Willits gets 'organic waste' pick-up

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com

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, 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.

Read the rest of Waste

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School board majority accepts Johnson's argument on

costs Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

recent weeks. Willits Unified School District Superintendent Patricia Johnson has had conversations with individual school board concerning trustees 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

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.

Read the rest of Burn ban

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

29, the 23rd Annual Willits Toy Run will be

Richard Venturi Contributing Writer

held at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from noon to 3 pm. But

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

That's right, kiddies! On Sunday, November 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.

Photos by Peter Armstrong

Above: Santa's new sleigh and team: from back left: Joni Gartamaker with green antlers, Nanci Rice with red antlers, TJ Jones with brown antiers. 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

Rodriguez says goodbye

to school board

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

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

against Grist Creek

\$151,272 fine

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

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

Read the rest of Grist Creek

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Moorman blasts county over 'competency training' at the jail

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

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.

Read the rest of lail

New memorial recognizes Vietnam vets

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, 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.

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Community Christmas: Adopt a family

To the Editor:

Each year for more than a quarter of a century, our community has come together to help needy Willits children by giving essential items (rain wear, winter coats, shoes, sleepwear, blankets, etc.) and other appropriate

Persons of goodwill who wish to assist an individual child through the Willits Community Christmas program can select a card from display trees located at various locations within our community.

These cards present the age, gender need, and wishes of each child. (Don't hesitate to take a card if you are only able to meet a few of the child's needs. We will make sure that the other items are addressed.) While this method works for most program supporters, some have voiced an to make choices around marijuana use. However, interest in adopting an entire family. If you or your group wishes to do, so you are asked to follow a different path.

My name is Sandy Turner, and I coordinate this Willits Community Christmas program for the Willits Rotary Club. I ask that you contact me so that I may assist you to select a suitable family. My phone contacts are 459-5827 (home) speak to you, and I will return your call promptly.

In order to be efficient, we need to identify family adoptions before our usual referral process begins in late November. Please call before November 22 if you want to discuss adopting a family.

Thanks to each of you who have made the program a success for 26 years. In the past, citizens of Willits have responded with great compassion. Again this year the program presents an opportunity to demonstrate that Willits is truly a bighearted, generous, and caring community.

Sandy Turner, Willits

In Flanders fields

To the Editor:

I wish you would find room to print this World War I poem in your paper for Veterans Day, November 11. It explains the industry. the poppy....

Elizabeth Spence, Willits

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

Editor's Note: "In Flanders Fields," written and published in 1915 by Canadian doctor Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, is one of the most well-known poems from WWI and is in the public domain.

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Legal marijuana and youth

To the Editor:

The mission of the Juvenile Justice and Delinguency Commission Prevention of Mendocino County is to advocate for a quality system of care for juveniles and to promote services, resources and opportunities for young people in the

With this in mind we are concerned about the potential negative impacts on youth of the impending legalization of recreational marijuana.

We support the idea that adults are free and able while recognizing a range of individual differences among young people with respect to both physical and mental health, we note a growing body of evidence that frequent use of marijuana can negatively affect adolescent

Although some young people may have the skills to make and 490-8872 (cell). Leave a message if I am unable to healthy decisions, many are vulnerable to long-term impacts on personality development, engagement with school and other activities, and possible involvement with the juvenile justice system. We therefore support limiting the legal sale and recreational use of marijuana to adults

> When marijuana becomes legal for recreational use in CA the law must assure there is taxable revenue available for education, research, prevention, compliance and assistance for treatment when a youth is adjudicated for marijuana possession or use. We must also assure that there are strict marketing rules preventing the targeting of youth with this product

> In addition funding should be made available for more programs that offer youth opportunities to develop skills, to follow academic and/or career paths, and to engage in healthy recreational activities, in this way providing alternatives to the use of marijuana and to employment in

> While we do not want to criminalize youth for infractions of the marijuana law, we do want to hold them accountable for their behavior. School-based educational and mentoring programs can be valuable alternative interventions when a poor choice is made by a youth concerning marijuana.

> We are bringing our concerns to the attention of parents and the larger community to engage their support for a

John Azzaro, Kate C. Gaston, Sharon Govern, Gary Levenson-Palmer, Libbe Madsen, Edward Mann, Noel O'Neill, and Dolli Rose; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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Let's improve the tennis courts

Tennis has been a racquet sport in Willits for a long time, and pickle-ball is happening here, and all over the country. There are a number of dedicated locals who make use of the courts, located on Highway 101, managed by both the Willits High School (the high school has a tennis team) and the City of Willits.

For quite a while the facility has been in need of repair and, while budget cuts are always in the background, some locals are starting to talk about strategies for improvements. Awareness and concern in the community will hopefully trigger a lot of interest to help those improvements along.

The courts are definitely an asset to our community for our WHS tennis team and could also be used for tennis and pickle-ball round robins (mini-tournaments), camps (3- to 5-day consecutive instruction), and clinics (2- to 3-hour, 1-day instruction) for both children and adults. A United States Tennis Association-ranked tennis instructor has already agreed to hold camp(s) for kids in 2016. In order for the courts to be serviceable enough to hold this event and others, several repairs are needed, and this is where the community can become involved.

Ideas to generate funding to cover costs involved in these repairs are ongoing; the ball is starting to roll (excuse the pun). Please stay tuned for the next letter that will law that includes protections and supports for vulnerable address more detailed information about who to contact and how to get involved. In the meantime, check out the "Willits Racquet Association" public page on Facebook for updated information.

Lisa Lunde, Willits

Commission of Mendocino County Below: The current state of the tennis courts.



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Clockwise from top left: Mike Taaning from Inland Ranch waits on customers. Winter greens in a white pot. Peppers and tomatillos. Michael Foley of Green Uprising Farms. Jessica May of Arabella Soap Company and market customer Henry Shebitz. Dorian May plays solo piano at last week's market. Luscious chocolates from Bolliver's, including the new flavor, "Tangerine Dreams." Fall vegetables and wooden boxes make a beautiful still life. Freshly harvested beets: Beet greens sautéed with a little garlic softened in olive oil are delicious. November tomatoes at last week's market. Patricia Cortez holds up a pineapple guava grown on Lake Mendocino Drive. Denise Bartolomei sells custominfused balsamic vinegar and oils at the Distinctive Tastes table.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Fall at the Willits Farmers Market

The Willits Farmers Market has moved indoors for the season, to the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, from 3 to 5:30 pm on Thursdays. Market manager Michael Foley says his Green Uprising Farm still has tomatoes to sell, along with "lots of peppers and a few cucumbers." There's onions, garlic and winter squash at the market, and winter greens: kale, chard, collards, salad mix and micro greens.

Locally raised meat for hearty winter meals is on sale, including pork and sausage from Inland Ranch, lamb from Kinzie Barlow, and beef from John Ford Ranch. Sisters Ridge Farm in Calpella is taking orders for organic Thanksgiving turkeys. Louis, "The Honey Guy," from Schnitzler Apiaries in Willits, offers jars of his luscious honey.

Other sweets (and savories) are always available from Bolliver's Fine Foods & Confections and Fairall's Farm Fresh Eggs & Produce, including Amanda Fairall's home-style lasagna, both meat and glutenfree veggie polenta. Guitarist Richard Jeske, joined by flute player Loren Herz-O'Brien, plays on Thursday, November 12, and the Farmers Market Band plays on November 19, before the holiday break on Thanksgiving Day. Also at the market each week: the Willits Chess Club, a spinning circle, and the brand-new edition of Willits Weekly.

Below, at left: Beautiful earrings made by Jacki Pealatere. At right: a pile of bulbs ready for planting.

