

Waiting for the votes to be counted

More than half the ballots Mendocino County voters cast in the November 6 election have yet to be counted.

In the race for Third District supervisor, 2,639 ballots were counted Election Night; another 2,736 ballots remain to be counted.

In the Willits City Council election, 641 ballots were counted Election Night, and there are 715 ballots left to count.

The above figures don't include an unknown percentage of the 452 provisional ballots cast countywide: most of the provisional ballots usually end up being designated as valid votes.

Given Tom Woodhouse's 10.4 percent lead over Holly Madrigal in the county supervisor's race, the final count is unlikely to change the result of that election, although Willits Weekly expects to see the same pattern we saw in the final results for the primary election: Madrigal closing the gap by a few points.

But in the Willits City Council election – with at least 715 ballots left to count and only 24 votes separating Ron Orenstein and Robin Lele, second- and third-place finishers in the preliminary results – a change seems at least possible.

Based on recent experience, we can hope to know final results before Thanksgiving. We expect the candidates would be pleased by that.

It's bad enough voters have to wait so long to find out final results for our local elections (although Willits Weekly does appreciate voter registrar Sue Ranochak's efforts to certify elections and release final results sooner than her predecessor. In 2008, Ranochak also reopened some polling places former voter registrar Marsha Wharrf had shut down).

But again this year, as has also become the norm, there's widespread confusion about what the initial results mean. "Why did they call the election if most of the votes haven't been counted?" people ask us. None of the local newspapers have "called" the election, although apparently radio reports announced "winners" a bit prematurely.

But worst of all, every election year, these initial results provoke dire comments about the apathetic state of the electorate since, this year for example: "only 24 percent of the voters bothered to vote."

But that 24 percent turnout this year, of course, is based only on the ballots counted in the "Final Election Night Report." With 54.5 percent of the vote not included in that report, we'll end up with a turnout somewhere over 50 percent in the Third District: not excellent, but pretty good for a midterm election, and a heck of a lot better than 24 percent.

One of the problems, we think, is the way the election results are reported on the county's website. Another question we get from people who check the web for election results themselves is: "Why does it say 'Precincts Reporting 100%' if so many ballots haven't been counted?"

What that phrase means is simply that 100 percent of the precincts have reported the total votes cast at the

polling places on Tuesday, as well as the mail-in ballots received at the county voter office in time to be counted before Election Day.

Votes received in the mail too late to be counted before Election Day, provisional ballots and – most importantly – mail-in ballots dropped off at the polls on Election Day itself are not included in that count.

And now we've reached the point where those ballots not counted on Election Night constitute a majority.

One reason for the increase in Election Day drop-offs is the decision by previous voter registrar Wharrf to change many Mendocino County precincts into mail-in-only precincts, whether voters like it or not. And this is not just due to Mendocino County's scattered population: Willits residents who live in a precinct that starts only a block from the Willits polling place have been forced to cast their votes by mail.

Many voters like to vote by mail, and we're happy they have that option. But others prefer to wait until Election Day to cast their votes – or at least wait to decide the weekend before, when it's too late to assume a mailed ballot will get to the voter office on time.

Willits Weekly would like to see voters themselves be able to make the choice to vote by mail or vote at the polls, with no "mail-in-only" precincts in Mendocino County at all. We'd like to see a change in the way the votes are presented on the county's election results web page. And we'd like to see the board of supervisors and the voter office work together to figure out what county government needs to do so that voters – and candidates – don't have to wait so long to know the final results of our local elections.



When Robin Hough of Willits walked into Wowser's Open House this past Sunday, she had a certain project in mind: to find outdoor work space to transform her 16-foot truck trailer into a moveable, livable gypsy wagon before she moves to Alaska next year. As soon as she got through the front door, she knew she'd come to the right place: just inside hung a dry erase board covered in ideas for a "gypsy wagon" class just waiting to happen.

Wowseropenedupto20,000-square-foot industrial workshop space full of tools and creative energy to the public this weekend with something for everyone: welding tools, bicycle repair, 3-D printing machines and tesla coils, a woodshop, jewelry and stained glass workshop, computer lab, silkscreen presses, a textile studio, and much more. Some of Wowser's current 150 members demonstrated projects and work areas Sunday, while locals of all ages toured the facilities and became inspired by the many possibilities.



