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## Willits gets 'organic waste' pick-up

Jennifer Poole  
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Solid Waste Services of Willits started a new service last week: picking up "Mixed Organic Waste" every Friday from their customers' green yard waste containers.

"Mixed organic waste" consists of food scraps and other compostable items, like food-soiled paper (coffee filters, pizza boxes, napkins and more), plants and flowers, and approved compostable packaging. That's in addition to the usual yard waste items, like grass clippings and leaves.

Food scraps that can go into the bin include types of food not normally put into home compost piles, like meat, fish and dairy.

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## School board majority accepts Johnson's argument on moving costs

Mike A'Dair  
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In recent weeks, Willits Unified School District Superintendent Patricia Johnson has had conversations with individual school board trustees concerning the district's move into the new district office complex at Blosser Lane Elementary School. At issue is the question of whether Johnson had board permission to spend more than \$150,000 to accomplish the move.

According to the minutes of the March 4 school board

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## Burn ban lifted

As of Monday, November 9, 2015, the burn ban has been lifted for Mendocino County. Burn permits will be required within the Little Lake Fire Protection District (LLFPD). Burn permits for use within the district can be obtained at the firehouse, 74 East Commercial Street, between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

### Requirements for legal outdoor burning

- Obtain a valid burn permit from the LLFPD.
- Verify the day you are burning is a permissive burn day by calling the fire department at 459-6271 or air quality at 463-4391.

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You better watch out, you better not pout,  
you better not cry, I'm telling you why ...

## Biker Claus is coming to town!

That's right, kiddies! On Sunday, November 29, the 23rd Annual Willits Toy Run will be held at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from noon to 3 pm. But

Richard Venturi  
Contributing Writer

before the party gets started at the grange, there will be a motorcycle procession led by the fire engines from the Little Lake Fire Protection District. The procession will take place rain or shine.

Bikers from near and far will begin gathering at Evergreen Shopping Center in Willits at around 11:30 am, and the procession, beginning at noon, will proceed from the shopping center north on South Main Street to the Little Lake Grange.

This year's procession will be led by Biker Claus and Mrs. Biker Claus riding their own Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Everyone

is encouraged to come out and watch the procession through town and then join in on the fun at the Little Lake Grange. There will be a free lunch for everyone who donates an unwrapped toy at the grange.

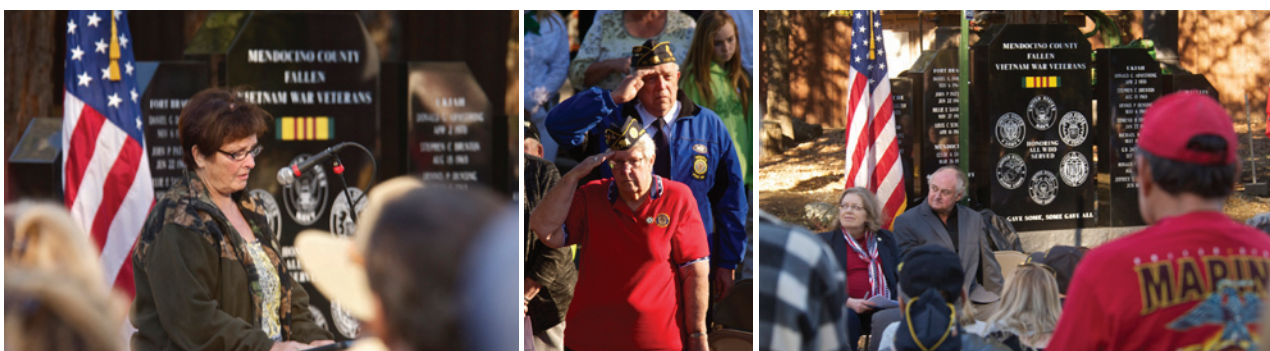
Live music will be provided by the world-famous Road Kings coming directly from their live concert tour at the North Pole. There will be a huge raffle as well as a live auction and a no-host bar provided by the Willits Lions Club.

