will deliver each non-profit a set of best-practice fundraising milestones, all of which are measured and reported through the use of modern fundraising software tools. Trainings such as these will improve the health of the non-profit community, which in turn allows the Community Foundation to fulfill the wishes of our donors into perpetuity.

For more information on the work of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County or how to participate in future technical assistance offerings contact: Holly Madrigal, donor engagement officer, holly@communityfound.org or 707-468-9882 x 101.

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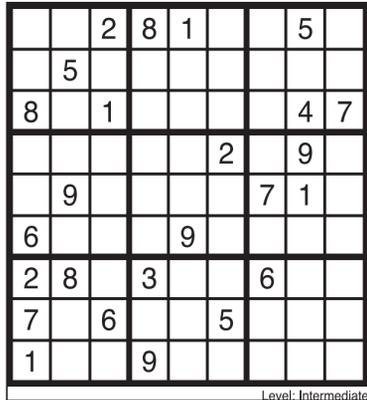
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



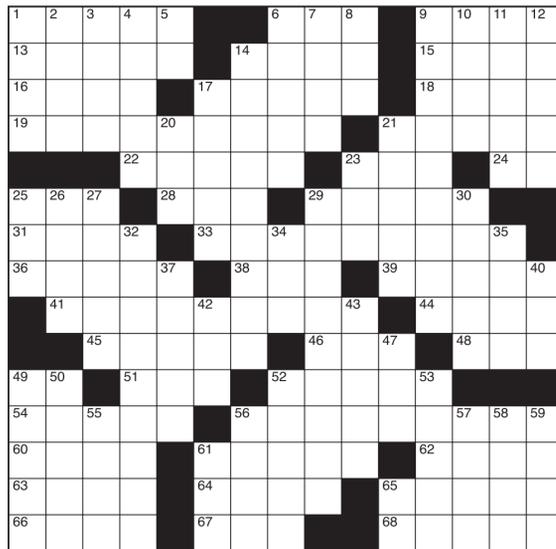
## HOW TO SUDOKU

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

## CITIZENSHIP WORD SEARCH



ALIEN	COUNTRY	LAW	RIGHTS
ARRIVAL	DEMOCRACY	LEGAL	RULER
BELIEFS	DUTIES	MAJORITY	STATUTE
BORN	EQUALITY	MARRIAGE	NATIONAL
CHILDREN	FAMILY	NATIVE	TRADITIONS
CITIZENSHIP	GOVERNMENT	PRESIDENT	TRAVEL
CIVICS	HISTORY	PRIVILEGE	VALUES
COMMUNITY	IDENTITY	RESPONSIBILITIES	VOTE
CONVENTIONS	IMMIGRANT		



## CLUES ACROSS

- Type of toast
- Peter Griffin's daughter
- A group
- Ancient Greek unit of weight
- Small amounts
- Ready and \_\_\_
16. Right
- Asian antelope
- Cambodian monetary unit
- Type of leather
- Secret clique
- Cabbage and cole are two
- Burmese ethnic group
- Empire State
- Be in debt
- Italian monk's title
- Asian plants
- Everyone has one
- One who can't sleep
- 'Glenngary, Glen Ross' playwright
- Shock therapy
- Cavalry sword
- A must-have
- Type of fabric
- French composer
- A type of pen
- Snout
- One of the six noble

gases

- Married woman
- Register formally (Brit.)
- Greek sorceress
- Depository library
- A tightknit group
- Ancient units of measurement
- He was Batman
- Dry or withered
- Margosa tree
- Tables (Span.)
- Large jug
- Make a mistake
- Puerto Rican genre of music 'La \_\_\_'

## CLUES DOWN

- Insect drawn to flame
- A Spanish river
- Reduce (Brit. sp.)
- Wish well
- Robots are an example
- Young women
- The tip
- Young women's association
- One who is suspicious
- A child's apron
- Not dirty
- Fightin' Irish football coach
- People from Taiwan
- Harry Belafonte's daughter
- Santa's helper
- Cereal plants
- Respectful address
- Unit of electrical resistance
- Used to managing without
- Type of chair
- London footballers
- Vaccine developer
- 10 meters
- Type of story: \_\_\_ fi
- Covering on birds' beaks
- Small freshwater fish
- Confederate soldier
- Female sibling
- Belgian city
- An electrically charged atom
- A way to entertain
- Regenerate
- Highly flammable liquid
- Mark
- Not good
- Eloquent Roman orator
- Absence of difficulty
- Kazakhstan district
- Plateau
- Midway between northeast and east
- Military policeman

# WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

October 29 to November 4

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 294 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

## Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

### October 29

9:47 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.  
11:22 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.  
1:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.  
4:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.  
5:16 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

7:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

### October 30

1:01 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.  
4:44 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of School Street.  
5:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.  
10:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

### October 31

2:39 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Pine Street.  
8:33 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Mill Street.  
9:16 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Mill Street.  
10:42 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Mill Street.  
10:47 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Mill Street.  
1:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.  
3:23 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.  
6:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
6:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of possible shots fired in the 400 block of East Hill Road.  
10:25 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

### November 1

12:03 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.  
1:18 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.  
9:09 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.  
12:53 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.  
2:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street.  
7:14 pm: CURTIS, Rickie Allen (45) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of North Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:07 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

### November 2

7:43 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Easy Street.  
10:44 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.  
3:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.  
5:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
7:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.  
8:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of Baechtlet Road.  
9:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

### November 3

10:56 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.  
11:41 am: SIERRA, Samuel Robert (28) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of East Hill Road and Haehl Creek Drive. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of community supervision.  
1:33 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
4:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:33 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:51 pm: SANCHEZVAZQUEZ, Adrian (38) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

7:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

8:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

### November 4

12:23 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.  
4:09 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of North Main Street.  
7:58 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.  
12:17 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
3:35 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.  
7:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of North Main Street.  
7:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.  
9:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of North Main Street.  
10:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of North Main Street.  
10:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1500 block of South Main Street.



## Fresh and Free WCS culinary program turns local produce into delicious school meals

Homegrown tomatoes. Homegrown tomatoes. What could be better than homegrown tomatoes?

Maybe fresh-picked pears from local farmers? Or fresh-picked apples, grapes, and pears from local gardens with produce to share?

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A changing and continuing array of locally grown food this good is now on the menu at Willits Charter School and Willits Elementary Charter School thanks to their school gardens, the Mendo Lake Food Hub, and Willits' Grateful Gleaners.

The Food Hub began in 2015 and is a program of North Coast Opportunities in Ukiah. It connects local farmers directly with local buyers – stores, restaurants, individuals and schools.

The Grateful Gleaners have been collecting excess produce from Willits' area orchards and gardens and distributing it where it will do the most good since 2004.

It's all home-cooked to perfection thanks to the dynamic duo currently in the kitchen at the Willits Charter School – Culinary Arts Instructor and Food Services Director Charlie Widner, recently joined by Willits' own very talented cook, Kathy Albright of Ardella's fame.

"It's been great," said WCS Director Jennifer Lockwood. "They're big personalities and funny together, and Kathy didn't need to be trained."

"I get along well with Charlie," said Albright. "It's a great opportunity, and I'm happy to be here."

In addition to the exceptional quality and preparation of food, school breakfasts and lunches are free this year for all students at WCS – and throughout the school district.

"The change significantly reduces the amount of paperwork and also the stigma of obtaining free lunches," said Lockwood. "The numbers of students eating school breakfasts and lunch are up over 30 percent... [and] we also see improved academic achievement."

She added that "students can also get their meals packaged 'to go' if they want to go off campus or on field trips."

The WCS campus itself is beautiful and hospitable, especially during mealtime. Out back of the school there's a large recreational area, a garden, rabbits, chickens, and a new covered space set up just for lunch and gardening class.

October 2018 marked the Willits Charter School's 20-year anniversary.



At top, from left: Pizzas with roasted tomatoes and homemade sauce await the oven. Eggs laid by school chickens are sold to buy chicken feed. The school garden, created with help from local businesses Sparetime Supply, Mendo Mill, and DripWorks, is next to the new covered area for meals and garden classes

Above: Cook Kathy Albright and Food Services Director Charlie Widner prepare the pizzas. Below: Sixth-graders Kyler Hall Jimenez, 8, and Jade Arboyo, 9, demonstrate proper rabbit holding technique with "Sky" and "Ladybug."



Above: The main hall of the Little Lake Grange was bustling with shoppers and vendors on the first market back indoors last week. Below, left: If your chickens have stopped laying, fear not! There's still dozens of eggs available at the market. Below, right: Sarah Grusky-Foley and Market Manager Michael Foley share a laugh at the Green Uprising Farm booth.



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At left: Mathew Caine mans the Willits Weekly booth at the market. Above: The Farmers Market Band plays for the shoppers. Below: There's still plenty of colorful produce, but come early to get the best selection!