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Leigh-Logan detailed several projects she'd been working on, including turning old feed bags into reusable grocery bags in the textile shop. She also pointed out commercial projects, such as solar chargers and a silkscreen business, initiated by other members, saying "we've got more tools than anywhere between here and Santa Rosa!" She went on to explain how Wowser's origins are rooted in the same spirit of making that the organization now hopes to pass on to new members.

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'We the People'

To the Editor:

Thanks to reporter Mike A'Dair for a thorough report on Congressman Jared Huffman's recent town hall meeting at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. Regarding the need for the "We the People" Amendment to make clear that corporations are not persons with Constitutional rights and that political spending is not free speech, Huffman is absolutely right that it will take a grassroots movement to get it passed.

In 2012 Mendocino County voters passed Measure F – a citizen's advisory calling for an amendment – by 75 percent, thanks to grassroots effort! And, this election, 18 communities in Massachusetts, 12 in Wisconsin, two in Ohio, and one each in Illinois and Florida all had ballot initiatives calling for an amendment, and all of them passed, most by 70-plus percent. All involved organized grassroots efforts by Move to Amend affiliates.

I hope that Congressman Huffman will take heart knowing that his constituents here in Mendocino County are solidly behind the amendment effort. As for the alleged lack of passion on the part of Americans in general, polling data shows that 80 percent of Americans think that the Citizens United decision was wrong. The appalling lack of participation in elections, while perhaps not "passionate," is certainly an indication of feeling on the part of the people.

Those of us working on the amendment effort know this will be a long effort with many twists and turns along the road. We take our lessons from those who have gone before us such as the Women's Suffrage Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Gay Rights Movement and others in knowing that when the people lead, the leaders will follow. Congressman Huffman can help in this, knowing his own constituents will back him up on any efforts he

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makes in Congress. We know it will take a lot to achieve success, but he will lose nothing by speaking for us, as we elected him to do.

Margaret Koster,
Move to Amend Coalition, Willits

Willits Community Christmas Program

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 holiday gifts.

Persons of good will who wish to assist an individual child can select a card from display trees located at various locations around our community.

These cards present the age, gender, and needs 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 interest in adopting an entire family. If you or your group wish 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 select a suitable family. My phone contacts are 459-5827 (home) and 490-8872 (cell). Leave a message if I am unable to 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

Roger Wilson, Wowser CEO, Willits

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How To Sudoku:

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

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Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

- Domestic cat
- Picasso's mistress Dora
- Bounces over water
- Calculators
- Jeopardized
- Voice of Dory
- Guided
- Ribonucleic acid (abbr.)
- Evenings prior to
- French river into Ghent
- Inspires wonder
- Sacred bull of Egypt
- Am. sable
- Liquid body substances
- Singer Nat King
- Expression of disgust
- Oil cartel
- Mentums
- City of Danao Island
- Place of refuge
- Fancy ottoman
- 20th Hebrew letter
- Alleviating
- Tangles
- London gallery
- Pouchlike structure
- Citizen of Copenhagen
- Swiss river

CLUES DOWN

- Far east weight unit
- Competent
- Bare or unadorned
- Bridge building degree
- Other side of yang (Chinese)
- Personal manners
- Am. Mountain Guide Assoc.
- Imitate
- Acts of reclamation
- Most critical
- Brews
- Foot (Latin)
- South Dakota
- Hero-worship
- Removes moisture
- NY Hamptons location (initials)

- Denotes three
- Treatment for addicts
- Inheritable by rules
- Campaign funding group
- Stalin's predecessor
- N. Mexico artist colony
- Initials of 1st American woman in space
- Afrikaans
- Egyptian god of life
- Sporting venue
- Frames of reference
- Plural of 30 down
- Captures
- Turf
- Fencing sword
- Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- Expression of bafflement
- Very large
- Old TV screen tube
- Keyboard instruments
- Governments
- Fashion designer Jacobs
- Carrier's invention
- Cruise
- Art style of design
- From a distance
- Rock singer Turner
- Churn
- Hotels
- Genetic info carrier
- Irritate
- Also on the option key
- Steeped beverage
- Indicates position



Willits Community Christmas

Adopt-A-Family deadline is November 22

The Willits Community Christmas program, Willits' charitable effort to ensure local children and their families experience the magic of the holiday season, is gearing up for its 26th year.