All the toys and proceeds from the raffle and live auction benefit the Willits Rotary Christmas Program. This program supports many of the local families in and around the Willits area.

One very important thing everyone needs to know – this event is for everyone. All of Willits is invited whether you have a motorcycle or not. And if you do ride, join in on the procession – all bikes, bikers and or motorcycle enthusiasts are welcome.

Above: Santa's new sleigh and team: from back left: Joni Gartemaker with green antlers, Nanci Rice with red antlers, TJ Jones with brown antlers, Kim Venturi with white antlers, Diana Fox with Santa hat, Norma "Rudolph" Staley with white antlers, Shellie Revling with green antlers, Bear Kamoroff with green antlers, Gloria Westby with red antlers, Tim Westby with brown antlers, and in center, back, Rich "Biker Claus" Venturi.

Photo by Maureen Moore



## New memorial recognizes Vietnam vets

Photos by Peter Armstrong



The new Mendocino County Fallen Vietnam Veterans Memorial was unveiled and dedicated Wednesday afternoon – Veterans Day – at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits.

The new memorial, said Dennis Miner, retired U.S. Army major, who spearheaded the project, will "honor those who have sacrificed and recognize those who have suffered in their loss. Our goal is to honor, heal and to remember." The names of 22 fallen Vietnam veterans from Mendocino County are inscribed on the new memorial.

More photos and full story in next week's Willits Weekly.

## Rodriguez says goodbye to school board

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At a rare, "feel good" meeting, trustees of the Willits Unified School board said goodbye to Saprina Rodriguez, who is leaving the board after a four-year stint as a trustee.

Rodriguez said family issues caused her not to seek a second term on the board.

"Leaving the school board was a very hard decision for me," Rodriguez said. "My family has grown over the last few years, and I found that I needed to give more time to my family. We come here for our children, but I know that my children have sacrificed from their

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## Air district levies new \$151,272 fine against Grist Creek

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The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has levied a \$151,272 fine against Grist Creek Aggregates of Covelo. Together with the \$21,953 fine that was levied against the Longvale facility on October 21, the air quality district has fined Grist Creek Aggregates \$173,225 over the past three weeks.

The second notice of violation, which was issued on Friday, October 30, notes four causes of the fine: modification of the asphalt batch plant without district approval; operating

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## Moorman blasts county over 'competency training' at the jail

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Judge Ann Moorman took off the gloves in her Ukiah courtroom on October 21, in the matter of the People of the State of California versus Pablo Mora.

Moorman was angry because it had taken so long for Mora to receive mental health competency training. Competency training is given to jail inmates who have been determined to be incompetent to stand trial.

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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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ANSWERS  
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Level: Intermediate

## 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!


## CLUES ACROSS

- Cronkite's network
- Fire insect
- Gas usage measurement
- Express pleasure
- Humbug
- Every
- Capital is Valletta
- Copycat
- Bound book sheets
- Steps to an upper floor
- Local school organizations
- Old English
- Atomic #73
- Cheerless
- The bill in a restaurant
- Singer \_\_\_ Lo Green
- Domesticated
- Mammary gland of a cow
- Honorable title (Turkish)
- Alias
- Emblem of a clan
- Edouard \_\_, Fr. painter
- Short-term memory
- Used to speak to the Queen
- Vertical spar for sails
- Expresses surprise
- Morning

## CLUES DOWN

- Bog arum lily
- Thin plain-weave cotton fabric
- Thick rough piled carpet
- A way to lessen
- Amazon river tributary
- Larceny
- Make ale
- Begged
- White of egg
- Road travel guide
- Aircraft tail
- Italian monk title
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Goblin
- A baglike structure in a

- plant or animal
- Date
- I, Portuguese
- Design on the skin
- Time before
- Free from gloss
- V.P. Quayle
- Supplement with difficulty
- Tell on
- Landed properties
- Metric ton
- One thousandth of an ampere
- Former \_\_\_ Hess, oil company
- Siemens conductance unit
- Woman (French)
- More (Spanish)
- Request
- Group jargon
- Stakes
- In advance
- Yiddish meat pie
- Equal, prefix
- Box (abbr.)
- Having nine hinged bands of bony plates
- Scarlett's home
- S. branch of the Lower Rhine

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## Herbal cordials

Cordials are sometimes called elixirs or liqueurs, but are certainly easier to spell! A cordial is a drink made with a combination of alcohol (brandy, vodka, rum), a sweetener (I prefer honey), and a flavoring (fruits, herbs, spices, or whatever you have in abundance).