## The rest of Haschak

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"I want to say a huge 'thank you' to the volunteers, donors and supporters who powered this campaign to victory," Haschak said in a campaign email sent out Wednesday afternoon. "From the outset, it has been my aim to bring together the full diversity of the people of the Third District to create a cohesive vision of a better future for our community. That process doesn't end now.

"It's my aim to continue the work of bringing our people together and to represent you with leadership that is thoughtful, energetic, and principled," Haschak wrote. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve you as Third District supervisor."

So far, ballots cast by 3,408 voters in the Third District have been counted, which amounts to 34.5 percent of the district's 9,866 registered voters, with 1,810 votes going to Haschak and 1,462 votes going to Pinches.

Voter registrar Sue Ranochak told Willits Weekly on Wednesday the elections office was planning to release the number of Mendocino County ballots still to count later this week. In the June 2018 primary, more than half the ballots in the Third District supervisor's race were not counted as of the Final Election Night Report.

The first election returns were posted on the county's web site at 8:48 pm Tuesday night, showing Haschak in the lead with 52.36 percent of the vote, and Pinches with 47.20 percent. These first results are always mail-in ballots counted before Election Day.

The Final Election Night Report was posted at 12:48 am Wednesday morning, "a little earlier than usual," Ranochak said. That final report adds all the ballots actually cast at the polls on Election Day.

Votes still to be counted include mail-in ballots dropped off at the polls, mail-in ballots postmarked by November 6 that come in this week, and provisional ballots cast for various reasons, including by people who lost their mail-in ballots. Most provisional ballots end up being counted after they are checked and found to be valid, Ranochak has said.

Ranochak said she was happy with how Election Day went this year. "We were busy," she said. "There were no issues, nobody ran out of ballots.... All the polling places were busy."

Ranochak also commented that a number of voters took advantage of California's new "conditional voter registration," which allows eligible voters to register right up through Election Day. These voters must register at the central voter office in Ukiah.

"We had a lot of conditional voter registration on Tuesday," she said. "The line was out the door most of the day, even with four people working the counter. We were busy on Monday, too. This was more like a presidential year election."

The elections office has 30 days to certify the election results, but final results could be announced in two or three weeks.

## The rest of Cannabis

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The takeaways were at least twofold: big changes to the cultivation ordinance might be coming soon, and many attendees, despite less than perfect experiences thus far, were grateful for the efforts being made.

The ad hoc committee consists of supervisors John McCowen and Dan Hamburg (who did not attend the Willits meeting). It was created in July 2018 to review the cultivation ordinance and report back to the full board with recommended revisions to address local conditions and concerns.

McCowen made it clear at the outset the committee did not have power beyond making recommendations.

"We don't presume to talk for the whole board," he said. "We don't know how the board will decide."

He was joined at the table by the county's new director of planning and building services, Brent Schultz, and Agriculture Commissioner Harinder Grewal, appointed by the board in March.

Schultz told the crowd he was "here to help," as did Grewal, who assured those attending that his goal is "to help the cannabis program."

"Feel free to call anytime," he said. "It's all about working together."

Also in attendance were an impressive array of county staff, including County Executive Officer Carmel Angelo, Chief Planner Mary Lyn Hunt, planners Mark Cliser and Jesse Davis, building official Mike Oliphant, County Counsel Matthew Kiedrowski, Agriculture Department program administrator Chevon Holmes, and others.

A handout containing the committee's "proposed recommendations and discussion points" was available, and McCowen went over its most important points before opening the discussion to the public.

The requirement for obtaining a use permit in order to engage in a number of different endeavors figured prominently in the recommendations, and McCowen began by explaining why.

"The use permit process may well be the answer for how we handle several different issues going forward," he said.

The first issue listed in the recommendations for which a use permit would be required was for all new cultivation permits, which can be applied for beginning January 1, 2020.

McCowen explained "the state has questions about our CEQA [California Environmental Quality Act] review and how we're applying that to the existing cultivation program.

"With the use permit process there is site-specific environmental review for every application," he said. "This can be fairly simple and streamlined if there's no major issues. It can be more complicated depending on how difficult the location may be in terms of terrain, water availability, etc."

Later in the meeting, there were concerns raised by some audience members about the potential difficulty of working with the use permit process.

McCowen responded that the use permit process was one where you "create your own issues, [and it] can be cumbersome and expensive."

He asked county planner Jesse Davis to elaborate, and Davis explained that it's a "regular development paradigm on the cannabis process. It's a useful way to evaluate sites and will be talked about more."

McCowen assured the crowd the "conversation has begun" on the creation of a streamlined use permit process for cannabis and noted some of the permits would be pro forma.

They would, however, "need to process them efficiently and not shortchange the environment and the interests of neighbors," he said. "It can be an involved process."

Planning and Building Director Schultz acknowledged he was "new to cannabis business," but said: "You've got an advocate in me. Call me direct for anything."

Other highlights from the committee's recommendations, which McCowen addressed, included the following:

- Opening Rangeland for new permits
- Increasing the maximum permit size to one acre for outdoor cultivation
- Allowing more than two permits per parcel (up to four was mentioned), with a concomitant increase in allowable acreage – possibly up to four acres
- Allowing transferability of permits which were issued during the first phase of applications, due to end December 31, unless extended
- Eliminating the need for wildlife fencing given that secure storage is already required for anything that could be detrimental to wildlife
- Modification with respect to the definition of visibility of cannabis from the public right-of-way

- Reduction in the minimum size for nursery permits from 10 to five acres or perhaps a tiered system based on square footage

- Reducing the number of inspections to one initial inspection followed by an annual compliance inspection, with next year's permit renewal based on this year's compliance inspection.

There were other recommendations included in the written information, which were not specifically addressed by McCowen. Some of these included: eliminating the county track-and-trace system once the state system is online, allowing permittees to file a notice of non-cultivation, allowing cottage indoor and mixed light permits (in greenhouses with odor control) in industrial zoning, and reopening the current application submission process due to expire December 31 for six months after adoption of the recommendations and decisions by the full board with respect to overlay districts.

When McCowen was done, more than 30 attendees offered their opinions on the recommendations, made some of their own recommendations, and shared personal accounts of difficult experiences.

More than a quarter of them expressed their thanks.

"Thank you," said Marnie from Covelo. "This is really progressive."

"I feel hope," said Nikki Lastreto. "You've blown my mind."

"This list shows you are listening," said Jed Davis.

"This is true leadership," said Monique. "Mendocino County is so amazing."

"I appreciate your listening," said Swami Chaitanya. "I think we can work it out."

Speakers also stressed the need to protect small farmers and not allow bigger grows.

Noting that fees were punitive and "small farmers can't compete," Alwin advocated a "mom-and-pop cottage" license.

"Small farmers are losing hard," agreed Petra Buchanan, advising against an increase in maximum cultivation area, which was echoed by others.

Mike Adams hearkened back to a time not so long ago when it "seemed 25 was what you could grow" and then supplied the notable statistic that the state currently has issued only 37 permits for growing 25 plants.

"I think there's a way someone could grow 25" and survive, he said, and urged the county to "bring them back in."

However, David Drell strongly suggested the county "cancel phase three" – i.e., refrain from allowing applications for cultivation to be made beginning January 1, 2020.

"I'm stunned that the county would open up new permits in 2020," he said. "You don't know who's growing now, and you're going to invite new people into a chaotic environment you've created. It makes no sense.

"Figure out who's growing legally. Make an assessment. Let it play out for a while," he said.

Ellen Drell agreed with his observations and assessment, adding she was "surprised and disappointed" that Rangeland would be opened to cultivation in phase three.

Three people commented on the fact that cultivators are not being paid by dispensaries or distributors.

McCowen responded that "if it's a rip-off" the sheriff could help, but if it's just cheating "on a deal, it's a civil matter between you and them."

He reminisced about a Woody Guthrie song: "Some rob with a gun and some with a fountain pen."

McCowen brought the meeting to a close by asking the audience to "wave their hands" to show support for some of the "very significant changes" being recommended.

The results:

- "Very strong support" for allowing transferability of phase one permits (application period ending December 31, 2018 unless extended)
- "Strong support" for allowing new permits in Rangeland
- "Moderate support" for allowing more than two permits on a parcel with a major use permit
- "Lukewarm support" for applying the use permit process for all new phase three applications beginning January 1, 2020

- "Lukewarm support" for increasing permit size to one acre with the possibility of up to four acres on larger parcels with multiple permits of one acre each

The meeting ended with McCowen thanking everyone for their participation and reminding them the full board will be considering the committee's recommendations at its November 16 meeting, after which he hoped the board "would be giving directions to staff to revise the ordinance."

The audience was also reminded that public comments can be submitted to the supervisors any time before that meeting.