Coordinator Sandy Turner says she just got her "first two or three truckloads of stuff" in at Santa's Workshop at the Sparetime Supply yard. "We're getting ready to get the tables up, and get the trees in, to get them ready and assigned to stores."

These trees are hung with cards, detailing the Christmas wishes and needs of local kids and their families. They are set up in local businesses, where shoppers can take a card and fulfill some or all of the listed items. Turner stressed that nobody should hesitate to take a card even if they can't afford to donate all the items. "Just do what you can," she said, and other donations from community members and organizations will help fill in the gaps. And financial donations, too, are welcome in all amounts: "My husband, Gerry, said to me, 'Sandy, we need to let people know there's all kinds of ways to contribute.'" Turner said. If you can give \$5 or \$10, don't hesitate: it all adds up, and even the smallest donations help ensure the program is successful.

"Early is always helpful," Turner said. Financial donations can be sent c/o Turner (make checks out to "Rotary Christmas Fund") at 20960 East Tattersfield Hill, Willits, CA 95490.

The Willits Rotary Club is a big part of this effort, as are the bikers and friends of the Willits Toy Run (who host a party the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 30 this year, where the price of admission is one unwrapped toy for the Christmas program). Willits and Brooktrails firefighters – and police chief Gerry Gonzalez – help deliver the presents on Christmas Eve, and there is a long, and growing, list of other volunteers and donors.

Read the rest of Xmas | Over on Page 6



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Rosco is a 12-year-old neutered male Shih Tzu who was brought to the shelter because his owner could no longer care for him. He is a very friendly dog who loves to go on car rides and would do well in any type of home. He weighs in at 17 pounds and also walks well on a leash. He was just groomed, thanks to Dirty Dog Daycare, and ready to go home.

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OBITUARY | Donald Phillip Parks

Donald Phillip "Poppy" Parks, 85, of California and Arizona, died October 29, 2014 at home in Cedarville, California.

Phillip was born September 9, 1929 in Richmond, California, to Allison and Harry Parks. He and his wife, Rosemary, and daughters Allison, Roxanne and Ruthanne lived in various towns in Northern California, including Ukiah, Cloverdale, and later Willits. Phillip and Rosemary retired to Arizona in 1998 and just recently returned to Cedarville to be near daughter Roxanne Klugherz and her family.

Phillip's career, starting at age 19, was in the lumber industry. Phillip was a lifelong member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and enjoyed being a counselor for the church's Pathfinder Youth Group. He also volunteered for many years with the community service food bank in Arizona, where he and Rosemary moved after they retired.

Phillip is survived by his wife, Rosemary, daughters Allison Parks-Wright, Roxanne Klugherz and Ruthanne Altsman, son-in-law Garrett Klugherz, grandchildren Iris, Cedar, Sequoia and Elle, sister Nancy Sutsch, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, and special friend John Sipkens who was also part of the family. He was preceded in death by brothers Bill Parks and Robert Parks.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church Pathfinder Club (399 West Mendocino Avenue, Willits, CA 95490) or the Surprise Valley Hospital (Box 246, Cedarville, CA 96104).

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"More and more people are doing this every year," Sandy says. Last year the program helped out 435 kids in all.

One group of donors is the Adopt-A-Family participants: people, businesses or organizations who agree to fulfill the needs of a family. "Everyone does this differently," Turner said. "I have a church in town, who always 'adopts' a big family: if there's a family of six kids, they want it, and they take care of mom and dad, too. That's their church's program for Christmas, and the kids go shopping, too," to help choose the presents. "Other Adopt-A-Family people just take care of the kids."

Anyone interested in adopting a family for this year's Community Christmas program should call Turner at 459-5827 (home) or 490-8872 (cell) by November 22.

Trees with cards will be going out to local businesses right after Thanksgiving. Businesses hosting trees this year are: J.D. Redhouse, Mazzah, Main Street Music & Video, Coast Hardware, Safeway, Yokums Body Shop, Curves, Howard Memorial Hospital, Tri Counties Bank (formerly North Valley Bank), Willits Pet Center, Healing Center Chiropractic, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Buttercups Children's Boutique, and Willits Grocery Outlet. There will also be drop-off boxes, where participants can return their presents, including at J.D. Redhouse, Main Street Music and Coast Hardware. The back of the cards will list drop-off points, too.