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Using specific herbs in your cordials can tailor them as tonics for your heart or nervous system, etc. Thanks to Vichy Salcido-Cobb for the digestive tonic recipe below.

### Three Seed Cordial

Coriander seeds.

In a glass jar with a lid, put 3 tablespoons dried whole fennel seed, 2 tablespoons dried whole coriander seed, and 1 teaspoon dried whole celery seed.

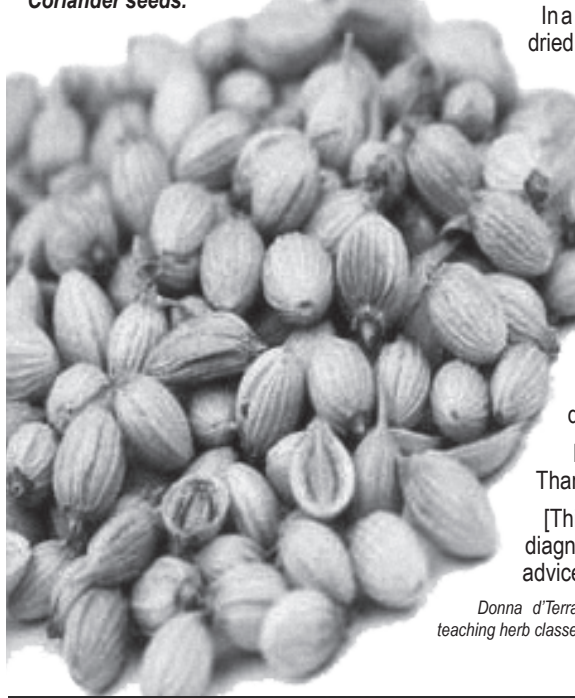
Add 1 cup brandy (or enough to cover the seeds by 2 inches). Put on the lid and let sit 10 to 14 days (minimum), shaking the jar occasionally.

Strain out the seeds and compost them. Measure the volume of the liquid and add half that amount of honey. Stir well to dissolve.

Enjoy your cordial after the Thanksgiving meal!

[This information is not intended to diagnose, prescribe or replace the advice of a qualified health professional.]

Donna d'Terra is a Willits area herbalist who has been teaching herb classes for 25 years.



Fennel seeds.



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## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home Wonderful Pepper

Pepper was originally from the Humane Society, but came back last year when her owners had to move. She is a wonderful cat that just loves to hang around. She is a little overweight but now that she gets to be loose in the cattery she is slimming down a bit. Pepper gets along with everyone and loves to be groomed and petted.

She has a little wheezing problem, and though she is not sick, it does not cause her pain or discomfort.

She would be good with kids and seniors alike because she is just that great. Pepper would do best in a quieter home, but could likely do well in any home.

Come out to meet Pepper and all of her friends. The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, where you can come visit, play with and/or adopt dogs and cats, is open to prospective adopters from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the Broiler). Info: 707-485-0123 or hsmc@pacific.net or visit [www.mendohumanesociety.com](http://www.mendohumanesociety.com).



At top, from left: Malanyon and Sarah Adams take a minute to relax. Artists Lisa and Brian Bowles share some laughs with Becky Smith and Amy Hopkins. Above: Lois Hoover is taken by the workmanship in Lisa's quilt. At right: Brian Bowles created a wonderful way for Sarah Adams to display her collection of eggs.