## Cannabis 'satellite office' days set for Willits, Covelo

Mendocino County's cannabis program continues to process applications for cultivation permits. The most current numbers for the program – current through October 23 – show the Department of Agriculture has received 1,047 applications for a cultivation permit since May 4, 2017. It has issued 192 permits and has approved 43, bringing its issued and approved total to 235.

### Mike A'Dair

Reporter  
Lmike@willitsweekly.com

This is two more permits than had been issued and approved by September 24, 2018, and is 16 more than were noted on July 10, the date of Commissioner of Agriculture Harinder Grewal's first report to the board of supervisors.

In his Tuesday report, Grewal did not put his numbers up on the big screen in board's chambers so supervisors and the public could see them. Instead, he said the report was online, and the numbers had already been made available to board members.

Supervisor John McCowen asked Grewal to expand his report. Currently, Grewal's report includes a table which shows both the number of applications received, organized by zoning designation, and the number of applications organized by type of cultivation permit requested. McCowen asked Grewal to include totals for both columns of information.

He also repeated his request that Grewal include in his report numbers to indicate the change from the previous report.

Beyond McCowen's request, the board did not comment on the numbers in Grewal's report.

Both Grewal and cannabis unit Program Administration Chevon Holmes told supervisors the unit is continuing its outreach to people in the northern parts of the county and continuing to educate cannabis growers.

Grewal said representatives from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation were holding, that same morning, a workshop on herbicide application for cannabis. The workshop provided growers with a better understanding of the requirements they must follow when applying pesticides to their cannabis plants.

Holmes said the Department of Agriculture has scheduled three more "satellite office" days in the north county. The department will hold an open office in Covelo, in the common space in the Round Valley Public Library (located between the café and the library proper) on November 8 and again on November 20, between 10 am and 3 pm.

The department will hold an open office in Willits at the Mendocino County Museum between 10 am and 3 pm on Thursday, November 15.

Holmes added the public is welcome to bring in their paperwork and get the process moving. "When it comes to the satellite offices, we mean just that," Holmes said. "We are able to conduct business as usual, that we do at our main office here [in Ukiah]. So, come with your documents.

"We had information technology come up, and they have set up a secured network. It's the Department of Agriculture in Covelo. I really want people to think of it that way.

"If you are concerned that maybe we can't do something, feel free to email or call the office, because I don't want to waste anyone's time," Holmes said. "But for the most part, if you need to do business, you can come to [the satellite office days in Covelo and Willits] and get it done."

For more information, call the cannabis unit in the Department of Agriculture at 234-6830, or email Chevon Holmes at holmesco@mendocinocounty.org.

McCowen reminded the public that the board of supervisors has scheduled a special meeting for 9 am on Friday, November 16, which will be dedicated to cannabis matters. At that meeting, the board is expected to discuss the cannabis accommodation zones and the cannabis prohibition zones that have been under development for the past year, and which were recently reviewed by the planning commission. The board will also consider a number of recommendations that have been developed by the board's ad hoc committee on cannabis matters.

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City of Willits boundaries. The Mendocino County Elections Office will announce how many ballots are left to count in each contest later this week, which could be more than half the total ballots in the final count.

### Measure I also headed for a win

Measure I, the City of Willits cannabis excise tax measure, was winning big as of the Final Election Night Report after Tuesday's election, with 74.91 percent (600 votes) voting "Yes" and 25.09 percent (201 votes) voting "No."

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(1,172 votes). Challenger and retired teacher Paula Nunez is in third place, with 19.40 percent (1,117 votes). Teacher Dianne McNeal is in fourth place, with 18.72 percent of the vote (1,078 votes), and current school board chair Christopher Neary came in fifth place, with 16.81 percent (968 votes).

In the race for the short-term seat, incumbent trustee Bob Colvig is headed for victory, with 74.52 percent of the vote (1,702 votes) compared to 25.04 percent (572 votes) for challenger Dany Laurent.

A total of 2,721 ballots have been counted so far in the school board election, or 36.7 percent of the 7,415 registered voters in the school district. As with the other races, a large number of ballots – maybe half of the final total – remain to be counted.



# Welcome Dr. Claudia Petruncio

INTERNAL MEDICINE SPECIALIST AT REDWOOD MEDICAL CLINIC

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Petruncio to our community. She brings over 30 years of experience in the medical field, including time spent in clinic and hospital settings. She graduated and completed her medical residency at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. As an Internal Medicine specialist, she cares for patients with a wide range of conditions, including diabetes, thyroid disorders, hypertension, chronic pain and geriatric care.

"I love Internal Medicine because I get to treat the whole person, from head to toe. I believe that medicine should treat mind, body and spirit, and that's what I get to do for my patients." –Claudia Petruncio, D.O.

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Thursday, November 8

**Willits Farmers Market:** The market is now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, November 8, 3 to 5:30 pm. The last of the summer veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Open Studio Empowerment Event:** Learn Kinesiology – self testing. November 8, 6 to 7:30 pm. Guest speaker, Debbie Fry. Cultivate Wellness Studio, Little Lake Grange, Room #4, 291 School Street. RSVP Michelle 707-972-1601, Claudia 707-354-3111. Monthly series.

**Lunch and Learn:** Why beans are good for your health. Adventist Health Howard Hospital's dietitian, Anna Herby tells why you should add beans to your diet: reduced risk of cancer and heart disease, weight loss and improved digestion. Thursday, November 8, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Lunch is free. Everyone welcome. Donations accepted.

**Brooktrails Fire Route Meeting:** Hosted by Sherwood Firewise Community to discuss recent unanimous approval by the supervisors to direct county staff to research and pursue funding for additional evacuation routes for the Sherwood Corridor. Thursday, November 8, 7 to 9 pm. Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street.

Friday, November 9

**Tri Tip Drive Thru Dinner:** The Willits High School Boosters, whose fundraising activities buy uniforms for the sports teams and other needed equipment, is putting on their first drive-through tri tip dinner, Friday, November 9, 4 to 6 pm at the Willits High School Ag Farm, 299 North Main Street. \$60 buys dinner for four persons, including tri tip, beans, Caesar salad, rolls from Emandal, cookies and a flower from Flowers by Annette. Tickets available at Cat's Meow, 29 South Main Street, Tangles hair salon, or call Jessica 707-489-1478 or Bonnie 707-272-6262.

**Family Movie Night:** Blosser Lane Parent Teacher Organization is hosting its first movie night of the school year, featuring "The Greatest Showman," this Friday, November 9, 6 pm. Blosser Lane Elementary School cafeteria, 1275 Blosser Lane. Bringing blankets, pillows, family, friends, and snuggle up for a movie. Movie is free, and popcorn, hotdogs, and other goodies will be for sale. Funds raised from concession sales support field trips, educational and fun assemblies, supplies – anything the students need.

**"The Fascinating History of Color":** Art Talk with George O'Hanlin, founder of Natural Pigments, Friday, November 9, 6:30 pm. How did the old masters achieve the luscious and luminous colors we see in their paintings? O'Hanlin brings his expertise to focus on the origins of pigments used by medieval and Renaissance artists and their revival by contemporary artists. Free event at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

**Zodiac House Party: Scorpio:** Embracing the Scorpio energy in all, and celebrating the Scorpios among us. DJs: Spencer Sears, Mountain Man, Aethernaut. Elixirs, Treats, Wool Gallery by OhmGnomes, Tarot Readings by Sara Marandini, Magic fingers & massage by Jana Carter, Live Art by @Mira, Munchies, High Vibration Hydration, Raw Vegan desserts by The Zocalo Collective, Liquid Sound Design. Friday, November 9, 7 pm to 2 am, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

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**Saturday, November 10**

**Veterans Day Breakfast:** Willits American Legion Post

174, Saturday, November 10, 8 to 11 am. 191 North Main Street. Free to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, Boy & Girl Scouts.

**Mobile Adoption Pet Event:** Mendo Shelter Pets Rescue presents their adoptable pets on Saturday, November 10, 11 am to 2 pm at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street. "Come join us in some good ole' adoption event fun, donate, sign up to foster and best yet, adopt your new BFF!"

**Sit n Sew:** "Please bring a project to work on, sewing machine and tools." Free event. Saturday, November 10, 1 to 5 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Rachel 707-354-0605.

**Learn to Log Mushrooms on a Grow:** Hands-on demonstration of how to grow mushrooms on wood logs. Participants will learn the method of inoculating logs with mushroom spawn, which mushroom types grow on which wood types, what equipment is needed to start your own mushroom logs. Hosted by Mendocino County Library and NCO Gardens Project. Meets at 474 East Valley Street.

# What's Happening Around Town



The workshop is free; suggested \$15 donation goes directly to the Willits Community Garden. Weather-dependent and may be canceled for rain. Saturday, November 10, 2 to 4 pm.

**Color Theory Playshop:** Peter Makela, artist-in-residence at the North Street Collective, will be running a workshop Saturday, November 10, 2:15 to 3:15 pm. Makela, a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Arts, will discuss how colors are subjective and change in relation to other colors. 350 North Street.