And the Christmas program isn't just wonderful for those who receive, Turner emphasized. Kids love to participate in buying gifts for other kids who need a helping hand, and all of those who give get a great boost in Christmas spirit.

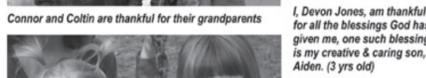
The program also needs volunteers to help wrap gifts a bit later in the season and to help with other tasks: anyone interested or anyone with questions can call Turner at 459-5827 (home) or 490-8872 (cell) to find out more.



I, Angiolee Stansberry, am more thankful than I could ever adequately express for my three children: Savannah, 16, Cody, 19 (with me) and David, 20. I am thankful every day that God chose me to be their mom.



I, Jeanne King, am thankful for my home in the forest.



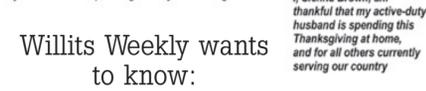
I, Devon Jones, am thankful for all the blessings God has given me, one such blessing is my creative & caring son, Aiden. (3 yrs old)



I, Kathleen Ferri-Taylor, am thankful for my two grandchildren and another on the way!



I, Phoebe Becker, am thankful for family portraits (taken by Maureen Moore) amongst many other things!



I, Sienna Brown, am thankful that my active-duty husband is spending this Thanksgiving at home, and for all others currently serving our country



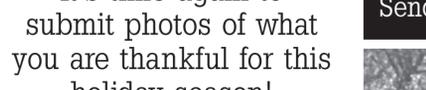
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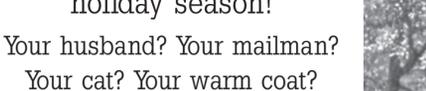
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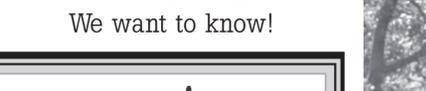
I, April Lamprich, am thankful for my best friend!



I, Alison Hughes, am thankful for bacon.



I, Rashel Niderost-Mckemy, am thankful for my healthy boys! I love u Giuseppe n Nikolas! ♥♥♥



I, April Lamprich, am thankful for all the time I had with my Papa! Not a day goes by that I don't miss you!



I, Jacqueline Standley, am grateful for an amazing family! ♥



I, Roxie, am thankful for my squeaky koala and play time



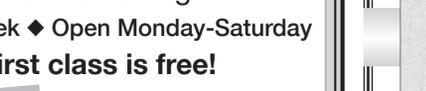
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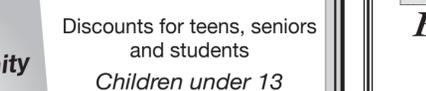
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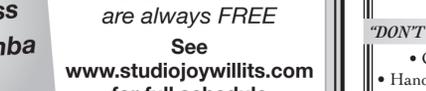
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I, Rashel Niderost-Mckemy, am thankful for my healthy boys! I love u Giuseppe n Nikolas! ♥♥♥



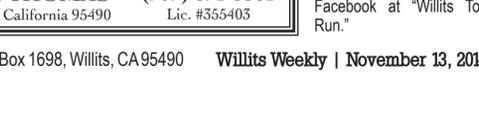
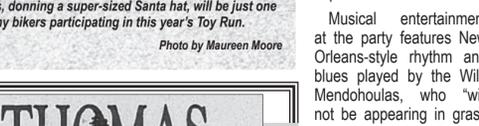
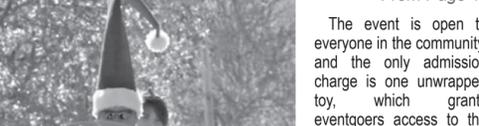
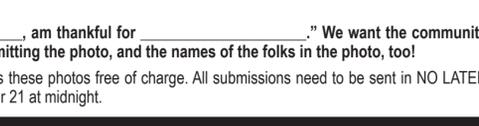
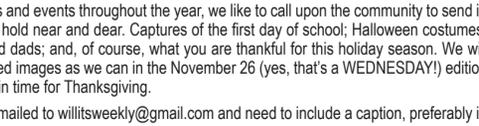
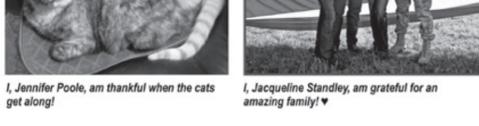
I, April Lamprich, am thankful for all the time I had with my Papa! Not a day goes by that I don't miss you!