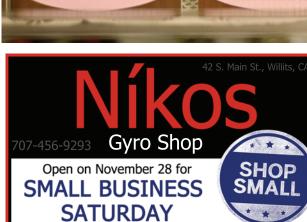


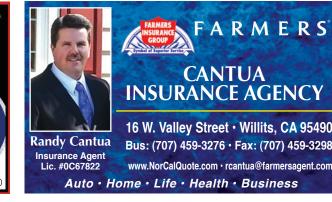














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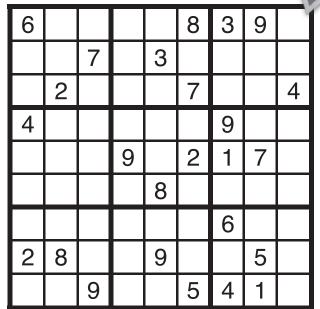
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cronkite's network 4. Fire insect
- 7. Gas usage measurement
- 10. Express pleasure
- 11. Humbug 12. Every
- 13. Capital is Valletta 15. Copycat
- 16. Bound book sheets
- 19. Steps to an upper floor 22. Local school organizations
- 23. Old English
- 24. Atomic #73 25. Cheerless
- 26. The bill in a restaurant 28. Singer ___ Lo Green
- 30. Domesticated
- 33. Mammary gland of a cow 37. Honorable title (Turkish)
- 38. Alias 39. Emblem of a clan
- 42. Edouard ___, Fr. painter 44. Short-term memory
- 46. Used to speak
- to the Queen 47. Vertical spar for sails
- 50. Expresses surprise 52. Morning

- 53. A long narrative poem 57. Minor punishment
- 62. GE founder's initials 63. Moses' elder brother

61. Ice or roller

- 64. Beak 65. A major division of
- geological time 66. Fuss & bother 67. Young women's
- association 68. Feeling sorrow 69. Straggle

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bog arum lily 2. Thin plain-weave
- cotton fabric 3. Thick rough piled carpet
- 4. A way to lessen
- 5. Amazon river tributary
- 6. Larceny
- 7. Make ale 8. Begged
- 9. White of egg
- 13. Road travel guide 14. Aircraft tail
- 17. Italian monk title
- 18. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.) 20. Goblin
- 21. A baglike structure in a

plant or animal

- 27. Date 29. I, Portuguese
- 30. Design on the skin
- 31. Time before 32. Free from gloss
- 34. V.P. Quayle 35. Supplement with difficulty
- 36. Tell on
- 40. Landed properties 41. Metric ton
- 42. One thousandth of an ampere
- 43. Former __ Hess, oil
- company 45. Siemans conductance
- 46. Woman (French) 47. More (Spanish)
- 48. Request
- 49. Group jargon
- 51. Stakes 52. In advance
- 54. Yiddish meat pie
- 55. Equal, prefix
- 56. Box (abbr.)
- 58. Having nine hinged
- bands of bony plates 59. Scarlett's home
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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

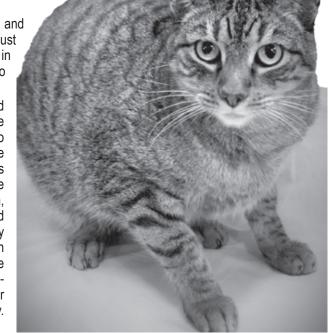
Wonderful Pepper

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

Using specific herbs in your cordials can tailor them as tonics for your heart or nervous system, 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 In a glass jar with a lid, put 3 tablespoons dried whole fennel seed, 2 tablespoons

She would be good with kids and seniors alike because she is just 1 teaspoon dried whole celery that great. Pepper would do best in a quieter home, but could likely do well in any home.

enough to cover the seeds by Come out to meet Pepper and 2 inches). Put on the lid and let sit 10 to 14 days (minimum), all of her friends. The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino Strain out the seeds and County, where you can come compost them. Measure the visit, play with and/or adopt dogs volume of the liquid and add half and cats, is open to prospective that amount of honey. Stir well to adopters from 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday, and Enjoy your cordial after the from 11 am to 3 pm, on Saturday and Sunday. 9700 Uva Drive in [This information is not intended to Redwood Valley (right down the diagnose, prescribe or replace the street from the Broiler). Info: 707advice of a qualified health professional.] 485-0123 or hsimc@pacific.net or Donna d'Terra is a Willits area herbalist who has been visit www.mendohumanesociety.



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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



Above, from top:

Donna Vaiano.

Steve Eberhard explains his

art to Christopher Martin and

Albright enjoyed the evening

Kaz and Ela of Willits were

interested the wide variety of

Debi Vau joins Mako Robinson

for the fun at The Brickhouse.

two grandchildren Magnolia

and Linden Adams to see

Eberhard's art.

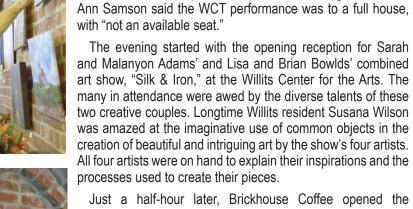
Eberhard's prints available.

Above, right from top:

Tam Adams brought her

out with her son Jerry Albright

Santa Rosa resident Kay



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 Mendo County." Both venues offered refreshments, and Eberhard's Brickhouse Coffee reception

Downtown

Block Party

Culture lovers enjoyed a full Saturday night of art, original

theater and James Bond

Jenny Senter

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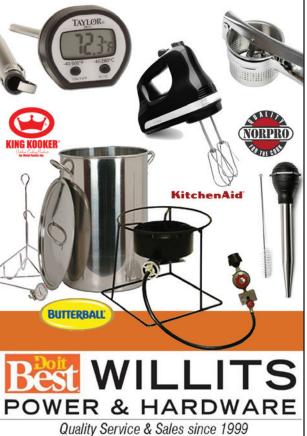












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WPD Activity Report

November 1 to November 7 Prepared by WPD Sgt.

Jake Donahue

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

this seven-day During 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 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

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



Block Party

From Page 5

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 Mendo 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 Mendo County" through January 2016. Hours for Brickhouse Coffee are Monday through Saturday, 7 am to 3 pm.





Above, left: Whimsical Volkswagen van kitchen towels by Lisa

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

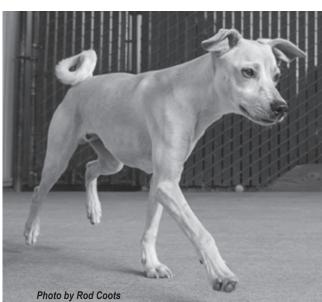
At bottom, left: Noel Woodhouse and Holly Walton were among many attendees that found Brian Bowles' cabinet and Sarah Adam's egg collection fascinating.

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









Furry Friends Hoping for a Home:

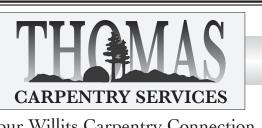
Young Curly

a small dog with a big personality! Curly - the perfect-sized dog! finds just about everything and everyone exciting and is perpetually in a great mood. His happy, silly energy is infectious and company.

with another playful dog or playful kids. addition to his forever family! At 7 months info about adoptions: 467-6453.

Curly is a 7-month-old male mixed-breed old he weighs 18 pounds, so we'd guess dog who currently weighs 18 pounds. He is he'll be around 25 pounds when full grown

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, brings a smile to the face of anyone in his Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6 pm. Since he is still young, he will need We have many wonderful dogs and cats, some basic training and socialization. He awaiting their forever homes here. To view will also need lots of activity to keep him photos and bios of more of our wonderful happy and healthy. He would love a home adoptable animals, please visit our website: www.mendoshelterpets.com or This little guy is going to be such a joyful visit our shelter during shelter hours. More



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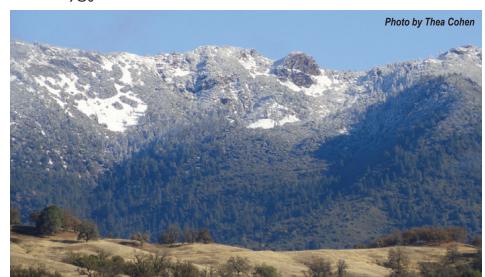


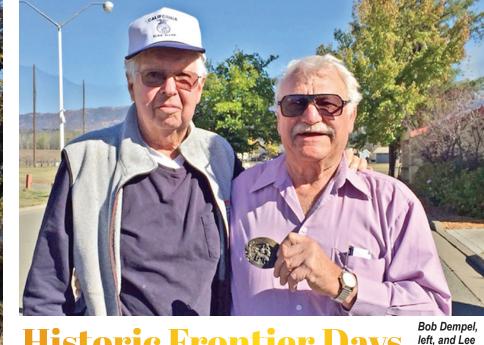


Snow on Mt. Sanhedrin

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

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.





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 **Bob Dempel** 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

The buckle was either brass or copper and very heavy. Across the top front of the buckle was inscribed "Willits Frontier Davs." 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," Read the rest of Buckle

The inscription on the

front and back "Leandro 'Dink' Persico, of the buckle. born in Willits in 1903, has been a founder, inspiration, Jennifer Seward and sustaining member

of the group that kept Frontier Days going since its beginning in 1926.

Frontier Days

Photos by

"As general manager for 18 years, Grand Marshall of the parade and Heritage Award Winner, Dink's favorite events were Roman Riding (portrayed on the buckle), bull riding, the exciting pony express race, team roping, bull dogging, calf roping and relay races.