**Sing Out! For Cancer:** Community sing-along, Saturday, November 10 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Fundraiser for the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County. Sweet and savory pie and non-alcoholic beverages included. Beer and wine available. Richard Jeske, Don Willis, and live music, with the crowd singing along to '60s and '70s rock and soul hits. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

**Cherie Sheraque will play** Blues, folk and Americana, features Willits musicians Kate Black, Clancy Rash and Helen Falandes.

**Ice Cream Social:** at the Harrah Senior Center 1501 Baechtel Road. \$2 at the door for "build your own ice cream sundae" or free soup without ice cream. Monday, November 12, 1:30 to 3 pm. To benefit the Senior Center. Arrive early for ice cream donated by Scoops. If sugar or dairy is a concern, bring healthy options. 2 to 3 pm hoedown with Cotton Dandee and the kids and the elders, Everybody's in the band. Info: cottondandee.com

**Shanachie Pub:** Michael Trew: "Michael Trew is a songwriter, native to the Pacific Northwest. He formed art-rock group Autumn Electric, releasing five albums and touring nationally from 2008-2015." Saturday, November 10, 8 pm. 50B South Main Street.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Sunday, November 11, 8 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. All you can eat pancakes, real maple syrup (available at extra charge), eggs any style, bacon or sausage, sugar-free syrup, or Grandma's biscuits and gravy. Peet's Coffee. Adults \$8, Senior Center Members \$7, Children \$6.

**"Honor and Remembrance Flag" Dedication Ceremony:** Sunday, November 11, 2 pm. Mendocino County Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, 400 East Commercial Street (Mendocino County Museum). The American Legion Willits Post 174 and Vietnam Veterans Memorial benefactor Denis Miner are sponsoring the placement of an Honor and Remembrance Flag at the memorial

Sunday, November 11

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

**Collage Memory Boxes:** Have fun with Mod Podge and create your own personalized memory box. Supplies provided. Ages 8 and older. Tuesday, November 13, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. RSVP on Facebook or call library, 459-5908.

acknowledging all Mendocino County veterans.

**Dirty Cello Concert:** "The San Francisco band, Dirty Cello, brings its high-energy blues, bluegrass and rock with a unique spin" to the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, November 11 at 2 pm. Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Monday, November 12

**Willits Garden Club Meeting:** Monday, November 12, Clubhouse, Golden Rule Mobile Home Park, 16100 Highway 101 (five miles south of Willits at the Seabiscuit Ranch turnoff). Visitors welcome. Sarah Grusky of the Mendocino Herb Guild, with questions after. Refreshments and social time, 12:30 pm; business meeting, 1 pm before program. Meetings every second Monday. Information: willitsgardenclub.org; Scott Bryant, 760-963-6248; or Shannon Furr, 707-321-8760.

**Harvest Dinner:** The Mendocino County Herb Guild hosts its first Harvest Dinner, Friday, November 16, 5 to 9 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. A delicious farm-to-table dinner at 6 pm, followed by a speaker program of local herbalists. "You'll be able to bid on amazing herbal goodies and purchase herb-infused desserts and drinks at our Elixir Bar!" Supports the Guild efforts to bring resilient, full-circle herbalism to the county. Presale \$20 for adults, \$10 for children at J.D. Redhouse, Ukiah Co-op and www.mendocinoherbguild.com. \$25 at the door. Seating is limited.

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**Reflections... a Dive into Water, Dance and Life!** November 15 – 18

Four professional choreographers create original pieces featuring the students of the Mendocino College Dance Repertory Dance Company, "Reflections... a dive into water, dance and life!" In Mendocino College's Center Theatre. Eryn Schon-Brunner's and Tara Ford's "Water Dreams" investigates the world of motion and water with actual rain on stage. International artist Amelia Uzatogui Bonilla premieres "Retrograde," "an optical illusion that mesmerizes." Trudy McCreaner debuts "L'Etudes des Lignes," a ballet that focuses the beauty of a dancer's line, and "Happiness Goes On," by acclaimed dancer Eddie Vedolla. The evening features costumes by Kathy Katz, video art by Dave Wolf, and technical design and lighting by Steve Decker. Performances are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, November 18, at 2 pm. \$15 general, \$10 ASB cardholders, seniors and children 12 and under. Available at the Mendocino Book Company, Mendocino College Bookstore, online at artsmendocino.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, cash or check only.

**Willits Toy Run** November 25

The 26th Annual Willits Toy Run takes place Sunday, November 25, 12 to 3:30 pm. Live music by King Snake's Blues Band. No bike needed. Come and join the party. Admission is one unwrapped toy (for ages 1 to 17 years old). Benefits the Willits Children's Christmas Program, sponsored by the Willits Rotary Club with thanks to Willits Lions Club and Little Lake Fire Department. Run starts at noon at the Evergreen Shopping Center, party at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: roadglidebandit@gmail.com.

**Call for Volunteers: Holiday Craft Fair**

Volunteers needed for the Willits Center for the Arts Holiday Craft Fair, December 7, 8 and 9. Many opportunities available: vendor set-up and assistance, food for vendors, raffle table (2 hour shifts), kids craft table activity, clean-up and breakdown. Email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call Holly 459-1726.

Wednesday, November 14

**Vintage Toys Exhibit**

Opens: The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys Wednesday, November 14 through March 18, 2019. "The Vintage Toys Exhibit features toys from the past century (1900-1980s). Explore toys of the past, reminisce about childhood favorites, and play together!" Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-2736.

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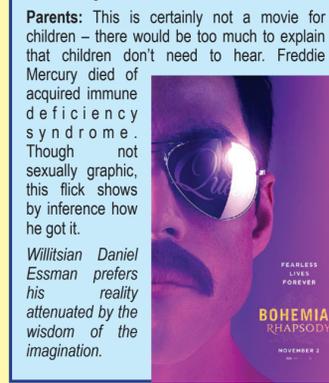
## 'Bohemian Rhapsody'

**The Story:** A bio-pic that follows the creative arc of Queen the band and its charismatic, stupendously self-confident lead singer-songwriter Freddie Mercury. It centers on Freddie's inspirations, his sometimes tender home life, and his noisy personal failings. Rami Malek as Mercury is brilliant.

**My Thoughts:** This is the drama of a man who consciously set out to be, and was, larger than life. It is the saga of ego versus vulnerability... an old, always relevant story. If you like the music, you will love "Bohemian Rhapsody." As for me, I am an actor-centric kind of reviewer, and it was a joy to watch Rami Malek (from "I Robot") as Mercury, as he struts and preens, loves and betrays, rises, falls and finally rises again. This flick as a whole is a hi-fi music video of Queen's songs and performances, and it's pretty darn entertaining.

**Parents:** This is certainly not a movie for children – there would be too much to explain that children don't need to hear. Freddie Mercury died of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Though not sexually graphic, this flick shows by inference how he got it.

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



**Long Valley Garden Club** PRESENTS

## Fall in LOVE Thanksgiving VEGAN POTLUCK

Sunday, November 18th  
4:00 to 6:00 pm  
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## Senior Center Christmas Store

The Willits Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, invites everyone to their annual Christmas Store which will be open from November 26 to December 8 (closed on Sunday) from 10 am to 2 pm. "Come see some of the fabulous finds." Christmas décor and wrapping items, candles, ornaments, holiday cards, wreaths, advent scenes, See's Candies and more. All proceeds go to senior center programs. For information: 459-6826.

## Ongoing Events

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

**Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke:** 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville, 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Howard Memorial Hospital:** Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591

**Brooktrails Golf Course:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 am, Senior League, Age 50 and over. Lifetime membership \$10. Green fees extra. Thursday, 5 pm, Working Man's Scramble with \$12 green fees, \$5 buy in, cash prize for 1st place. Drink and snack provided. Saturdays, 8 am, "Sweeps" utilizing NCGA handicaps. Sundays, 5 pm, free golf for kids, 5 to 18, with paying adult. For times and information: 459-6761. 24860 Birch Street.

**Intentional Community:** Senior-friendly, multi-generational intentional community forming in Willits. All welcome. Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7 pm at the Hub (Willits Environmental Center) 630 S Main Street. Those who have attended at least one general meeting: focus meetings (2nd through 4th Wednesdays) 5th Wednesday: potluck party. All welcome. Info: mendocintentionalcommunity@gmail.com

**Social Dancing:** Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. No partner required. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Club atmosphere in which the participants teach each other swing, salsa and other types of partner dancing. Collaborative playlist.