I, Jacqueline Standley, am grateful for an amazing family! ♥



I, Roxie, am thankful for my squeaky koala and play time



Bruce Andich, MD, third from left, accepts his "Physician of the Year" award at this year's Adventist Health Physician Symposium. Giving the award are Jeff Eller, left, president of the Northern California Region of Adventist Health, John Glycer, MD, second from left, chief of staff at Howard Hospital, and Keith Doram, MD, right, chief medical officer for Adventist Health.



Bruce Andich, MD: Howard Hospital's 'Physician of the Year'

The year was 1976, the United States celebrated the bicentennial, the value of a dollar was on the rise, the Apple Computer company was formed, the Concorde took its first supersonic transatlantic flight, but also that year: internist Bruce Andich, MD, set out his shingle in Willits, California.

Having completed college and medical school at the University of Chicago and post-graduate training at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco, Dr. Andich was eager to trade in big city living for greener pastures. After a two-year adventure that took him around the world and included a six-month stint working as an epidemiologist for the United Nations Smallpox Eradication Program in Bangladesh, Dr. Andich chose to migrate to Willits, where he focused on providing individualized care that fit with his own personal values.

Almost 40 years later, after raising two children with his wife, Cassandra, both are quite comfortable calling Willits their home. The same values that governed Dr. Andich's care philosophy are as evident today as they were in 1976. "There's really nothing magical about it," says Dr. Andich. "We can all recall a much simpler kind of time, when we all seemed to respect each other, believe in etiquette and social rules of acceptable behavior, and not be distracted by

the tons of background noise – because there wasn't any."

Because of his values-based approach to medicine, he has earned a deep respect amongst his colleagues, hospital staff, and the community in which he serves, and this year, Dr. Andich was selected by Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital staff as the "Physician of the Year."

Dr. Andich's love for his small town is ever evident. He is always eager and relishes the opportunity to see his patients in his office and in town: "One of the joys of living in a small town," Dr. Andich would say. Though Dr. Andich has retirement on his mind, he still actively functions as a hospitalist at Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital and sees patients in his clinic.

He stays active in the community, serving on the board of directors of Community Care, a Ukiah non-profit, for more than 30 years, taking art and theater classes, and being a delegate from Mendocino-Lake counties to the California Medical Association. He collects stamps and likes to watch birds. No matter what the situation might be, Dr. Andich would say: "I can always make a difference" – and making a difference has earned him the "Physician of the Year" award.

—submitted by Nick Bejarano for Frank R. Memorial Hospital / Adventist Health



Veterans enjoy lunch at Country Skillet

Veterans Andy Volpe, Bill Wood, Ed Deaton and Rich Loughry, all employed at Microphor, enjoyed lunch at the Country Skillet Tuesday to celebrate the Veterans Day holiday. Thanks to all the veterans in the Willits area!

Willits Weekly wants to know:

What are YOU thankful for?

It's time again to submit photos of what you are thankful for this holiday season!

Your husband? Your mailman?
Your cat? Your warm coat?
We want to know!

For several holidays and events throughout the year, we like to call upon the community to send in images of things they hold near and dear. Captures of the first day of school; Halloween costumes; photos with moms and dads; and, of course, what you are thankful for this holiday season. We will print as many submitted images as we can in the November 26 (yes, that's a WEDNESDAY!) edition of Willits Weekly, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Photos should be emailed to willitsweekly@gmail.com and need to include a caption, preferably in the following format:

"I, _____, am thankful for _____." We want the community to know who is submitting the photo, and the names of the folks in the photo, too!

Willits Weekly prints these photos free of charge. All submissions need to be sent in NO LATER than Friday, November 21 at midnight.

Send in your "thankful for" photos by 11/21!



Will Evans, donning a super-sized Santa hat, will be just one of the many bikers participating in this year's Toy Run. Photo by Maureen Moore

The rest of Toy Run

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The event is open to everyone in the community, and the only admission charge is one unwrapped toy, which grants eventgoers access to the "scrumptious tri-tip dinner and buffet," says event co-chair Richard Venturi.