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

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Beverly Draudt, FNP-BC | Family Nurse Practitioner

Beverly Draudt, FNP, a board-certified family nurse practitioner is joining John Glyer, MD, a family medicine physician at the Redwood Medical Clinic. As a family nurse practitioner, Ms. Draudt specializes in caring for patients of all ages, including, men, women and children. She has extensive experience in women's health, including annual wellness exams, treatment of common concerns associated with childbearing years and menopause, and health education.

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November 12 Walk-In Flu Clinic in Willits: Mendocino County Public Health Services holds a Seasonal Flu Vaccine Walk-In Clinic in Willits on Thursday, November 12, at the WISC building, 221-B South Lenore Avenue. 10 am to Suggested donation of \$15 per flu shot, but no one will be turned away if they are unable to afford the donation.

The seasonal flu vaccine available at this clinic is recommended for people 19 years of age and older, and anyone 19 and older without health insurance is especially encouraged to attend this clinic. Public Health especially recommends seasonal flu vaccines for people with chronic health conditions such as: diabetes, HIV, lung disease, kidney disease, heart disease, chronic liver disease, long term steroid therapy, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, and persons who are immune compromised or have neuromuscular disorders. Although Public Health will not be vaccinating children at this clinic, they encourage persons 6 months through 18 years to get vaccinated for the flu as soon as possible to help protect against the seasonal flu. Please contact your pediatrician, physician or Public Health Services for more information on the children's flu vaccine. Visit www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/publichealth.htm to find information on Public Health services, or call the Willits office at 456-3800

WHS Boosters Club Meeting: The monthly WHS Boosters Club Meeting is set for 6 pm,

Thursday, November 12, at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS!

Cooking with Mushrooms: Join the Friends of the Willits Library on Thursday, November 12 at 7 pm for an evening with Alison Gardner and Merry Winslow, chefs and authors of the new "The Wild Mushroom Cookbook, Recipes from Mendocino." No charge for admission. "Alison and Merry will be offering sample appetizers and tasty treats representing some of the approximately 275 recipes, in chapter

Winter

Market:

new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

produce, local meats and local grains, dinner, baked

goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the

Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 pm, for the Chorale's 21st

season, at the Little Lake Grange great hall, 291

School Street. No auditions: Open to all who love to

Inner Resources Institute: three free programs

at the new Inner Resource Institute, 1500 Hearst

Road (at Hearst and Valley roads in the old Grace

Baptist Church building). • Morning Meditation:

Every morning at 6 am. • Kirtan: Every Thursday at

7:30 pm. Devotional singing and chanting led by

Chinmayan. • Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 am.

Satsang and fellowship consisting of a short talk on

practical spirituality; meditation; Kirtan and worship;

and a prayer service in which we pray for individual,

family and humanity's needs. Info: 707-357-4676 or

The Mentoring Program: Free classes for girls in

grades 6 through 10 in the Willits school system.

Friday afternoons from 4 to 5 pm. Class subjects

rotate: Herbs, Crafts, Yoga & Movement, Life Skills,

and Cooking and Home Arts. Room 4 in the Little Lake

Grange, 291 School Street, the Cultivate Wellness

Thursday Night Bingo: Potluck dinner and bingo

every Thursday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501

Baechtel Road. 6 to 8 pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club:

Monday night workshops at the Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs in the great room. Newer dancers from

7 to 8 pm; plus dancing from 8 to 9 pm. Lawrence

Johnstone, caller. Guests always welcome! Info:

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to

6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community

Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping

Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal

Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street.

"Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives

and friends of alcoholics who share their experience

strength and hope to solve their common problems.

We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand,

the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting circle

every Saturday of the month, from 3 to 4:30 pm at

changed attitudes can aid recovery.'

Studio. Call Michelle Cummins for info: 972-1601.

innerresourceinstitute@vahoo.com.

card. Info: 459-6826

Jenny Watts, 459-9526.

Willits

Farmers

from 3 to 6 pm every

Thursday at the Little

devoted to appetizers, dips, spreads pickles, sauces and gravies, breads, soups, salads and salad dressings, side dishes, entrees, drinks and desserts. There are recipes for commonly eaten wild mushrooms. like chanterelles, oyster mushroom

and porcini, recipes for other mushrooms commonly found in our area – there are more than 3,000 varieties of wild mushrooms in Mendocino County and recipes for rather esoteric wild mushrooms. Many recipes are interchangeable for several or many different kinds of mushrooms, and if you don't eat wild ones, grocery store mushrooms

could be used in many (but not all) recipes. A fun and mouth-watering evening of fun and information at the Willits Branch Library conference room, 390 East Commercial Street. Sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library; free to

Shanachie Pub: twice-monthly (second and fourth Thursdays) Jazz Night with local musicians. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form jamming. "Fellow jazz musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and partake during the second set, so long as it fits within the moment of sounds!" 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info:

Friday, November 13

Closenuf: back again at the Brooktrails Lodge, 24675 Birch Street. 8 pm. "Come listen and jam with seasoned musicians who love to entertain. If you like to listen to good classic rock'n'roll, come up to the lodge and check it out. Sign-ups at 7:30 pm for open mic jam.

Shanachie Pub: Congo Sanchez, Friday, November 13. 9 pm. \$7. Featuring Congo (from Thievery Corporation),

Mushroom

Ongoing Events

Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Fall and winter ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop

The Emandal Chorale: ongoing rehearsals on and Walkers," Thursdays at 11 am. Technology

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Haile and Flex: 'downtempo with an obvious array of sounds

nip-hop overtone.... An hythms, paying homage o the roots of music with thick layers of percussion. www.facebook. com/CongoSanchez. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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your own projects - we'll

supply the coffee! Sign-

Willits Library Public Events: "Pajama Story Time"

for families, Tuesdays at 7 pm. "Stories for Crawlers

group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1

pm. Youth Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5

to 7:30 pm. Drop-in Knitting Circle, Saturdays from 3

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's

service club aimed at the betterment of girls and

women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of

every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza,

1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women

interested in community service are welcome; new

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with

Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym;

Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience

desired not required. \$5 per night; first night free.

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.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from

Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard

Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMH

Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm.

RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:

at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street.

Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30

pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at

6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7

pm. Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL

programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/

MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or

Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

members are encouraged to join at any time.

Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

to 4:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info:

Saturday, November 14

Tea & Togs: 4th annual Fashion Show and soundcloud.com/shawnhays 50 South Main Street,

Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 2 pm. Featuring fabulous finds from the Harrah Center Thrift Shop. Enjoy scones, pastries, tarts, teas. \$12: a fundraiser to benefit Department. Tickets available at Harrah Senior Center. Info: 459-6826. See article on page 14 for more details.

Just Enough: acoustic trio Just Enough, at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. 7 to 9 pm. \$10 suggested donation.

Refreshments available for purchase after the show. "This Willits-based trio is made up of friends Kate Black, Clancy Rash and Helen Falandes. Each has played and sung in

a variety of musical configurations as long as any of them can remember, reaching back to roots in Oklahoma, Washington and Maine. A little over two years ago they fell into playing tunes together and found a sound and mix that made them feel happy. Close harmony vocals,

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

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acoustic guitars (and the occasional ukulele) mix up a variety of tunes: some folk, some blues and Americana roots music. Just Enough is sure to play at least one song that you will love - something dear and familiar from your past or something rare and obscure that you've never heard before.

Shanachie Pub: Lunar Bass, "a cooperative of talented local DJs and flow artists featuring 3 DJs, DJ Shawn Hays, Omni Chrome and Simon Moonchild, and performers including a dancer from Troupe Satya Bellydance, and a contact

juggler. Saturday, November 14. 9 pm. No cover. Americans. Members of the public, consumers Visit www.soundcloud.com/omnichrome and www.

What's Happening Around Town

behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

Don Carlos in Covelo: Jamaican roots reggae veteran plays a benefit for Friends of the Round Valley Public Library at the Round Valley Library Commons, 23925 Howard Street. Saturday, November 14, 9 pm. All ages. With Michelle Lambert. Tickets at the door: \$20; \$15 under 21; free under 12. Beer and wine available for purchase.

Monday, November 16

Shanachie Pub: "World Music Mondays" are back at the Pub, "featuring the overflow of talent we have in the area for the season,

bringing us unbelievable music from around the world. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm sharp. Music starts

Tuesday, November 17

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: "Peanuts in 2D," "Spectre" and "Steve Jobs." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Bowling: Every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center Dining Room, 1501 Baechtel Road. Started November 10, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Info:

Thursday, November 19

Cultural Diversity Committee

Meeting: Mendocino County's Health and Human Services Agency hosts this meeting "to discuss behavioral health services in relation to cultural diversity. Since November is National American Indian Heritage month, we will include a discussion of disparities in behavioral health services to Native

and family members of behavioral health services and community agencies are welcomed and encouraged to attend. During this meeting we will review the Cultural Competency Plan." 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Round Valley Indian Health Center's Yuki Trails Conference room, at 23000 Henderson Road in Covelo. Meeting agendas are published at: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/hhsa/bhrs/cdc.htm. More info: Karen Lovato, program manager, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, at 707-472-2342, or lovatok@co.mendocino.ca.us.