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**Emandal Choral:** The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

**Friday Potluck Bingo:** Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

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**German Conversation Class:** ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speaking). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

**Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group:** Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

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

**Willits Library Activities:** Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Leggo Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Willits Seed Lending Library:** Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

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## Harvest Dinner

November 16

"The Mendocino County Herb Guild invites you to our first ever Harvest Dinner, Friday, November 16, 5 to 9 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The evening begins with a delicious farm-to-table dinner at 6 pm, followed by a speaker program of local herbalists. Corine Pearce, local indigenous Pomo herbalist, basket weaver, teacher and author, is our keynote speaker. Corine will be speaking about plant and ecosystem restoration and conservation as a way of connecting to our sacred part of the world. You'll be able to support local herbal vendors, bid on amazing herbal goodies in the silent auction, and purchase herb-infused desserts and drinks at our Elixir Bar! All proceeds go to support the Guild in our vision of bringing resilient, full-circle herbalism to Mendocino County. The Herb Guild envisions using local seed and plant starts, herbs are cultivated, harvested and made into medicine using locally sourced organic olive oil, vinegar and alcohol. An Herbal Exchange, modeled after the one in Sonoma County, connects herb growers and herb buyers. The medicines (teas, tinctures, oils salves, etc.), are used in local clinics (including a mobile clinic), sold in local markets and, perhaps, someday sold beyond the County as well. Presale tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 for children at JD Redhouse, Ukiah Co-op and mendocinoherbguild.com. \$25 at the door. Seating is limited."



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# WCT Music Series

Kitty and Creek Norris producing their 12th year of world-class concerts by touring artists



Kitty and Creek Norris sitting at the Willits Community Theatre. Photo by Mathew Caine

Creek and Kitty Norris have been very busy. Since 2007, this dynamic duo have been responsible for bringing over 80 guest artists and groups to grace the stage at the Willits Community Theatre. Born of their long-running 10-year show on KZXY, "Iridium," the music series has become an event, eight to 10 times a year.

**Mathew Caine**  
Features Writer  
mathew@willitsweekly.com

The intimate 75-seat theater has played host to a wide range of eclectic local and internationally known acts such as The Tannahill Weavers, a traditional group from Scotland; Delbert Anderson and his Navaho Jazz Group from Four Corners, New Mexico; R. Carlos Nakai and Will Clipman, another Native American Group; and Riad Abdel-Gawad, a violinist from Egypt.

The couple has also brought in comedians, magicians and dancers. The construction of the stage makes it a very comfortable surface on which to dance, just the right amount of give and springiness. Most of the performers ask when they can return and play again.

"It's really magic that these people will come to our little town and be on our stage," Kitty Norris said. "When I'm trying to book them, they are putting a tour together, many are going from San Francisco to someplace north, and they need to stop anyway. They need a rest and a place to play. They like to play every day. This is their life. If they can stop here and do a concert, we get world-class entertainment, and we don't have to drive to San Francisco."

Her husband, Creek Norris, explains: "We get artists that only usually play venues of 1,000 or more at \$30 or \$40 a ticket." The performers become part of the community for a while. "Many of them stay with us," explained Kitty. "They leave a little of themselves behind. Everyone wants to come back."

Kitty does the booking and scheduling in conjunction with WCT Production Manager Mike A'Dair. He OKs the dates that will work out with the play production schedule. Sometimes, the performers get to play on a very interesting and arty stage that has been constructed for the current play. Sometimes, Creek will build a set for a special artist, as he did for the Egyptian violinist Abdel-Gawad. Creek constructed a desert set for him and made him feel at home. Abdel-Gawad brought in local musicians, Jeff Crawford on percussion, Mitchell Holman on base and Kitty Norris on violin.

Creek takes care of the sound and lighting for all the shows.

"There's an energy between the performers and the audience," Kitty says about the music series concerts. "This entrapment which is so vital makes us come out of here just glowing. Everybody gets that vital energy that keeps the performers going and enriches our community. It's a real privilege to be in the middle of making this happen."

## Dirty Cello plays November 11

Next up, on Sunday, November 11 at 2 pm is Dirty Cello, an internationally touring group of boundless energy and creativity described as playing "high-energy blues, bluegrass and rock with a unique spin." The front woman of the group, Rebecca Roundman, is a classically trained cellist (she started playing cello at age 7) who grew up listening to a combination of "Prairie Home Companion" and Broadway show tunes and ended up trying out for a gig with a blues guitarist. She found the ad on Craigslist and was both petrified and intrigued.

"All through college I was concerned with learning to play classically and correctly, and

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Dirty Cello



Rebecca Roundman of Dirty Cello

The Willits Community Theatre  
Guest Artists Series  
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**SUNDAY NOV. 11th, 2 PM, \$20**

## OBITUARY |

# Charlette 'Fern' Wright

We are saddened by the passing of Charlette "Fern" Wright.

Fern was born in Covelo, California on October 21, 1941 to Pearl and Emergene Hoaglen, and on October 27, 2018, she passed at home surrounded by her family.



Fern is survived by her sons Marvin and Ray Shannon and their three children, and her special niece, "Missy." She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rosie. She is also survived by her Uncle Claude, and her three brothers, Frank, Arvid and Acie Hoaglen, Jr., as well as numerous nieces, nephews and many, many more beloved relatives in and around Round Valley.

Graveside services were held on Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Pine Grove Cemetery and a reception followed at Round Valley Senior Center.

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

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## Scott Terry

March 4, 1947 - October 24, 2018

On Wednesday, October 24th, Scott Terry, beloved husband, father of six, and grandfather of nine passed away at the age of 71.

A fifth-generation Californian, Scott was born on March 4th, 1947 to Barbara and Wesley Terry. He studied business at San Diego State and began his family in Southern California. He quickly tired of LA traffic and fled north to the open space and friendly people of Willits in 1978. Some liked to call him the Pioneer.

Willits was a befitting home for Scott. He built two homes in the hills with views out over the valley. He had the space, soil, water, and clean air to grow a bountiful garden. His children had acres of land to explore, dig holes, swim in ponds and creeks, and ride bikes and horses.

From a young age, Scott kept busy with projects. He was a natural problem solver, researcher, and an Eagle Scout. Living off the grid on Sherwood Road gave him an endless source of projects and challenges — rattlesnakes, water wells, bears, leaky ponds, fallen trees, mountain lions to name just a few. Scott welcomed any undertaking nature delivered and he acquired a new nickname, Roadrunner.

Scott became a partner in Waters Construction and helped grow the business. He was known for his hard work, sharp mind, and honesty. He quickly became known to many as simply, Boss. When he wasn't busy devoted to his work projects or tending to his garden at home, Scott could be found in his garage. He had a passion for vintage cars and he restored and rebuilt a few different ones from the ground up.

If he wasn't in the garage, chances are he could be found in the barn. Scott owned multiple horses throughout his lifetime. He loved all animals and rode horses competitively in world-class shows, along with many a Willits Frontier Days parade.

Grandpa Scott had a generous heart and was eager to help his friends, neighbors, and extended family. He enjoyed sharing time with his children, neices, and grandchildren and delighted in taking the grandkids for rides on his tractor.

The outdoors was where Scott spent much of his time, in fair weather and in foul. He introduced his children to backpacking, fishing, and survival skills in the Siskiyou Mountains and would often end up carrying their packs in addition to his own. If he wasn't trekking to the tops of mountains, Scott set off to explore the world. His passport tells the story of a well-traveled soul.

There's no doubt Scott was an avid fitness enthusiast. Even as his Parkinson's progressed and walking became nearly impossible, he discovered he could ride a bike; he rode that bike up until the last week of his life. For seventeen years, Scott fought tirelessly against Parkinson's Disease. It is hard to say whether he suffered from Parkinson's or Parkinson's suffered from him.

Alas, his battle with Parkinson's came to an end. He spent his final days on this earth, peacefully at home with his loving wife Kacy by his side. We will never forget the lessons and love we shared with our Pioneer, Roadrunner, Boss, Grandpa... Scott.

Join us to celebrate Scott's life 11am Saturday November 17th at the Little Lake Grange. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Phoenix Hospice, 100 San Hedrin Circle, Willits CA.

**THE GRINCH in 2D** (PG) 1 hr 30 mins  
Fri: 5:45pm  
Sat: 1:15, 3:30 & 5:45pm  
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Tues-Thurs: 4:45pm

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**Starts Friday, Nov. 16: FANTASTIC BEASTS 2**

Movie Times for 11/9 thru 11/15 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

# LEGAL NOTICES

## WW190 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0613  
The following persons are doing business as Dan's Groceries, 75950 Commercial Street, Covelo, CA 95428; Danny Thomson, 75950 Commercial St., Covelo, CA 95428 and Todd Thomson, 75950 Commercial St., Covelo, CA 95428.  
This business is conducted by a general partnership.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 6, 1963.  
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on September 27, 2018.  
/s/ Danny Thomson  
Pub dates: 10/25, 11/01, 11/08, 11/15/2018

## WW192 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0312  
The following person is doing business as Big Fish Construction, 16750 Walker Lake Road, Willits, CA 95490 / P.O. Box 712, Willits, CA 95490; Adrian Christopher Fisher, 16750 Walker Lake Road, Willits, CA 95490.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 1, 2018.  
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on May 18, 2018.  
/s/ Adrian Fisher  
Pub dates: 11/08, 11/15, 11/21 and 11/29/2018

## WW191 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0650  
The following person is doing business as Willits Electric, 65 North Marin Street, Willits, CA 95490; Ralph J. Pisciotto, 65 North Marin Street, Willits, CA 95490.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in December 2003.  
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on October 22, 2018.  
/s/ Ralph J. Pisciotto  
Pub dates: 11/01, 11/08, 11/15 and 11/21/2018

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# Showing Up for School

By Mark Westerburg, WUSD superintendent

The next issue on my mind is the importance of school attendance. Nationally, almost 7 million students are chronically absent, meaning they miss at least 10 percent of school — that amounts to 18 days a year or two or three days a month. In California, more than one in 10 students are chronically absent; and unfortunately, in Mendocino County, the rates are even higher.