## Downtown Block Party

Culture lovers enjoyed a full Saturday night of art, original theater and James Bond

An art extravaganza in Willits Saturday evening, November 7, saw art lovers making their way from the Willits Center for the Arts to Brickhouse Coffee, over to the Willits Community Theatre for "Speakeasy: An Evening of Original Monologues," or to the Noyo Theatre for "Spectre," the latest 007 movie. Photographer Steve Eberhard described the two art openings on the same block of East Commercial, as a "Block Party," but it seems it turned into a downtown Willits party! Lou Celaya reported that Adam's Restaurant was doing a brisk business, as people converged to the downtown to take part in the fun. And "Monologues" director Ann Samson said the WCT performance was to a full house, with "not an available seat."

The evening started with the opening reception for Sarah and Malanyon Adams' and Lisa and Brian Bowles' combined art show, "Silk & Iron," at the Willits Center for the Arts. The many in attendance were awed by the diverse talents of these two creative couples. Longtime Willits resident Susana Wilson was amazed at the imaginative use of common objects in the creation of beautiful and intriguing art by the show's four artists. All four artists were on hand to explain their inspirations and the processes used to create their pieces.

Just a half-hour later, Brickhouse Coffee opened the showing of Steve Eberhard's photography show, "One Neighbor's Perspective of Mendocino County." Both venues offered refreshments, and Eberhard's Brickhouse Coffee reception

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# WPD Activity Report

November 1 to November 7

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 201 incidents this week.

During this seven-day reporting period, WPD officers were assigned 20 criminal investigation reports, made 10 arrests, issued 5 traffic citations, and investigated 3 traffic collisions.

## Of note for the week

### Sunday, November 1

- A male was arrested for public intoxication

Officers also investigated two disturbance complaints and a trespassing complaint.

### Monday, November 2

- A male was arrested for a municipal code violation

- A female was arrested pursuant to an outstanding warrant

- A female was arrested for a license violation

Officers also investigated an assault, an identity theft, a disturbance complaint, a burglary, and a suspicious circumstance.

### Tuesday, November 3

- A female was arrested for public intoxication

Officers also recovered a stolen vehicle, conducted a mental health evaluation, and investigated two reported disturbances, a burglary, a theft, a trespass violation, two traffic collisions, and a suspicious circumstance.

### Wednesday, November 4

- A male was arrested for drug influence

- A female was arrested for public intoxication

Officers also investigated a robbery, a reported brandishing of a weapon, two reported disturbances, a theft, criminal threats, a domestic assault, a suspiciously parked vehicle, and a "man down" incident. Officers also assisted the Little Lake Fire Department with an illegal burn and were dispatched to a welfare check.

### Thursday, November 5

Officers investigated a reported bullying complaint, an assault, a suspicious circumstance, an animal abuse, and a possible drug deal.

### Friday, November 6

- A male was arrested for a license violation

- A male was arrested for domestic battery

Officers also initiated a mental health commitment, and investigated two thefts, a camping complaint, a reported disturbance, a suspicious person, conducted a second mental health evaluation, and provided assistance during a civil issue.

### Saturday, November 7

- A male was arrested for a violation of probation

- A male was arrested for drug influence and a violation of probation

Officers also investigated three camping complaints, a reported domestic assault, a vandalism, a hit and run traffic collision, and a suspicious circumstance.



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included live music. Both locations were packed with people enjoying the art and catching up with neighbors and friends. Eberhard was busy the entire time explaining how he uses technology and his imagination to create his signature photographic art.

Mako Robinson, a Brooktrails resident and recent transplant from San Francisco, shared that he is impressed by the amount of talent in his new hometown. He was fascinated not only by the intricacy of Lisa Bowles' quilts, but also by the diversity of all of the art on display at the Willits Center for the Arts. He continued the evening at Brickhouse Coffee, where he enjoyed Steve Eberhard's photography show.

Petaluma resident Nichole Clark was in Willits to see the monologues at the Willits Community Theatre and was delighted to add both the "Silk & Iron" show and Eberhard's photography show, to give her a full evening of art and entertainment. Clark's parents, Tim Rice and Beth Riedel, were happy to join her for this fun Willits evening.