Now & Then Film Series: featuring "Food Chains: The Revolution in American Fields," an expose that "reveals the human cost in our food supply

and the complicity of large buyers of produce like fast food and supermarkets.' Visit: www.foodchainsfilm com for more details. 7 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Serving heirloom popcorn with real organic butter and Fair Trade organic chocolate. \$5 to \$10 donation. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more details.

Shanachie Pub: Rogues, Resonant Asheville, NC group blends

Gypsy and Balkan music with American folk traditions like old-time and

blues: "Their infectious melodies and eloquent lyrics bring a nouveau pop sensibility to their old-fashioned style. Thursday, November 19.8 pm. \$5. Visit www. theresonantroques com. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-

Senior Center

Lunch

Week of November 16 through

November 20

Monday: BBQ Chicken

Tuesday: Baked Cod

Wednesday: Meat Loaf

'hursdav: Chicken Salad or

Friday: Turkey and Stuffing

1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal;

under 55 \$7 per meal. Includes

(Birthday Lunch)

Friday, November 20

Shanachie Pub: Hardly Deadly, Grateful Dead tribute band from Stockton: "Young and old Deadheads alike are in for a great

trip as Hardly Deadly jams on classic Dead tunes like Bertha, China Cat Sunflower, Cassidy, Eyes of the World, Brown Eyed Women, Shakedown Street and many more." Friday, November 20. 9 pm. \$5. Visit www.hardlydeadly.net/index. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

COLUMN | At the Movies

'Spectre'

The Story: James Bond uncovers a shadowy and merciless international organization specializing in terrorist bombings ... bombings which appear random ... but Bond is convinced they have a hidden purpose.

> Meanwhile, the Daniel Essman secret services of many countries are uniting their

surveillance technologies in order to know everything about everybody: "To Keep Us Safe." Right. And this means the end of the Double 00 section of MI6 and the forced retirement of 007. Egads! Just when we need him the

My Thoughts: I will not mince my words. This is the best Bond film I've seen since "Goldfinger" and "From Russia With Love." Absolutely the best. Daniel Craig as Bond is brutal and tough. Ralph Fiennes as M is steely and eloquent. Ben Whishaw as Q is amusing without being a clown. Christopher Waltz is brilliantly and suitably evil. Léa Seydoux is effortlessly gorgeous, and tough as well.

Also, any movie with Monica Bellucci is blessed by the

PECT

Parents: It's a Bond film. Brutal murders. Torture. Sexuality. The good guys win, but it's pretty scary for a while. I don't think this movie is appropriate for youngsters.

Note: This Bond flick has gotten some mediocre reviews ... oh well.

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

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

This day-before-Thanksgiving Pie Sale at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. starts at 8:30 am, and continues until all the goodies are gone!

Actors Needed

As part of Willits Community Theatre's production of Scripted, I'm looking for three actors ages 20-40, two men and one woman, for a short 10-minute play called "No Sound of Music" by Seth Freeman.

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch The play is about "the mostly true story of five days per week from 11:45 am to the creation of the world's favorite Christmas carol." Witty, clever, touching. Directed by Damian Sebouhian. For more information soup, entrée, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel contact Damian at 707-599-5621 or dsebouhian@yahoo.com.

Future' Presentation by Richard Heinberg

'Our Renewable

Time to

"adopt a family"

for Christmas

The Willits Rotary's Community Christmas

Program is gearing up for the season, to help

needy Willits children by giving essential items

(rain wear, winter coats, shoes, sleepwear,

blankets, etc.) and other appropriate holiday gifts.

The program's Christmas trees with tags detailing

children's needs and wishes will go up in local

businesses after Thanksgiving, but now is the

time to sign up for those who wish to "Adopt a

Family." If you or your community group would like

to sign up to help with a family, or to learn more,

please call program coordinator Sandy Turner

before November 22: 459-5827 (home) and 490-

8872 (cell) and please leave a message if the call

isn't answered.

Sunday, November 15 We are fortunate to have Richard Heinberg

internationally known senior fellow of the Post Carbon Institute, as WELL's quest speaker on Sunday, November 15 at 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 201 School Street.

Heinberg is an award-winning author, who has spoken to hundreds of audiences in 14 countries, including members of the European Parliament. He has also produced YouTube animations such as "300 Years of Fossil Fuels in 300 Seconds' viewed by 1.75 million people.

His talk in Willits - "Our Renewable Future" - will focus on how daily life will change as we enter the era of renewable energy. Most solar and wind advocates have so far given attention only to increasing the rate at which renewable energy can displace fossil fuels. However, as our energy sources change, the ways we use energy will need to shift as well, in ways that offer both opportunities and challenges. Transportation, agriculture, and manufacturing will be transformed, and there may also be significant implications for the economic

system that knits these sectors together In short, we are in for a real treat! This is coming full circle for WELL (Willits Economic Localization) since Heinberg was one of our first inspirational speakers shortly after we formed in 2004.

A donation is requested, but no one will be turned away. Please come enjoy this special guest speaker! For more information contact Madge at mstrong@willitsonline.com or 459-1493 or Peter Norris at 456-9968.

- submitted by Madge Strong, WELL







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Willits Rotary

Drawing for the Motovox Minibike Pictured Above

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Drawing to be held November 14, 2015 at the Winter Wonderland Fundra

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

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

the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays, Street. "Bring your projects to share and show off! November to May, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville We will have expert knitters on board who can solve



Dorian May Jazz Trio & Little Big Band

The elegant jazz piano of Dorian May will from the 1930s and 1940s into a delicious regale audiences at the Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, November 22, at 2 two separate takes on his expansive and articulate style. He will open with the Dorian May Trio, featuring May on piano, his wife. Dorothea May, on standup bass. and Tom Rickard on drums. The trio will explore musical landscapes developed by the likes of jazz greats Bill Evans and Oscar Peterson.

In the second set May will present the Dorian May Little Big Band, a septet featuring vocalists Sarah Ryan and Earl Oliver, saxophonist Sonny Cordell, trumpeter Walter Kimmelman, all backed by the foundational trio. With the Dorian May Little Big Band, May has used his talents as an arranger and transcriber to whittle down various Big Band classics

blend that can satisfy the most demanding jazz aficionados. May promises that his pm. Pianist extraordinaire May will provide Little Big Band will perform trimmed up and modernized versions of such classics as "Slow Boat to China," "Mack the Knife," Above, "I'm Beginning to see the Light," "Tuxedo Dorian" Junction," "Stepping Out with My Baby," May Trio, and "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby?"

Tickets are \$10 and available in person pianist at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street in Dorian Willits, online at Brownpapertickets.com, May, or by telephone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. bassist Dorothea Patrons are encouraged to purchase May, and tickets early for what is expected to be a drummer sell-out performance and to dress in 1940s Tom styles. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Above:

- Steve Hellman, for WCT keyboards for more info

Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteers Wanted

Rickard.

Community Services is requesting volunteers to help with the 26th annual Willits Community Dinner at the Harrah Senior Center. Those interested can call 459-3333 to sign up or May at the

'Food Chains: the Revolution



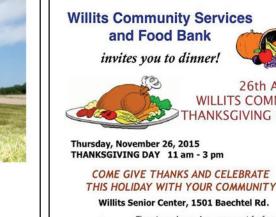
n: HOG@bellsprings.com, or call 707-459-6372

in American Fields Thursday, November 19 The Now and Then Film Series at the Grange presents "Food Chains: The Revolution in American

Fields," at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Food Chains' reveals the human cost in our food supply and the complicity of large buyers of produce like fast food and supermarkets. In this exposé, an intrepid group of Florida farmworkers battle to defeat the \$4 trillion global supermarket industry through their ingenious Fair Food program, which partners with growers and retailers to improve working conditions for farm laborers in the United States.

"The narrative of the film focuses on an intrepid and highly lauded group of tomato pickers from Southern Florida - the Coalition of Immokalee Workers or CIW - who are revolutionizing farm labor. Their story is one of hope and promise for the triumph of morality over corporate greed – to ensure a dignified life for farm workers and a more humane, transparent food chain.