Typically, a disproportionate number of poor and ethnic minority students are chronically absent, and students who are chronically absent are five times less likely to graduate from high school, which perpetuates poverty. It's a nasty cycle, and the best way to break it is to keep kids in school.

When students are not in school, they always miss out. Whether the absence is excused or not, students miss lessons and they miss interaction with their peers; they start to fall behind, academically and socially, and this makes school harder. At some point, kids decide it's too hard and they stop trying. By third grade, 62 percent of chronically absent students do not read at grade level; this is one of the biggest predictors of high school graduation.

The first three years of school (K-2) build the foundation for a child's education. In the early grades we teach students to read, one of the hardest skills to learn. We also teach students how to do basic computation, so one day they can count change, balance a checkbook, and hopefully, pass algebra.

Success in the early grades not only prepares students academically, it helps build confidence. By third grade students have opinions about themselves; sadly, if they struggle in school, they believe they're incapable of learning.

Parents we need you! Attending school isn't up to your young students or the schools, it is up to you, please help us and get your child on the bus.

The only time children should stay home from school is when they are sick. Are they vomiting, do they have a fever? If so, then please keep them home. Do they have the sniffles or just don't feel like coming to school? If this is the case, they need to go to school.

A regular, full-time job with two weeks of vacation and major holidays off includes 2,080 hours of work a year. If someone misses 10 percent, that would be 208 hours, or a little more than five weeks of work. Do you know what they call people who miss this much work? Unemployed. Do you know what they call students who miss 10 percent of school? Undereducated.

Let's help students be successful. Let's help them create good habits that will benefit them for their whole lives. Let's build the skills and confidence they need to thrive. Let's make sure kids attend school every day.

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wanted to get into orchestras," Roundman said, "and I'm now in the Santa Rosa and Oakland symphonies. I always wanted to try playing in a band, but I was afraid to improvise with my classical training. My husband, Jason, convinced me to answer the ad for a blues guitarist looking for a cellist to improvise with him for a show. One hour for \$100. He sent me a CD and had me learn his songs.

"When I went on stage and improvised my first song, it felt amazing. It was so terrifying after playing classical. I was used to reading music and having it tell me exactly what I'm supposed to do. And here I got to play what I felt as long as it was in the proper style. It was very freeing, and I wanted to do more. Now I can't imagine not improvising."

Even though Roundman teaches music at a high school, she still finds time to book all of Dirty Cello's tours and to

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**Jim Wood in Willits**

District 2 assemblyman visits during recess

Assemblyman Jim Wood, who represents Mendocino County as part of his district in the California Legislature, came to town Friday, to meet up with some of his constituents. Willits Weekly caught up with Wood at the kitchen at St. Anthony's Catholic Church as he was packing carrots into meal containers for the Caring Kitchen's meal delivery to cancer patients and their families.

Wood said he'd be visiting with Willits City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra that afternoon, too, and checking out the "Out of the Ashes" exhibit of art by Redwood fire survivors at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. Wood had already taken a tour of Willow Terrace in Ukiah, the new Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation supportive housing development for seriously ill mentally ill homeless people, and would be attending Friday's National Alliance on Mental Illness meeting in Ukiah, too.

Asked if he had a prediction for Tuesday's election, Wood said, smiling: "Some people will win, and some people will not." Wood himself, according to current results for District 2, is leading with 67 percent of the vote, compared to 33 percent for his GOP opponent, Matt Heath.

At top: Caring Kitchen volunteers help pack meals at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. At right, above: A volunteer shows off one of the healthy meal items delivered to cancer patients and their families. At right: Assemblyman Jim Wood helps with the herbed carrots.



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Hopland's Retch manager John McMenomey, Mendocino County Farm Bureau President Frost Pauli, cannabis industry expert Dona Frank, Alison de Grassi and Travis Scott from Visit Mendocino, and Dick Selzer of Selzer Realty.

Several of the experts, including Gurewitz and Petrillo, told supervisors what needed to change in order to move the county to a more bountiful economy.

Petrillo said the county needed to upgrade its digital infrastructure in order to attract and retain young, mobile, highly skilled workers.

"In a county as beautiful as ours, welcoming these workers - many who are high wage-earners who will spend their money in the local economy - will require county-wide cell phone coverage and high-speed internet access.... A technology that expands emergency communications and online services will increase the county's capacity to deliver the services that the businesses need to survive and the residents need to feel secure," Petrillo said.

Gurewitz released the high points of a survey that her organization took over the past few months. In the survey, EDFC found 56 percent of residential respondents said they used the internet at home more than once a week, while 78 percent of non-residential respondents said the internet was crucial to their business.

"Broadband internet access is interconnected with our economic development," Gurewitz said. "You cannot separate the two. It's essential infrastructure."

McMenomey said his company was being held back by an inability to attract and retain workers, and one of the main causes for that was the lack of other high-tech industries in Mendocino County. He said if a married couple of skilled high-tech workers moved to Mendocino County, and one of them was able to get a job at Retch and the other one wasn't, it would be difficult for the second person to find a high-tech job in this county.

According to McMenomey, this often resulted in both people eventually moving out of the county.

Dona Frank, who opened OrganiCann, one of Sonoma County's first cannabis dispensaries, told supervisors Mendocino County needed to capitalize on its worldwide reputation for high-quality cannabis.

"I really recommend that you capitalize on the name, 'Mendocino Grown,'" Frank said. "Please do it. If you don't, you're going to miss the chance of a lifetime."

DeGrassi and Scott reported tourism is up significantly over the past year. DeGrassi noted travel-related spending is up to \$456 million in the last year, that tourism has generated \$39.9 million in tax revenues for the county, which now has 7,100 people who are working in tourism-generated employment.

They didn't mention any particular complaints or obstacles to business growth in the tourism sector.

Selzer said property values appear to have crested but added they are not receding yet, except in the prime cannabis country parcels which have declined in value by 50 percent.

Selzer spoke about the three opportunity zones declared in the county, the first two to the southwest of Ukiah and the third in the Covelo area. He said lawmakers have tinkered with the legislation and made it much less attractive to potential entrepreneurs.

As the law stands now, Selzer said, a property owner has to be able to double the assessed valuation of his or her property in 30 months. If he or she can do that, their capital gain on that property is tax-free.

But he cautioned supervisors the opportunity zones will likely only benefit a small group of people, emphasizing the county had an important part to play in making these opportunity zones work effectively.

"That's where the county is going to come into play," Selzer said. "If you're talking about a piece of property that requires a general plan amendment, a zoning change, or perhaps even a complex building arrangement, 2.5 years might get past you before you get an opportunity to build."

Amy Wynn, principal planner for Wynn Coastal Planning & Biology, told supervisors several factors are amalgamating to slow down the processing of permits and thus, to some extent, retarding economic development.

She noted the county's planning department frequently changes its interpretation of the meaning of this or that planning code. Wynn used the term "predictability of interpretation" and said it was playing havoc with her business.

She also singled out the lengthy legal review process, when a planning document goes to the Office of County Counsel for legal review. Wynn said such review can take six months to a year.

Wynn named several results that could, and often do, result from the delay in building. She said there is less construction occurring, which results in less property tax being received by the county. Some people have been forced to abandon their property, while others - when confronted with the likelihood of a long review process - have decided not to buy in Mendocino County.

"We tell them it could take two to four years until they can get to do their building permit," Wynn said, "but I have to start adding time to that, now that I understand how long the legal review is taking."

Mendocino County Counsel Katharine Elliott invited Wynn to call her to see what Elliott could do to speed up the process.

**Mendocino County to lay off child support attorney**

The Child Support Services Division, a branch within the Health and Human Services Agency, will terminate the employment of Chief Child Support Attorney Shannon Richards, it was determined on Tuesday.

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The vote on the issue was 3-1, with supervisors Carre Brown, John McCowen and Dan Gjerde voting in the affirmative, Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey voting against, and Supervisor Dan Hamburg absent.