Kay Albright was enjoying her evening looking for more additions to her Eberhard photography collection at the "One Neighbor's Perspective of Mendocino County" show at Brickhouse Coffee. Albright, a Santa Rosa resident, attended both of the openings with her daughter-in-law, June Ruckman, and her son Jerry Albright of Willits.

The "Silk & Iron" show will run through November 29, and gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays, 4 to 7 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 3 pm.

Brickhouse Coffee will host Steve Eberhard's "One Neighbor's Perspective of Mendocino County" through January 2016. Hours for Brickhouse Coffee are Monday through Saturday, 7 am to 3 pm.



Photo by Rod Coats



Above, left: Whimsical Volkswagen van kitchen towels by Lisa Bowles.

Above: Katie Fairbairn helped serve wine at long-time friend Steve Eberhard's opening reception at The Brickhouse.

Below, left: Brian Bowles created a custom cabinet for Sarah Adam's antique kitchen sink.

Below, right: Mako Robinson was struck by the intricacy of Lisa Bowles' art.

At bottom, left: Noel Woodhouse and Holly Walton were among many attendees that found Brian Bowles' cabinet and Sarah Adam's egg collection fascinating.

At bottom, right: Malanyon Adams catches up with Tomki Camp, former neighbor and childhood friend, who was visiting from San Mateo.

Photos by Jenny Senter



## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home: Young Curly

Curly is a 7-month-old male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 18 pounds. He is a small dog with a big personality! Curly finds just about everything and everyone exciting and is perpetually in a great mood. His happy, silly energy is infectious and brings a smile to the face of anyone in his company.

Since he is still young, he will need some basic training and socialization. He will also need lots of activity to keep him happy and healthy. He would love a home with another playful dog or playful kids. This little guy is going to be such a joyful addition to his forever family! At 7 months

old he weighs 18 pounds, so we'd guess he'll be around 25 pounds when full grown – the perfect-sized dog!

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



# Snow on Mt. Sanhedrin

Rain! Frost! And snow on Sanhedrin Mountain... These photos, taken Tuesday morning, show the first snow of the season after a chilly night that dipped down to 31.9 degrees in town, according to the weather station at Mendocino College's North County Center.

The Mendo College station also reported receiving .51 inches of rain on Sunday, November 8 and another .51 inches on Monday, November 8, a total of 1.02 inches. Lucky Monkey's Ranch, two miles west of Willits, reported .43 inches of rain on November 8, with .85 inches on November 9, a total of 1.28 inches. "Townie" in westside Willits didn't check his rain gauge until Tuesday morning, but his weekend total was 1.2 inches. Willits Weekly is happy to receive reports of rain figures or other weather phenomena at [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com).



Photo by Thea Cohen



## Historic Frontier Days buckle goes home

My friend T.J. Nelson recently called me to get some historical information on the Persico family from Willits. T.J. was recently cleaning out his desk drawer and came upon a buckle that he had put there a couple of years ago and long forgotten about. He had been asked to clean out a house on a ranch in Covelo that the bank had foreclosed on, so the ranch could be resold.

The buckle was either brass or copper and very heavy. Across the top front of the buckle was inscribed "Willits Frontier Days."

On the bottom was inscribed the name of Lee "Dink" Persico. The center of the buckle was a formation of a cowboy riding two horses, Roman-style. Dates on each side were "1926" and "1987,"

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I called my friend Lee Persico in Willits, who verified that Lee "Dink" Persico was indeed his father. His father worked at



Bob Dempel, left, and Lee Persico, holding the historic Frontier Days buckle.

Below, the front and back of the buckle.

Photos by Jennifer Seward

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many jobs in his life around northern Mendocino County. I called T.J. back and told him of my connection with Lee, and he volunteered to give me the buckle to return to the Persico family.

On Wednesday November 5, 2015, while both Lee and I were at the Cannibal Feed in Ukiah, I gave the buckle to Lee Persico so that it could be returned and enjoyed by the entire Persico family.