"The Fair Food Program asks large retailers like supermarkets and fast food restaurants to pay just a penny more per pound of tomatoes and to refuse to buy tomatoes from farms with human rights violations. To date, 12 major retailers have signed on including Walmart, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, McDonalds, Chipotle, Burger King and Subway (plus others)." Sliding scale donation \$5 to \$10 helps fund licenses for this film series. Visit: www.foodchainsfilm.com for more info about the







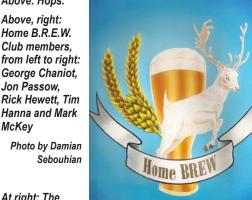
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Learn to Homebrew Day

Willits B.R.E.W. Club members demonstrate the art of brewing ale

Above, right: Home B.R.E.W. Club members, from left to right: George Chaniot, Jon Passow. Rick Hewett, Tim Hanna and Mark McKey



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held a beer-making demo in front of Coast Hardware this past Saturday, November 7. The event took place in conjunction with the international "Learn to Homebrew Day." Several of the B.R.E.W. Club members were on hand to

The Home Brewing Research Engineers of Willits Club

showcase the brewing process of a five-gallon batch of Amber

Damian Sebouhian

"You heat up water and add grains to it," said B.R.E.W. Club President Jon Passow. "The

grains steep in the water for some extra added flavor and color. and they act as fermentable sugars."

Working with a kit the club purchased from Coast Hardware, Passow was regularly stirring the mixture as it heated

"Malt extract is used to provide the base fermentables for the beer." Passow explained, "Then we bring it to a boil, and we add our bittering, aroma, and flavor hops during various stages of the boil. We'll cool it down, put it into a sanitized fermentation vessel, add the yeast,

and two weeks later it should be done fermenting."

From there the batch will be bottled, then stored to build up carbonation. Two weeks later it will be ready to drink.

Jon Passow began as a homebrewer in 2007, but it didn't take him long to transform his hobby into a career, turning professional in 2009. Today he acts as a brewing consultant, instructor, and beer judge, and he is the barrel agent operations manager for the Anderson Valley Brewing Company.

One of the members, George Chaniot, has been home brewing since the 1960s. "When the ingredients were very poor," he said with a laugh

The group meets the first Friday of every month at Peter's Sushi & Chinese House at 7 pm, for sampling and discussion, and the meetings are open for anyone to attend

"Every month we chose a beer style we sample from. Last night it was porters and stouts," said Mark McKey, one of the original B.R.E.W. Club members. "Everybody either brings in Read the rest of version, or they

Brew

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Feline Freedom

Nearly 50 cats kittens find new homes during special adoption event

Tennifer Poole Editor & Reporter ennifer@willitsweekly.com

Forty-seven cats and kittens were adopted last weekend during the Ukiah Animal Shelter's "Feline Freedom"

"It was an incredible day," Sage Mountainfire. director of the Mendocino County animal shelter on Plant Road. The shelter's hope was that - by waiving all adoption fees – some of the nearly 150 cats and kittens crowding the the oldest cat at the shelter would find new, loving homes in time for the holidays. The shelter also got some when the shelter opened,

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"This has been a very full kitten season." Mountainfire explained. "We've had many more kittens than we've had in other years." About half the felines given their "freedom" were kittens, and about half were grown cats.

Fancy, the young kitten featured on the Feline Freedom poster, was adopted, as was Hilda, people waiting in line dogs adopted, too, during the Mountainfire said, were



older cats that had been at the shelter for a long time, and both succeeded in finding a new pet. A heart-warming story: "Not that all the adoptions weren't special," Mountainfire said. "It's very uplifting for the staff and volunteers to see that Read the rest of

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and Maddie - and their mother - took home a new young Above, right: Fancy, the poster child for

was adopted, too. Below: Hilda, the oldest cat at the

shelter, found a new home, too, thanks to Feline Freedom day.





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California Growers Association workshop in Laytonville

The California Growers Association held manufacturer can dominate all aspects of a free community workshop Saturday. October 24, to explain the complex web of permits. licenses and regulations in the state's new Medical Marijuana Regulation

and Safety Act, signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown earlier this month.

Although California legalized medical marijuana in 1996, when voters passed the Compassionate Use Act (Proposition 215), the Legislature had never written comprehensive laws to regulate medical cannabis legalization.

More than 100 packed Harwood Hall in Laytonville for "Navigating Cannabis Compliance," led by Hezekiah Allen, CGA's executive director. He talked about each of the 17-plus license types the new law creates, particularly cultivation categories that relate to the county's many small medical cannabis farmers

The law delineates 10 different cultivator licenses, based on size of farm and whether they are indoor, outdoor or mixed light (Types 1 to 3). Type 4 is the nursery

There are two types of manufacturing licenses: one that does not include volatile solvents (Type 6) and one that will be offered on a very limited basis that does (Type 7).

A testing license (Type 8) is a standalone for labs. Testers cannot cultivate or manufacture.

One of two dispensary licenses (10A) permits no more than three retail sites. Distribution licenses (Type 11) allow distributors to test cannabis, manage sales and pay taxes.

Type 12 is a transporter license.

Allen urged the group to get familiar with the county's zoning codes, which will provide guidance on what commercial activity is appropriate on their property.

The licenses are designed to prohibit a "vertical" supply chain in Read the rest of which a cultivator tester distributor or Pot

By Cecilia Winiger, for Adventist

When Sheriff Tom Allman's brother

took his own life 10 years ago, he made

a promise to his 84-year-old mother that

he would do everything in his power to

help the mentally ill. And every day, he

says, his mother calls to remind him

of this promise, and he tells her every

time, "It's not perfect, but we're making

And for the great progress they've

been making to improve the lives of

the mentally ill in the county jail, Sheriff

Allman and his team at the Mendocino

County Sheriff's Office will be honored

at the annual Heroes in Healthcare

event sponsored by Ukiah Valley

Medical Center and Brutocao Family

Vineyards in Hopland on November 12,

Every year, heroes are selected

by community members to recognize

local professionals who have made a

significant difference through their work,

and through their caring connections

Sheriff Allman says it's an honor for

his team to be recognized. But he sees

this more as an opportunity to bring

awareness to this issue. "Mental health

affects everyone, not just the person

suffering from it. It affects their families

"Twenty percent of our inmates here

have some sort of mental health issue.

We have those who are truly criminals

who have some degree of mental

illness, and then we have those who

commit crimes because of their mental

illness. Treating them the same as

other inmates can have catastrophic

consequences, such as violence,

making their mental illness worse or

self-harm. We cannot allow that," he

within the local community.

and the community," he said.

2015.

the industry. Allen said the CGA worked hard to protect small farmers, but he said that fairly soon a Type 5 cultivator's license for large farms will be created, and that will have a profound effect on the small cannabis farmers if they haven't banded together in cooperatives and branded their products

Allen urged members to come up with a strategy for working with local government as partners in creating ordinances and permits quickly. "We need permits to apply for licenses," Allen said. If county or city governments do not have their ordnances and regulations in place by March 1, 2016. the law says the state will be the default cannabis regulator in that county.

One of the best ways to get the county government moving and responsive to farmers' needs is to talk about the tax revenues government will receive from permits. sales and licensing fees, according

He urged farmers to be clear on their goals, get compliant with the new regulations and work on branding their products. "We already produce the best cannabis in the world." he said. "but the world doesn't know it."

One audience member asked if the federal government will prosecute cultivators now that the state has created specific regulations.

and implementation of a water resource "The feds haven't weighed in on this," protection plan to meet standard conditions. Allen said. "But the governor of California is taking the lead. He's told the federal development and implementation of a government to leave us alone. Now the cleanup and restoration plan." state of California is on our side.

The new law goes into effect on January 1. 2016, but the real crunch won't come until January1, 2018, when farmers must have their permits and licenses in place. Those in compliance and operating before 2016 will have their applications processed

After a break, CGA members talked

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Sheriff's Office honored with

'Heroes in Healthcare' award

To address the issue, the sheriff's

office has put in place an identification

program designed to help mental health

providers at the jail to assess those with

potential mental health problems early

on so that they get the right treatment.

The medical staff has also implemented

a socialization program for mentally

ill inmates where they are given the

opportunity to talk about social events,

Sheriff Allman says the program has

proven to be beneficial. "It's a zero-cost

program that has helped our inmates

tremendously. It's amazing how giving

them an outlet or some semblance of

socialization helps them work through

Another strategy called the "Bridge

Program" also helps those inmates

who are ready to be released by getting

them connected to resources to ensure

the transition from incarceration to

mainstream society will be seamless.