The dinner is provided by the Willits Rotary Club, and is served free to charge to the admitted guests. Soft drinks will be available from the Girl Scouts, and bartenders at a no-host bar will be pouring drinks.

"My co-chair Bear Kamoroff and I really want to remind everyone that we welcome everyone from the community to come and attend: the Toy Run party is NOT a biker-only event!" explained Venturi.

Musical entertainment at the party features New Orleans-style rhythm and blues played by the Wild Mendocoulias, who "will not be appearing in grass skirts," joked Venturi.

A live auction and raffle for goods and services from local merchants will also be held during the event, and monies raised, along with all the toys gathered, will go to the annual Willits Community Christmas program, to help with its mission to help provide holiday gifts to families in need.

For more information, email HOG@bellsprings.com, or call 459-6372. The Toy Run also has a website: www.WillitsToyRun.com and can be found on Facebook at "Willits Toy Run."

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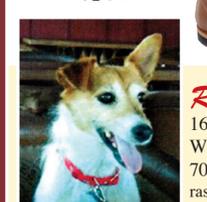
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Congrats Column



Nick & Justine: Engaged!

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Thursday, November 13

Shanachie Pub: twice-monthly 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 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: 459-9194.

"The Angel of Chatham Square": A special performance at the Willits Community Theatre tonight at 7 pm for PEO Night. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from Vicki Ham at 456-9858; still a few tickets available! See Friday, November 14 listing for details about the play.

Friday, November 14

Mendocino College Men's Soccer Team: final home game of the season today at 3 pm. Mendo College Men's Soccer team just clinched their conference championship in their first season, and will be going on to the state championship. 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah.

"The Angel of Chatham Square": The holiday production at Willits Community Theatre is a romantic drama set in New York City in 1948, written by Healdsburg playwright Audie Foote. 8 pm tonight, runs through November 23. This is the heartwarming story of waitress Kitty Fleming as she meets and befriends Willie, a seemingly down-and-out homeless vagrant living among the other bums in the Bowery. Directed by Christine Dill, with performers Kelly Kesey, Rod Grainger, Gretchen Anderson, Ron Greystar, Pete Winslow, Tim Suttles, Mike A'Dair and David Partch. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar at 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or for credit card orders, phone the WCT office at 459-0895. Tickets will also be available at the door. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Shanachie Pub: Alissa Aranson (5 pm), Acoustic/Folk/Minimalist, from Saskatoon, Canada opens for The 454 Band, power-trio playing blues-based rock and roll, originals and covers. (9 pm). \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Black Iris: Live music at John's Place, 255 East Commercial Street. 459-5636.

Diggers Dancehall Fridays: Joey D Productions presents: Dancehall, Dubstep, Hip Hop, Reggae, Trance, Latin: Positive Music /Positive Vibes every Friday at Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street. 21+. 10 pm to close. No cover. Tonight: Guerrilla Takeover w/Octagon and C-Money.

Saturday, November 15

"The Angel of Chatham Square": 8 pm, see Friday, November 14 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Congo Sanchez of Thievery Corporation. "Psychedelic, outernational funk from Washington, D.C. ... a melting pot of sounds, from Africa, Latin America and Jamaica." 9 pm. \$8. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

What's Happening Around Town

Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits



Monday, November 17

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Walk-Up Clinic: from 11 am to 3 pm today at the Public Health in Willits, 221-B South Lenore Avenue. Seasonal flu vaccine will be available at this clinic (and recommended) for anyone 19 years and older. There is a suggested donation of \$15 per flu shot, but no one will be turned away if they are unable to afford the donation. No children will be vaccinated at this clinic, but it is encouraged for persons 6 months through 18 years to get vaccinated as soon as possible to help protect against the seasonal flu. Please contact your pediatrician, physician or Public Health Services for an appointment to get children's flu vaccine: 472-2600 or 472-2700.

Willits Dances of Universal Peace: 7 to 9 pm at The Muse. Every third Monday of the month. 30 East San Francisco Avenue. Sacred circle dances and chants drawn from cross cultural traditions. Joyful & heart opening. Easy to learn. Live music. Info: 459-9085.

Tuesday, November 18

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: "Big Hero 6" 2D, "Interstellar" and "St. Vincent." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6660.