To replace Richards, the county plans to enter into a "shared-services" agreement with Sonoma County. According to Interim Director of Child Support Services Randy Johnson, Sonoma County has four attorneys in their Child Support Services Division and will be able to send an attorney up as needed.

At the same time as the county is terminating a full-time attorney, the Child Support Services Division will hire an assistant director.

The move is part of a resolution to restructure the Child Support Services Division. By approving the resolution, the board deleted a technology coordinator, a child support attorney IV, a chief child support attorney (Richards), two staff assistants II, and two account specialists II, and two account specialists III - eight fulltime positions - from the division.

The board approved creation of one assistant director of the division, one administrative secretary, one supervising legal secretary, one child support specialist III and two account specialists III, a total of six positions.

The decision to release Richards was opposed by three attorneys: Richards herself, Matt Finnegan and Lisa Hillegas.

Finnegan, staff attorney for Local Teamsters 856, and one of the lawyers who represents the child support attorneys in both Mendocino and Sonoma counties, urged supervisors to hold off on making the decision. Finnegan said he had not seen the agreement that had been worked out between Interim Director Johnson and Sonoma County, and had not had time to talk to the Sonoma County attorneys.

"I would urge you guys to not take action, because I don't think there's a rush here. We don't even have a permanent director of this agency," Finnegan said. "We have a lot of information that I think has been gathered. I would like to look at his information with Ms. Richards. I would like to look at this information and how it is going to be executed with Sonoma County, if there is going to be a services agreement executed with them."

"There's been discussions, but I don't think it's actually been penciled out, if we bring them up here, how they're going to serve," he said.

Lisa Hillegas, a family law attorney for the past five years and treasurer of the Mendocino County Family Bar Association, argued the decision to cut the family law attorney from Child Support Services was "not a good one."

She said the loss of having a full-time attorney in the office would "lower the quality of service and lowers the clients' access to an attorney."

Without an attorney in the office, local clients would be forced to hire an outside, private attorney. Hillegas said that was problematic because many family law clients don't have the money to hire a private attorney, and because seven Mendocino County family law attorneys have retired over the past three years, while no new attorneys have moved to the county to take their places.

"During my five years of family law practice, the Family Support Division has had four different

directors," Hillegas said. "The last three have been in the last two years, and none of them have had any training in child support services, or family support in any way."

"There's been lots of turnover with attorneys in that office as well, until the current attorney, Shannon Richards, took that position three years ago, and has created stability the department sorely needed," she said.

"She commands an enviable reputation for her skill and knowledge of child support and family law generally. She regularly interfaces with the family bar, and with family law judges. She's a valuable asset to our county," Hillegas said.

Croskey said she couldn't vote in favor of the proposal. "I am certainly in support of the changes in administration and the creation of the assistant director position, but I have to say I don't feel comfortable with the layoff of the attorney at this point. I don't feel comfortable with what I've heard set up with Sonoma County."

"I'd really like to see something fleshed out better to make me feel certain that they are going to get the support they need, that they will be able to pick up the phone and that they will actually be able to get an answer right away," Croskey said.

McCowen tried to clarify with Croskey, asking if she was in opposition because she had not seen the agreement between the two counties. But Croskey said she had not seen the agreement, because there was no agreement.

Croskey asked Johnson if there was an agreement.

"There's no agreement," Johnson said. "To work on an agreement before the board approved it, seemed moot. I wish I could provide you with more answers."

"However, Sonoma County has committed to doing what it takes to make it work. Part of this is the fact that - until such time that it is in operation, we'll have to be prepared to make regular changes, if needed, to make sure that our staff has access to their attorneys, to get the help that they need."

"The two main attorneys that have been up [to this county] and the director have each given me their assurance that it will be taken care of. They understand the need for the services they provide, and they provide excellent service," Johnson said.

Johnson added he had spoken with the state regional administrator of Child Support Services, who supported the move to a shared-services agreement with Sonoma County.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said he was prepared to vote in favor of the motion without seeing the agreement, because the money to pay for the shared-services agreement would come from the state.

"If the County of Mendocino was paying for this contract, obviously I would want to see it," Gjerde said. "But because the state's paying for it, and because they're in support of this change, I feel very comfortable with not seeing the agreement at this point, because, we're not paying for it. They're paying for it."

The motion to enact administrative changes to the department, including the termination of the chief Child Support Services attorney and creation of the position of assistant director of Child Support Services, was adopted, pending a meet-and-confer process between the county's Department of Human Resources and the labor union representing county attorneys.

After meet-and-confer obligations have been met, the shared-services agreement will be signed by representatives from both counties.

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**Driver dies in fiery crash near Laytonville**

A fiery crash on Highway 101 south of Laytonville on Monday has claimed the life of the driver.

The California Highway Patrol reports the male driver of a BMW X3 was driving north shortly before 2:30 pm when his vehicle left the road and plunged down an embankment, where it collided with a large tree and burst into flame.

Several passing motorists attempted to extricate the unknown driver from the wreckage but were beaten back by the flames, which had engulfed the car.

The accident briefly closed Highway 101 in both directions. One lane of the roadway was later reopened as emergency responders worked at the scene, the CHP says.

The body of the driver was taken to Anker-Lucier Mortuary in Willits where coroner's officers are attempting to identify the remains.

Officers from the Cahto Trial Police force, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, CalFire and Caltrans responded to the crash scene.

The CHP's investigation into the accident is continuing. It is unknown if drugs or alcohol played a part in the deadly crash.

This report was based on a press release from the California Highway Patrol.

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- Submitted by Community Care Senior Information & Assistance Program

At right: Candace Luna, artist Jazz-minh Moore, and Missy Swada Stevens, owner of Re-Evolution, at Saturday's art opening. Far right: "Koi Dance" by Judy Chance Hope.



# Art Evening

Brickhouse Coffee and Re-Evolution hosted Saturday openings for Judy Chance Hope and Jazz-minh Moore

It was an art kind of evening. The two-block area around Commercial and Main streets became an impromptu "art walk," with three gallery openings simultaneously occurring. In addition to the annual Photography Club opening at the Willits Center for the Arts, art patrons also had the choice of attending the opening of the latest exhibit at Brickhouse Coffee for the work of Judy Chance Hope or the opening for Jazz-minh Moore's print gallery at Re-Evolution on West Mendocino Avenue.

Judy Chance Hope would like to gift us with moments of peace and serenity, centered around images of her colorful collection of koi fish from her pond. With colors that wafted from the page, the compositions drew the viewers in and allowed them to float along with Hope on her rowboat.

"I have a pond, and we had koi in it for 25 years. They grew to be very large. I photographed them a lot during that time. There is something very peaceful about them. I would come home from work kind of wound up and would get in the rowboat and row around, and the fish would come up, and it was just like 'aaah.' I just forgot about all the trivia I had dealt with during the day," Hope said.

"I work in acrylic on canvas. I use a lot of medium and some glazing that creates layers. Acrylic paint works better when it is a series of layers which creates a depth. Otherwise the medium is rather flat. It's fun," Hope responded when asked about how she managed to get such depth in her medium.

Although most of the paintings Hope is showing at Brickhouse are of the fish, she

says: "I do subjects other than koi. I do landscapes and florals. I like doing portraits, but I haven't done that much with them. I would do commissions if someone asked, but my creative work ends up staying in the studio. I've seen figurative work that has a universal appeal, but usually people want it if they know the person, otherwise it stays in my studio."

"I also do plein air painting [painting outdoors] which is really enjoyable because it's fast and it's spontaneous and what you see is what you get, and then it's over and you move on."

At the Re-Evolution Gallery space, attendees were greeted by Kyle Madrigal and David Blesse making ethereal music on a variety of devices sporting many wires and sounding amazing. The gallery is compact and full of smaller prints of the artistic journey of Jazz-minh Moore. The artist explained her evolution in a "tour" around the space, which consisted basically of simply turning to face the various phases of her art journey.

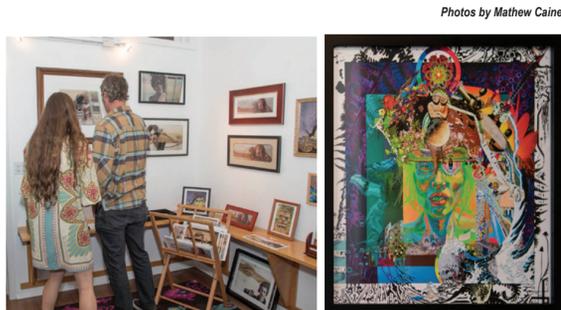
"This show starts with musician drawings I did 18 years ago," Moore said. "It goes through a series of portraits of kind of wild-haired women in very modern structured formats. Some of these are self-portraits. I'm so over my self-portraits. This is what I'm doing now. I'm doing these intuitive non-linear elemental subconscious surreal collages that really have very few people in them. It's not about the people. It's about the story. I look back on these self-portraits, and go 'god, I was so narcissistic.'"