"Theresa, one of our mental health

nurses, will sometimes stay late at

night trying to make sure they have

everything they need. The goal is

to make sure that they don't end up

Sheriff Allman explains that his office

is often viewed as a "mental health

hospital" in Mendocino County, "due

to the fact that there is no [mental

health] hospital in the county... [and]

these people commit crimes due to

their mental illness. There's not enough

help for them. The law says they have

to be in jail because they committed a

crime. But I think we, as a society, have

a much bigger responsibility than just

closely with the hospital to address the Nursing Program.

putting them in jail," he explains.

their mental illness."

and do crafts and other activities.

CalFire lifts Mendocino Tim Pearce, at right, of the Mendocino County Sheriff's County burn ban Forensics Medical Group

passed in Sacramento is going to destroy visit them on the web at www.smallfarmers.

Small Farmers Association hosts

cannabis round-table in Willits

parties at the Willits Community Center this 21 and older, and licenses, regulates,

regulatory

on ways to become compliant before the cchi2016.org/fulltext.html.

advise

"This initiative [CCHI] frees up

recreational cannabis," Duzy said, adding:

"It permits the use of marijuana by adults

enforces and taxes recreational marijuana

sales just like beer and wine." According

to Duzy, the new regulations for medical

marijuana are over the top and will make

it impossible for small growers to compete

He says the California Cannabis Hemp

Initiative is meant to correct that issue.

To read the initiative in full, go to www.

Small Farmers Association board

member John Mark said that SFA was

there for informational purposes only, and

not to back any legislation or politician.

"We're here to protect the small farmers

who are worried about getting pushed out

by large corporate grows," he said. "I'm

encouraged with the lieutenant governor

[Gavin Newsom] saying he's going to fight

Mark reminded attendees of some

important deadlines. "Growers have until

the first of the year to get recognized by

the county, and the county has until the first

of March to get their ordinances in place.

otherwise the state ordinances will take

SFA is strongly encouraging farmers

to act before these deadlines, including

purchasing "zip ties" to identify and track

each plant, as early cooperation may help

small farmers to qualify for exemption

One local grower (who wished to remain

nameless) explained how the new laws will

affect farmers used to working in the black

market. "Cannabis has been this guerrilla

market for years and years, and growers

haven't had to conduct themselves with

traditional business acumen," he said

noting that growers will now have to

account for each plant. "But If we want

legitimacy, and if we want to not be treated

like criminals, and if we want taxable

income so that we can buy property, we're

going to have to deal with some type of

Other participating organizations at the

For more information about the Small

Farmers Association, call 707-489-0996, or

event included AG420. The PolyKulture

Farm, Loud Cannabis, and Earthworm Soil

oversight and regulation."

to keep the door open for smaller California

The Small Farmers Association hosted

an informational round-table convention for

local cannabis growers and other interested

The central purpose of the event was to

Representatives of the North Coast

Regional Water Quality Control Board and

the Department of Agriculture were on

hand to share best management practices

for cannabis cultivators, highlighting areas

such as erosion suppression, proper

housekeeping, and trash storage, as well

February 15, 2016 is an important date

to remember for all cultivators with growing

areas of at least 2,000 square feet: This is

the deadline for enrollment into the water

board's tier program, set in place to help

As the water board described them in

an August 13, 2015 press release: "Tier 1

is a low-threat tier based on compliance

with defined standard conditions and site

characteristics. Tier 2 is a management

tier, which requires the development

Tier 3 is a cleanup tier, which requires the

Enrollment fees are specific to each tier

One attendee at the roundtable was

Budy Duzy, coordinator of the California

Cannabis Hemp Initiative 2016, who was

collecting petition signatures. "We need

order to qualify for the November 2016

The California Cannabis Hemp Initiative

is one of 15 recreational marijuana bills

seeking approval for next year's ballot.

The primary goal of the hemp initiative is

to amend the Health and Safety code of

California and to simplify the regulations on

"I'm here in this area to let local cannabis

growers know that the legislation that got

366,000 registered voter signatures in

and will be set in place by the State Water

Resources Control Board

ballot," Duzy said.

cannabis growers.

their livelihoods," Duzy said.

second from left, and Captain

At left: Sheriff Tom Allman,

staffers, from left to right:

issue, since some of the mentally ill end

up in the Emergency Room as well as

the county jail. "We cannot just treat

them as a normal inmate or patient. We

have to continue to find ways to address

their issues and hopefully improve their

quality of life so that the cycle stops

As part of this effort, the sheriff's

office has applied for a grant to build a

new facility with more appropriate cells

for the mentally ill and that will allow

them to have a day program that will

improve the way they deliver services

to mentally ill inmates. Sheriff Allman

explains the idea came from another

hero who played a big role in improving

the welfare of the mentally ill in the

"Dr. Doug Rosoff's legacy is not his

untimely death, several years ago.

His legacy is his great service and

bringing much-needed compassion and

understanding towards the mentally ill.

We didn't realize how much he was

doing, until he was gone. We have not

come close to filling the hole that he left.

But we want to honor him by continuing

his great work by improving the quality

Sheriff Allman says there is much work

to be done. But ultimately his dream is

for the mentally ill in the community

to have treatment that gives them the

dignity they deserve. "Someday I hope

that we can treat mental illness like a

fix it and hopefully they can return to a

Joining the Mendocino County

Sheriff's Office on the list of heroes

this year are: Candice Gorbenko, RN;

hospitalist and philanthropist Marvin

Trotter, MD; cancer specialist Russell

of life for the mentally ill."

better quality of life."

Clare Teske, Teresa Brassfield

educate local growers on the impacts of the

past Thursday, November 5.

Damian Sebouhian

fast-approaching deadlines.

as water management.

mitigate water pollution.

Effective Monday, November 9, 2015, the burn permit suspension in Mendocino County will be lifted. CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher Rowney is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days.

Agriculture burns must be inspected by CalFire prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns as well. This can be verified by contacting the Air Quality Management District in Ukiah at 463-4354.

Burn permits will be required until the end of peak fire

While cooler temperatures have helped to diminish the threat of wildfire, Mendocino County is still in the fourth year of a drought. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns. Always use caution when burning, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. Call Mendocino County Air Management District's burn day line at 463-4391 for

Pile Burning Requirements

Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.

The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not

Do NOT burn on windy days.

Piles should be no larger than 4 feet in diameter and in height. You can add to pile as it burns down. Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your

Have a shovel and a water source nearby

An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all broken arm. To be able to identify it, times

> Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, federal and local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CalFire website Sheriff Allman says his staff works Hardy, MD; and the Mendocino College at www.fire.ca.gov.

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The rest of

From Page 7 Buckle

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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Volunteers Wanted Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

> from the B.R.E.W. Club website for Sourdough Beer Bread:

Sourdough Beer Bread Makes one 9 x 5 inch loaf Ingredients:

Above: Saprina Rodriguez,

center with flowers, gets a

left: Student school board

representative Will Switzer,

trustees Chris Neary, Cynthia

Carni and Alex Bowlds, and

The rest of

Brew

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

For more information,

Note: Here's a recipe

visit http://willitshomebrew.

and more."

weebly.com/

Photo by Mike A'Dair

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send-off from colleagues, from

3 cups + 2 teaspoons allpurpose flour 3/4 cup sourdough starter

4-1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons sugar 3 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled

9 ounces light beer, at room temperature

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly grease a 9 x 5 inch loaf pan, and sprinkle with 2 teaspoons all-purpose flour. Shake the flour around until the whole interior is coated, The rest of then knock out the excess.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flours, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add the butter and beer, and stir with a spoon or spatula until moist and just combined. Pour into prepared loaf pan.

Bake at 350° F for 40 to 45 minutes, or until goldenbrown on top. Remove from pan. Cool at least 10 minutes on a rack before Goodbye

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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

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."

board is, when we have a challenge, that during the meeting.

we don't make a quick assumption. For example, recently it was reported in the press that I was silent, and other board members were silent, when we were recently given some important information. The implication was, we were falling down on the job. I just want people to know that think it is a good idea to wait until I get more information, sometimes. That is what I was doing then: I wanted more information before I felt I could speak. At the time I didn't think I had enough information to give my opinion on that issue."

During the board comments section of the meeting, board members who were present thanked Rodriguez for her service and complimented her on the many positive qualities that she brought to the table "You served with distinction, and I don't think that can be overstated," said trustee Christopher Neary. Patricia Johnson presented Rodriguez with a bouquet of flowers. Rodriguez placed the bouquet on her left, in the spot where trustee Laurie "My advice for the community and the Harris usually sits. Harris was absent



Go Wolverines!