I visited with T.J. on Friday and gave him a picture of me handing the buckle to Lee. The smile on T.J.'s face was very wide. And so is mine.

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Above: Saprina Rodriguez, center with flowers, gets a send-off from colleagues, from left: Student school board representative Will Switzer, trustees Chris Neary, Cynthia Carni and Alex Bowlds, and Superintendent Patricia Johnson.

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buy commercial beers. We sample them one at a time, comment on them, and give feedback and make notes."

The club doesn't solely focus on beer, however. As stated in their website, "if yeast is involved, we're interested," including "all forms of fermentation and slow food: beers, ales, wines, ciders, meads, preserves, pickles, bread and more."

The costs, which did not include labor costs for district employees, totaled \$139,000 and included \$51,000 for the purchase of new furniture. In reporting about that meeting, Willits Weekly noted that after trustee Laurie Harris complained about the expenditure, and after trustee Alex Bowlds said he didn't think the board had approved it, "Other board members remained silent on the issue, as did Johnson."

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lives in order to let me serve on the board."

In parting, Rodriguez urged the board members, the press and the community not to make assumptions about the motives of board members' actions or lack of action. Rodriguez referred to an apparent lack of curiosity on the part of some board members, which this reporter noticed during the October 6 board meeting, when district Superintendent Patricia Johnson gave board members a financial accounting of costs associated with moving the district office.

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The rest of **Cats** | From Page 10

kind of success happen. It just feels good to see them go out the door."

The shelter still has plenty of cats and kittens: About 90 felines remain, Mountainfire said, although some aren't quite ready to be adopted: still being held in hopes their owners will come to find them, or still in need of testing, spaying or neutering.

She warned that those looking for a fluffy, new kitten for Christmas might want to come looking now, as Christmas season

is not kitten season. "There are no little tiny kittens in December," she said. "Kitten season ends when it gets cold and rainy. So come and look at what we have now: They will probably be the youngest kittens we'll have for the rest of the year."

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. For more info, call 467-6453 or visit www.mendoshelterpets.com.

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# Willits Garden Club

## November guest speaker says 'now is the time' for fall planting

The Willits Garden Club held an informational meeting this past Monday at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, featuring guest speaker Beth Brenneman.

Speaking on the topic of "Fall Gardening," Brenneman reminded attendees that "now is the time to get started planting hardy brassicas and other cold lovers like onions, garlics and turnips."

Brenneman also noted that fall is the perfect time to start readying compost for spring planting.

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"There are two types of compost that I like to make," Brenneman said. "One is the type you turn [using a bin, or tumbler], or you can do layered composts right in the bed like Toby Hemenway suggests in his book, "Gaia's Garden."

Describing the layering process, Brenneman explained: "The first layer is always straw, the next is manure, the next some leaves, the next layer some humus from the forest, the next layer is green manure like alfalfa or fresh grass. You can actually build it up to about five feet, and by springtime, it will be down to one or two feet. It will be working by itself composting. It's the microbes and the fungi that do it."

Brenneman offered a unique way of fighting weeds, as an alternative to manually pulling them or using chemicals. "Underneath that layered composting, put down cardboard. If you layer the bed with cardboard at the base, it will suppress the weeds for about four years."

Brenneman, influenced by the teachings of Elaine Ingham, founder of Soil Foodweb Inc., discouraged the use of rototilling, claiming that it damages the soil and interferes with the communications web between plants, trees and the soil.

"The trees actually tell the micro-organisms and fungi what they need, and they give the trees carbohydrates," explained Brenneman. "It's a whole relationship between the fungal growth and the microbial growth that actually helps your plants."

According to Brenneman, it's important to provide the right kind of compost, depending on what you'll be planting. Perennials like fruit trees, for instance, "like soil with lots of fungi, which you can create with old straw and leaves – brown stuff, where annuals like the green stuff, the microbes found in moss and fresh green leaves."

The second part of Brenneman's talk turned

political as she took the topic "Fall Gardening" and expanded it to "Farming to Stop the Fall."