Moore began her artistic life in a penthouse in New York's Village. She spoke

Read the rest of **Art** Over on Page 15



Above, left: Artist Judy Chance Hope and her daughter, artist Diza Hope. Above, right: Tom and Sara Mann of Brickhouse Coffee. Below, left: The gallery at Re-Evolution was small but full of artwork by Jazz-minh Moore. Below, right: Jazz-minh Moore's latest works are collages. At bottom: Racks of organic free-trade clothes in natural colors at Re-Evolution.



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did a large print of a split oak tree with a wide-angle lens which emphasized its depth. He enjoys shooting nature: "There's generally no people in my shots. I like things that don't move too much."

Kimberly Vadelnicks' work is an imagining of the female figure, in different techniques, all of which bring about a different emotional response.

Sandy Strong somehow captures moments in time in nature. One of her most striking images in the show was of a bird flying off from a bath, the water splashing out in cascading patterns, a perfect grab of a moment. She also brought a still life of antique bottles on a glass table which was a contrast in textures.

Jack Booth brought his knowledge of animal biology with his extreme cicada close-up and his photos of an ibis and a baby fox.

Michael Steffen used his photography in this show to make ecological statements. He presented before and after juxtapositions of the fire, mounted together in such a way as to direct the viewer on a journey through time and nature. He did the same with the red tide in Florida.

June Ruckman presented photos from her trips to Europe, as did her husband, Jerry Albright, who did some close-ups of a lighthouse in Portugal with a deep history. Ruckman's photos were a nostalgic view of Venice, Italy and a dynamic photo of a stairway in Spain.

Craig Gardner's presentation was about a method of creating images etched into slate through use of a laser. He enjoys experimenting with this technique and hopes to take it to another level in the future. The images showed deeply white against the black slate texture, subtle but dynamic.

Maria Steffen offered a new perspective with her aerial shots.

Other photographers in the show each had a different vision and method of capturing a moment in time.

The Willits Photo Club exhibit will be up through November 25 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

COLUMN | The Medicine Chest Garden

## Mendocino County Herb Guild hosts November 16 dinner at the Grange

By Donna d'Terra, columnist

Referencing the quote below, it could be said that the Mendocino County Herb Guild has "dared to dream big." Formed last year by local herbalists, MCHG has Coastal and Inland chapters with the same mission: "To create Full Circle Herbalism through regenerative cultivation and wildcrafted herbs, intentional medicine making, conscious education, accessible apothecaries and clinics, so that healing plant medicine can be available to all who need it."

What would Full Circle Herbalism in Mendocino County look like? Here is what the Herb Guild envisions: using local seed and plant starts, herbs are cultivated, harvested and made into medicine using locally sourced organic olive oil, vinegar and alcohol. An Herbal Exchange, modeled after the one in Sonoma County, connects herb growers and herb buyers. The medicines (teas, tinctures, oils, salves, etc.), are used in local clinics (including a mobile clinic), sold in local markets and, perhaps, someday sold beyond the county as well.

An educational component of Full Circle Herbalism starts in the primary grades with the understanding of the importance of teaching children how to recognize what is growing around them. Environmentalist Baba Dioum expresses it this way: "In the end, we will conserve what we love, we will love what we understand, we will understand what we have been taught."

Herbal education also includes classes for specific groups such as teens and elders; study groups for new and experienced herbalists; classes for farmers and gardeners to learn how to grow, harvest and store the highest quality herbs; and, an annual Herb Festival with classes and information for the general public.

The Mobile Clinic is a converted bus or RV that houses an apothecary, a small herbal library, and an intake area. it travels

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about her self-portraits of the time and her need to get back to the natural surroundings of her youth in Oregon.

"I wanted a completely messy tangle of roots in the hair. I was living in a penthouse apartment in the Village in Manhattan. I was living this very beautiful lifestyle, very clean, organized. We travelled constantly, but I was feeling the feral, woody animal side of me which was neglected at that time. I grew up in the middle of the woods in Oregon. My nature was not being nurtured when I lived in the city. It was leaking out in these subconscious ways. This is basically me, leaking out. My inner feral angst and frustration. It's the same tangle I find in the branches in this painting. I really like the organic geometry of nature."

"Now that I'm back, living in nature, I'm doing these culture explosion collages. What I want to do is blow this up as big as the printer will go, hopefully mural size. I want to make it big so you can actually travel through it. It's too confusing at this scale, you can barely focus on any element.

At a larger scale you can go, 'I'm starting in nature, going through this giant war machine in multiple colors. I'm in a snowflake through a polarizer filter. I'm going down through some caterpillars, a two-headed stone sculpture leaning on the moon. I'm travelling through Harry Winston jewels to a craft aircraft.' Collages are journeys."

One can only describe art to a certain degree. Art needs to be experienced. Luckily, Willits has been gifted with three galleries in easy walking distance of each other. Take the whole journey or just one part at a time. Have a coffee at Brickhouse, 3 South Main Street, enjoy the art or go up the street to Re-Evolution, 15 West Mendocino Avenue, enjoy the art and their array of organic fair trade clothing.

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"Yes" votes, the ballot measure is well on its way to victory. "It's amazing," Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes told Willits Weekly Wednesday afternoon. "Our political advisor told us 'You're good, you got this' after the initial returns came out.

"I just want everybody to know that this was a huge group effort," Wilkes said. "When I say 'group,' I mean all the local service clubs, and the community in general, for the amount of education community members did with their friends and family.

"It's just important for the community to know that literally this was a full community effort, and everybody is to be thanked," Wilkes said, "not just one person, or one group. Yes, we had a political action committee, and they did a great job, but what we really did was reach the public, and the public took it on themselves to educate each other."

Wilkes said the next step in getting a new firehouse on East Commercial Street to replace the old building was preparing what's called a "feasibility evaluation" which is a requirement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for any community facility loans. The USDA has been working closely with Little Lake Fire Protection District to plan for the low-interest loan that will pay to build the firehouse.

"We'll get that study done, and that'll seal the deal on our funding," Wilkes said. "The next step is a construction committee to go over the plans again, with the architect, with a fine-tooth comb."

As far as the timing of the actual construction, Wilkes said: "We have a shovel-ready project, and if everything fell perfectly in place, we could put out a request for proposals in February, and actually start construction this spring. There's going to be construction work at this location in 2019; whether we actually get into the new building or not next year.... I hope so."

The voter registrar has 30 days to certify the final election results, but final Mendocino County results could be announced in two or three weeks.

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Submitted by Avenues to Wellness

Avenues to Wellness presents Willits Weekly financial columnist Nicholas Casagrande, EA, in their November 8 speaker series presentation.

Casagrande will speak on "Prepare Yourself for Financial Wellness!" on Thursday, November 8, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The presentation is free to the public, but donations to support the speaker series are appreciated. The usual Tuesday evening presentation was changed to Thursday this week thanks to the election.

Seventy-two percent of Americans feel stressed about money, and only 18 percent feel confident about retirement. It's common to avoid thinking about or acting on a financial plan. Make this talk the first step in creating your financial success. Casagrande will explain: why everyone needs a financial plan, how to reduce fear and denial around financial issues, how to identify and achieve your goals, and how to create peace of mind for your financial future.

Nicholas Casagrande, EA is an accountant and a financial advisor. His firm, NC Financial Group manages individuals and businesses at every level of wealth. Client work includes personal and corporate taxes, investment planning, insurance and real estate decisions. NC Financial Group has an office in Willits, and Casagrande writes the "Numbers by Nick" column in Willits Weekly's Real Estate section each month.

Avenues to Wellness, a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation, hosts a speaker presentation the first Tuesday of the month at Willits Center for the Arts. Visit: [avenuestowellness.org](http://avenuestowellness.org) for upcoming topics. For more information, call: 456-9676.



## Varsity Soccer Mariano Tomas, 16, Junior

**How Long Playing the Sport:** Eight years

**Breakfast of Champions:** Pancakes

**Love of the Sport:** "Love the teamwork and the slide tackle."

**Other Sports Played:** None

Mariano plays defensive midfield and makes his presence known at every game. When he steps on the field he always gives 110 percent. We are pleased to have him in our lineup.

– Submitted by Varsity Boys Soccer Coach Martin Rodriguez

## Varsity Soccer Gwyn Hernandez, 16, Junior

**How Long Playing the Sport:** "Since I was three."

**Breakfast of Champions:** Waffles

**Love of the Sport:** "I like how it is a team sport and how intense it gets."

**Other Sports Played:** None

Gwyn Hernandez has played wing for the team for the past three seasons. She's great at taking the ball up the field and has had several goals and assists this season. We're looking forward to seeing what she brings to the field next year for her senior year!

– Submitted by Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Tatiana Cantrell



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