Go Willits Wolverines! Monkey Wrench sponsored a Taco Bravo dinner for members of the Willits JV and varsity football teams back in October. "Monkey Wrench is one of their #1 supporters," said owner and team mom Shannon Germann. From left to right: Dylan Tyler, Matt Moratti, Konner Reed, Marilyn Schofer, Kyle Martinez and Gary Hudson.

The varsity Wolverines made the play-offs, and will be playing an away game against Middletown on Friday night.

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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 to testing, spaying or

to come looking now, as Christmas season or visit www.mendoshelterpets.com.

is just 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 She warned that those looking for a from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday from fluffy, new kitten for Christmas might want 10 am to 6 pm. For more info, call 467-6453

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Above, center: Kathy Neff holds the vintage faux fur coat that will be modeled in the show.

Above, right: Kathy Neff holds the white version of the lace dress that will be modeled in many different colors.

At right: Model Dorothy Roediger, left, Senior Center coordinator Mariya Siddons, and Tea & Togs producer Kathy the three themed raffle baskets in

Neff, at right, with the Harrah Senior Center Thrift Shop. Photos by

Jennifer Poole



Harrah Senior Center's Tea & Togs

Fashion show and tea party offers a 'Winter Holiday' collection

tea features fabulous finds from the Harrah Senior Center's Thrift Shop, worn by models of **Iennifer Poole** "all" ages - well, at least from Editor & Reporter age 6 to age 92!

Tea & Togs is presented in the Harrah Senior Center Dining room, and is a fundraiser to delicate sweets, including pecan tarts, mini-eclairs and models two months ago.

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The 4th annual Tea & Togs fashion show and afternoon fruit-filled puff pastries, as well as a choice of teas: Bring your own teacup! The fashion show starts at 2:30 pm.

Tea & Togs producer Kathy Neff, who was in retail for 20 years as a buyer for Bay Area department stores, works with the models to put all the outfits together for the show. She's been pulling potential clothes from "the little boutique benefit the center's Outreach Department. The event starts on Baechtel Road" (as model Dorothy Roediger calls the with tea at 2 pm, featuring scones in different flavors and thrift shop), for three months, and started fittings with the colors) and "Wooly Winter" (warm clothes and textures).

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Tea & Togs is usually put on in May, but scheduling conflicts this year offered the opportunity to do a winter

The overall theme of Saturday's event is "Winter Holiday," with models displaying clothes for "Thanksgiving at Grandma's," "The Matinee in the City" (with hats and gloves), "Entertaining at Home for the Holidays," "The Little Black Dress," "The Lace Dress" (lace in many different

> The finale will include Christmas sweaters ("I won't call them 'ugly.' because sweater!," Neff said) and a visit from Santa, complete with photo opportunity, after the show.

Fourteen models will be participating, including: Maggie Graham. Alisha Hamilton, Kylie Southwick, Marnye Sylvander, Martha Morgan, Mary James, Norma Hansen, Kacee Tyler, Ashton Weeks, Kay Nord, Sierra Mayfield, Lily May Unangst,

and Taylor Hartley. Evelyn Swift will be playing the piano to accompany the models on the runway, and

Virginia Jorge will be the show commentator. There will be decorative holiday centerpieces on each table, available for purchase after the show. Diana Mann put together the three beautiful themed raffle baskets: a Fall Basket, a Wine & Pasta Basket, and the Mary Englebreit Basket. Raffle tickets - \$1 each and six for \$5 – are available at the senior center front desk and the thrift shop: no need to be present to win.

Tickets for Tea & Togs are \$12, also available in advance at the senior center front desk; tickets will be available at the door, too. Tables for six or more can also be reserved in advance

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In Mora's case, 83 days transpired between the date when the court initially recommended he be screened for mental competency and the date when the competency training was begun.

"When I finally read the competency report dated October 15, Mr. Mora was initially seen maybe on July 20, but didn't participate in the competency training until October 12. And then in a manner of three days he was determined to be competent," Moorman said.

"I want to know why we're having such a delay," an angry Moorman said. "It's trampling on Mr. Mora's constitutional rights. It's trampling on the rights of people to have – to address issues of public safety.'

Acting-County Counsel Katharine Elliott explained why Margie Jones, who provides competency training to jail inmates under the supervision of Lake County psychologist J. Holden, took so long to secure a Spanishspeaking translator so Mora could undergo Holden's training curriculum. Elliott explained the chain of events in detail, but Moorman was high-CBD plants and medicine. not impressed.

are not the issue." Moorman told Elliott

"You are a lawyer with the county counsel's office. And the abysmal, absolutely abysmal, bureaucratic obstacles that are constantly thrown up in these cases is just... It not only makes me absolutely enraged, it's mystifying. It is absolutely mystifying.

"So I am going to set up an order in all of these cases - these misdemeanors where someone is not only a doubt declared but then pursuant to a report from Dr. Kelly or another psychiatrist or psychologist they're deemed 1368 in the misdemeanors." Moorman said. "Mental health is to contact medical jail staff within seven days. And I want you to communicate with them, get an understanding of what medication a person is receiving, how they are conducting themselves in the jail, and to start the competency training.

"As soon as I sign that placement order you guys had better be there within seven days. I am not going to have the jail in this county used as a warehouse. I will not have it," Moorman

Elliott responded that the county is actually performing pretty well. She referenced another inmate, a Ms. Zaccaria, who apparently had also experienced a long delay in receiving competency restoration services, and in whose case the court was displeased because her status was not being reported back to the court.

"There's three that were saying these are our mistakes that we made," Elliott said. "And this is something that needs to be addressed.

"There are a couple of others you have that are competency training. When I looked through, it looked like everything happened the way it should and we achieved what we were trying to do. Everything happened in terms of The rest of the competency training.

"So what happens is the person." Elliott explained, "Margie Jones, goes over and the order that comes from the court for the medication and the placement, the jail placement. Until that happens, then – and that comes through the court system - then the person gets placed on medication.

"Margie Jones does - my understanding from her notes is she does check in with the medical staff in terms of whether the person is now on medication and is that successful." Elliott continued.

"So then she began the competency training. What happened is, she wasn't being able to achieve training and competency. What we have discussed is, when that happens - and I've been discussing this with Jay [Holden] - there has to be a process in place for her to notify or do a referral for an LPS [a type of conservancy, in which the inmate is conserved by the state.] So that referral, for a LPS, should have happened sooner," Elliott said.

Moorman again found fault with the interface between the county mental health system and the jail. Responding to Elliott's statement, Moorman said, "Despite all of that - the 90 days - the report didn't get submitted. Judge Behnke had to ask for a 90-day report. The statute demands you all supply to us 90-day reports. I'm not going to come asking for them. "The next time I come asking for them I'm

going to levy a big fine, or I'm going to put someone over there in jail," Moorman said.

"The statute demands you supply us these 90-day reports. She was in custody for 90 days with nothing happening. The judge is, what's going on with Ms. Zaccaria? So he writes an order. And that's only when the 90-day report is triggered where we have some information that Ms. Zaccaria is not participating in competency

Deputy Public Defender Anthony Adams asked Moorman for clarification. "Does your honor want seven calendar days or court days?" he asked.

Moorman ended the discussion with clarity: "Seven calendar days," she said.

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From Page 11

about forming farmer cooperatives, a specific legal entity under agricultural law that will now additional charge – for residential and green yard waste carts as a sticker, too be available to cannabis farmers, with some business customers inside city limits - detailing what can and cannot be put restrictions. Although farmers' co-ops can't and in a four-mile area around the city. set prices, Allen said they can suggest prices Brooktrails is excluded, as Solid Waste and work with member farmers to increase the does not offer yard waste pickup in value of their product. co-ops can also help build market connections, assist with branding and packaging, and showcase individual

He urged local farmers to create cooperatives or join existing ones so they can work together and have more business clout.

A representative from the Humboldt Sungrowers Guild talked about her coop, which already sells plant medicine to dispensaries. She showed her co-op's well- Ward said. "The machinery grinds it all designed and streamlined packaging and up, and it ruins that batch of compost." marketing materials. Will Porter of the emerging Emerald Grown cooperative talked about his group's plans, and Tara Bluecloud described Styrofoam. No soiled foil, no metal, no Mendocino Medicinals, a co-op focused on glass.