"We are on the verge of the fall of this beautiful planet because of our destructive ways," she said. Citing deforestation, fracking, and the practices of giant corporations like Monsanto as primary culprits, Brenneman called on small farmers to help teach the youth healthier ways.

These ways, she said, can be found in such books as the ones she brought to the meeting. They included: "Teaming With Microbes," by Wayne Lewis, and Jeff Lowenfels; "The Humanure Handbook" by Joseph C. Jenkins; "Organic No-Till Farming" by Jeffrey Moyer; and "Gaia's Garden" by Toby Hemenway.

Brenneman stressed the importance of using local ingredients from seeds to soil to equipment, and noted alternatives to using lumber for building chicken coops, sheds and houses. These alternatives include earth bag buildings, earth-rammed tires, and cob and straw bale construction.

Brenneman concluded her talk about how important it is to keep corporations from buying land for either GMO farming, and fracking, citing the work of Environmental Attorney Thomas Linzey. According to Brenneman, Linzey was an advisor in the creation of Measure S, the Mendocino County Community Bill of Rights Fracking and Water Use Initiative, which was approved in the November 2014 election. Brenneman urged farmers to seek him for help if they suspect any foul play.

"What if [corporations or the government] want to douse the land they own with glyphosate or GMOs, and it gets on your land?" Brenneman asked. "What if LA decides your land is an excellent place to dump their sludge from their sewers? Attorney Thomas Linzey can and is protecting communities like these."

The Willits Garden Club meets on the second Monday of each month, and meetings are free to the public. Next on the calendar is a Holiday Wreaths Project from 10 am to 3 pm on Monday December 14. The club's mission is "to develop and promote interest in the home garden; to lend efforts towards the beautification of the community; to assist in projects for conservation of our natural resources; and to cooperate with other agencies in furthering the interests of horticulture and landscape design."

For more info about the club, visit [www.willitsgardenclub.org/](http://www.willitsgardenclub.org/) or call Bodensteiner at 459-2708.



Gary Bodensteiner, vice president of the Willits Garden Club, with November guest speaker, gardener Beth Brenneman.



## Amazing Athlete

of Willits High School

### Soccer | Juan Jacinto, Junior

**Position:** Possessing midfielder

Boys soccer season is done. We wrapped up with our home NCS Division I playoff game vs. Sonoma Valley last Wednesday. Our one goal of the game was scored on an incredible header by Junior Captain Juan Jacinto. He finished up the season with 5 assists and 7 goals, all while playing the very demanding position of "possessing midfielder" for the first time in his career.

Most impressively, he wore the captain's band on his arm all year long as a junior. Captaincy is normally reserved for seniors. Juan was more than up to the task. He helped lead focused and productive practices all season long, and led by his great play and positivity during games. Great things await Juan next season, and I'm proud to nominate him as the WW Amazing Athlete for the week.

– Coach Noel Woodhouse

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Small Business Saturday is just around the corner!

November 28th marks the sixth annual **Small Business Saturday**, a day dedicated to supporting the local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country. **Small Business Saturday** was created by American Express in 2010 in response to small business owners' most pressing need: more customers.

The Willits Chamber is bringing **Small Business Saturday** to Willits. And, we will include the Passport Program again this year.

We encourage your business to be a part of **Small Business Saturday!** Have sales, specials, drawings, treats, etc.!

Please call (459-7910) or email ([info@willits.org](mailto:info@willits.org)) the Chamber office no later than **Monday, November 16, 2015** if you plan to participate.

**Cost to participate:**

\$20 and a gift or gift certificate valued between \$10 and \$20.

**NOTE:** The gift or gift certificate will be included in the Passport Drawing baskets.

**THE CHAMBER WILL PROVIDE:**

The supplies you'll need to promote the event. Posters to hang in your window, table tent and a supply of Passports to give to customers making purchases at your business.

**HOW THE PASSPORT PROGRAM WORKS:**

- Hand out the Passports on November 28th.
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