Several businesses interested in partnering bag or container, do not throw the plastic "I'm not surprised you didn't know, but you with co-ops made presentations to the group: bag or container into the yard waste bin! FlowKana and Meadow are both farm-to- Empty the scraps into a paper bag and customer distribution networks; Sacramento then put it into the yard waste bin, Ward attorney Melissa Sanchez helps cannabis says. Or, as the flyer sent to residents businesses comply with regulations, and suggests: "Use the news: Wrap food Dragonfly Earth Medicine will give farmers scraps in newspaper and drop it all in who meet their green standards a "Pure" the green cart. It is all compostable." certification at no charge.

> During a potluck dinner, the group planned to elect a steering committee to run the new Mendocino Chapter of the California Growers

From Page 1 Burn ban |

· Open burning hours within the LLFPD are 6

am to 12 pm. · Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may

· The burning of trash, painted or processed wood and other debris is not allowed.

• Piles shall be no larger than 4 feet in diameter plus the expenditure of up to \$60,000 and in height. You can add to piles as they burn on constructing and paving a new down not to exceed the 4-foot requirement. · Have 10 feet of clearance around your pile

down to bare soil. Have a shovel and water source nearby

• An adult is required to be in attendance of the side of the Blosser Lane campus. This mean, we have an \$18 million budget,

Although we have had some wetting rains, the fire danger is still present. If the above quidelines are followed, we can provide for a safe outdoor burning environment for our the board with a cost estimate for the

- Chris Wilkes, training chief, LLFPD

Grist Creek

contacts the clients initially. But then there's without a permit; excess fugitive emissions; and causing a public nuisance.

> The second notice of violation mentions that air district staff "documented continued that summary did not include labor operation of an unpermitted crumb rubber costs. When labor costs of more than heating and blending unit at the Grist Creek Aggregates facility on October 22, 23, 24, 26, 28 and 29, 2015.

The air district also sent Grist Creek a draft notice of suspension on October 22.

In an October 29 response to the notice of suspension, Justin Porteous, environmental manager with the Mercer-Fraser Company, responded with a letter that affirms that Grist Creek and Mercer-Fraser are operating the asphalt facility in conformance with the provisions of the "Authority to Construct," which the air district issued to Grist Creek on in Board Policy 3300. Business and June 2, 2015. Additionally, the letter states: "The purpose of this letter is to formally inform superintendent authority to purchase the [air quality district] that Mercer-Fraser Company is assisting Grist Creek Aggregates, LLC in the production of asphalt concrete at Grist Creek's Longvale facility."

The letter continues: "By this letter, Mercer-Fraser confirms its obligation to comply with the aforementioned Authority to Construct. We that \$50,000 is the cut-off line. Below understand that this letter will satisfy all of the that figure, spending is under the district's concerns raised in the draft notice of authority of the superintendent; beyond suspension, dated October 22, 2015 that was that it becomes the authority of the they were going to be ready to move sent to Grist Creek Aggregates, LLC, in error, and will dispose of same."

Willits Weekly has tried to reach the county's Air Pollution Control Officer Robert Scaglione reveals that each of the items, with the by telephone more than a dozen times, so far

citizen's group Friends of Outlet Creek and a cost \$27,277; furniture cost \$51.112; person who resides within a mile of the facility, no asphalt has been produced at the Longvale facility since October 31.

Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse said that he has requested that county CEO/ Clerk of the Board Carmel Angelo put the issue on the board of supervisors' agenda for an upcoming meeting, but that, to his knowledge, it is not on the agenda for the November 17 to each individual category, or whether

The service is available – at no flyer – that will be put onto the top of the

Previously, customers got their big covering the whole city every Friday.

Solid Waste owner Jerry Ward emphasized one very important point in making the new service work: Keep the

"We don't want plastic in there at all."

Don't throw in plastic forks or straws. or twist ties and rubber bands, or

If you keep kitchen scraps in a plastic Layers of newspaper can also be used to cover any food waste in the bin, to help reduce odors and pests. Willits Weekly is printed with 100 percent vegetable ink.

Ward said his company would be doing "extensive information outreach for residents and especially for businesses," which usually haven't had got a notice in the mail, with a colorful waste cart.

From Page 1 Moving

meeting, on that evening the school move of the district office - needs to board approved the district office move, be specifically authorized by the school

The minutes from the April 1 meeting state, "On March 4, 2015, the board approved the district office move to the portables located on the south to be a big issue," said Chris Neary. "I driveway project was also approved at and we are talking about what? A

However, there is no documentation showing Johnson ever came back to rest of the move or that the project cost of \$150,000 was ever approved by the

Board member Laurie Harris told this reporter that she repeatedly asked Johnson for an accounting of the costs associated with the move. In a crumb rubber heating and blending unit October, district Financial Officer Tanya Michel provided board members with a document showing the district spent \$139,015.60 on the move. However, \$11,000 are included, the total rises to more than \$150,000.

> After the November 4 school board meeting, Johnson told this reporter that she had talked with the trustees individually and that their concerns were allayed. She also provided a sheaf of paper containing school board meeting agenda items and minutes, as well as school district educational codes having to do with the district's spending policy. A document called "Expending Authority Noninstructional Operations," gives the equipment and services up to the amounts specified in Public Contract Code 20111."

Public Contracts Code 20111, which was also provided by Johnson, stated school board

A review of the expenditures associated with the district office move exception of furniture, came in below the \$50,000 threshold. The driveway According to Doug Kerseg, a member of the cost \$35,586; construction supplies carpet and linoleum cost \$19,400; and fencing cost \$5,639. Labor costs were approximately \$11,000. No single item was over \$50,000, with the exception of

> The code section isn't clear about whether the spending limit should apply the spending for any one project – the deadline.

As far as businesses. Ward said "We'll be knocking on every door, of restaurants and other businesses. Not just teaching them about what goes in green yard waste bins picked up every the cart, but where are they going to put other week, but the drivers will now be their cart, how are they going to keep it

> Ward said collecting organic food waste "diverts a lot of materials from the landfill, and people don't have to put as much in their garbage disposals, which also helps the wastewater treatment

> The organic wastes will be trucked down to Cold Creek Compost on Potter Valley Road in Ukiah for composting, as the Willits transfer station couldn't get a permit to do composting on site. Ward hopes to truck some of the food waste compost back up to sell it at the transfer

> The flyer sent to residents also points out that food waste makes methane in the landfill environment, "a greenhouse gas 22 times stronger than C02. Putting food waste in the green cart helps protect the climate.

Composting organic wastes, thus reducing the amount of garbage sent to the landfill, helps conserve water and energy, and should also reduce the overall cost of processing Willits' trash, to help keep garbage rates from

For more information, visit www. solidwasteservices.net. or call 459-4778 vard waste to pick up. Home customers to ask questions or to order a green yard

board if the total is more than \$50,000

The four sitting trustees, plus former Trustee Saprina Rodriguez, were not in agreement about whether Johnson had acted correctly in connection with the district office move. "I don't consider it couple of thousand dollars. I've seen some documents that indicate that if we had stayed in the Pearl Street building for five years, it would have cost more than what she spent on the move. So in that sense, it was a good move to do

"I think that sort of stuff should have been a better practice," said Neary "I'd like for the next superintendent to outline what the policy is, going forward. I think it should be clearly defined so the board knows what the superintendent's

authority is." "I think she should have gone before the board and asked for permission to spend the money, but I do think that she had the authority to do what she did." said Rodriguez. "But, for the sake of all the conversation that has gone on around this, I think that it would have been wise for her to go to the board."

"I don't think she did anything out of line," said board President Cynthia Carni. "I think there was lots of talk about the issue, whether to buy another piece of property and build our own building. or whether to rent. And I feel that she went by the direction of the board. We talked about the driveway, and she did that, and the price came in way under what we authorized her to spend. And we did talk about moving into those portables and that is what she did.

"I think it's really good for the district to have a professional office that people can come to. I felt that she kept me informed in my weekly meetings that I had with her. I was comfortable with that. Actually one thing: I didn't think in by mid-August, but they were," Carni

Trustee Alex Bowlds said: "The only expenditure we approved was the driveway. Nowhere else did we approve any expenditure of district funds on the move. She has yet to provide any documentation that shows that we approved anything beyond the \$60,000 for the driveway. She did a whole bunch of work. She spent a whole bunch of taxpayer money, and she didn't ask for furnishings, which was \$1,112 over the our permission. Quite frankly. I don't understand why the rest of the board is not upset about it."

> Trustee Laurie Harris was not available for comment by press

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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

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

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compost for spring planting. "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

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 microbials 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.

Brennerman 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, earthrammed tires, and cob and straw bale construction.

Brennerman 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 Brennerman, 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. Brennerman 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?" Brennerman 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./ or call Bodensteiner at 459-

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