Sunday, November 16

Mexican Food Fundraiser: St Anthony's Fundraiser, 10 am until sold out today, at the Parish Hall, 58 Bush Street. Burritos, tacos, quesadillas, and more, priced from \$2 to \$4 each. To go, or eat in hall. "Come get some great Mexican food for your Sunday Lunch!"

"The Angel of Chatham Square": 2 pm matinee today; see Friday, November 14 listing for details.



Friday, November 21

"The Angel of Chatham Square": 8 pm, see Friday, November 14 listing for details.

Diggers Dancehall Fridays: Joey D Productions presents: Dancehall, Dubstep, Hip Hop, Reggae, Trance, Latin: Positive Music /Positive Vibes every Friday at Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street. 21+. 10 pm to close. No cover. Tonight: Special Guest DJ.

Saturday, November 22

Dydd Gallery Special Event: 2 to 6 pm today at 1760 South Main Street. "Join us for some light appetizers and treats while you enjoy great local creations done by glass artist Gwendydd M., fabulous paintings by Patsy B., and photography by Erin C." Info: 707-472-6372 or dydd@gmail.com.

St. Anthony's Polenta Dinner: Dinner is served in the Parish Hall at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 58 Bush Street. Menu includes polenta, salad, bread and dessert. Cocktails at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. \$20 adults; \$10 children. For info and tickets, call: 459-6558.

Winter Fashion Show: The annual Fashion Show to benefit the Willits High School Boosters Club (and to help fund two scholarships) has been rescheduled for tonight (Saturday, November 22), 6 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. This event features fashions from local boutiques. Tickets are \$15 each (6 and under are free). Tickets may be purchased at the door, or call 459-2752.

"The Angel of Chatham Square": 8 pm, see Friday, November 14 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Junk Parlor, Gypsy junk rock band. 9 pm. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, November 23

"The Angel of Chatham Square": Closing matinee today at 2 pm, see Friday, November 14 listing for details.

COLUMN | At the Movies

"Interstellar"

The Story: Earth is slowly dying and sends out Cooper (Matthew McConaughey) on desperate mission to find a new, inhabitable world.

This is an intelligent science fiction movie from Christopher Nolan, the director of "Memento," "The Dark Knight," and "Inception." I have caveats. Some of the physics are problematic, but I can't really discuss them because some of the awe-inspiring visuals might be spoiled by my non-astronomer's non-expertise and whining ... so ... I'll shut up. There are paradoxes created by relativity and time rate inequalities that create serious tensions and wrenching emotions - oh, my: genuine feelings - most unusual in a science fiction movie.

Well, we expect intelligent from Nolan, and it is such a relief not to have stupid on the screen. I loved the movie: great action, tense and suspenseful, and the alien worlds are truly mind boggling.

Extraordinary Cast: McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Wes Bentley, Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon, Casey Affleck, and Michael Caine (he's great).

Parents: No problems with this one. The physics are more than a little abstract for younger kids, but more importantly heroism and the love of family and of humankind are celebrated, so hooray for the good guys!

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



Daniel Essman
Columnist



Sober Grad - Fall Raffle Basket

Look for the goodie-filled Sober Grad basket (valued at more than \$400) displayed at various locations around town! Drawing will be held on November 19. Prizes include 2 park hopper tickets for Disneyland/California Adventure, gift certificate for Main Street Music, gift items from Cat's Meow, and more. Tickets are \$1/each or \$1 for 6; tickets can be bought at Cat's Meow or email willitssobergrad@gmail.com for any info.

Master Gardeners 2015 class

Mendocino County Master Gardeners is inviting applications for the winter 2015 training leading to Master Gardener certification by University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). Successful applicants typically share a love of gardening and seek to gain garden-related knowledge, enjoy the company of fellow gardeners, and give back to their communities as Master Gardener volunteers. The rigorous UCCE-approved course will run weekly from January 21 thru April 29. Most classes will be offered at the Extension offices, 890 North Bush, in Ukiah with a field trip to Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens.

Sessions will be taught by UCCE specialists and other gardening professionals. The Master Gardener program operates nationwide and in Canada to equip home gardeners with science-based information so that they can serve as volunteer coaches and teachers for others in their communities. Trainees receive approximately 50 hours of classroom and hands-on instruction. Applicants should expect to contribute to their communities by volunteering on Master Gardener projects for 50 hours in the year after their certification. Applicants must be Mendocino County residents and have access to online communication and web-based resources. The \$200 fee covers books, materials and instruction. For additional information, visit http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/Master_Gardener578/ or contact the UCCE office in Ukiah at 463-4495 or Master Gardener coordinator Wendy Roberts at 707-937-4702 or wendy@mcn.org.

Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Willits Community Services and Food Bank invites you to the 25th annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 27, 11 am to 3 pm at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. "Come give thanks and celebrate this holiday with your community." There is no charge, but donations are gladly accepted. Food Donors include: 101 Drive-in, Sparetime Supply, and individual contributors. Dinner prepared by Chamberlain Creek Conservation Camp and served by community volunteers. Info: 459-3333.



Dick King

Grange Pancake Breakfast returns in January

There will be no Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast in November or December. "Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast on January 25, 2015, and fourth Sundays of the month onward! Little Lake Grange Breakfast: where \$7 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around."

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Wednesday, November 26, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. 8:30 am until sold out. "Enjoy homemade goodies, without having to do all the work: great food and great prices!" All proceeds benefit the Senior Center's Transportation Department.

'Home for the Holidays' Cat Sale

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is having a "Home for the Holidays" sale of cats and kittens. To encourage adoptions, we have cut the adoption fee in half to \$40 through the holiday season. All of these lovely felines have been spayed or neutered, and tested negative for FeLV, FIV and heartworm. They have also been micro-chipped and are current on age-appropriate vaccinations. Shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and from 11 to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday. More info: 485-0123.



Willits Toy Run

This annual celebration features food, music, drinks and merriment at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, to benefit the Willits Community Christmas program, which distributes presents to local kids and their families on Christmas Eve. Price of admission is one unwrapped toy. The party begins after a Bikers' Parade through town, starting at the Evergreen Shopping Center at noon. Admission includes tri-tip BBQ by the Willits Rotary Club, live music by The Wild Mendohoules, no-host bar, and giant raffle. Bring the kids to meet Santa. Open to the public; everyone invited. Info: www.WillitsToyRun.com, call 459-6372, or email HOC@bellsprings.com. See articles elsewhere in Willits Weekly for more details.

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WELL Community Potluck/Brainstorm

Sunday, November 16

Put your ideas and energy for the future of Willits into the hopper at WELL's annual community potluck and brainstorm, Sunday, November 16, starting at 4 pm at the Little Lake Grange. Willits Economic Localization (WELL) just celebrated our 10th anniversary, and now we're seeking your input on programs and priorities for 2015 and beyond. Our goal is to make Willits more self-reliant: local, healthy food; conserve our water and energy resources; develop better transportation options; improve the local economy; affordable housing; emergency preparedness; healthy lives for ourselves and our families. We've already done a lot, but there's so much more to do! Help us figure out the next steps!

Come at 4 pm for a community potluck. Please bring your own tablewares.

At 4:40 pm, we'll have community announcements and a short meeting to elect WELL Coordinating Committee members. At about 4:45 pm, we'll have our "talking stick" brainstorm: ideas for Willits future, and programs and priorities for WELL.

All are welcome! (No charge, but donations or WELL memberships are encouraged.) For more info, email or call Madge, mstrong@willitsonline.com or 459-1493.



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Lanette Davies
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- Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Harrah Senior Center, November 27
- Willits Toy Run & Party, Little Lake Grange, November 30
- Small Farmers Association Roundtable Extravaganza, December 2



At left: Veggies and produce are still available at the winter market, including tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, cabbages, kale, chard and other leafy greens, and winter squash.

Below, from left: Shoppers chat with vendors about their offerings. Colorful zinnias and other flowers are also available to purchase at the indoor market.

At right, from top: Chocolates from Bolliver's are divine treats; Valerie Trimmer's adorable knitted fruit and veggie hats; Jacki Pealater's wood-cut ornaments; Market Manager Michael Foley at the Green Uprising table.

Photos by Maureen Moore



Mendocino College men's soccer team wins conference championship in first season

The Mendocino College men's soccer team was competing on Friday, November 7 for a tie or a win to earn the conference championship in their inaugural season of competition. The Eagles tied the game at 1-1 in the 64th minute to earn a point and secure the championship! This conference championship guarantees a top 16 play-off spot and the opportunity to compete for the state championship.

Head Coach Shane Huff described the team as "a wonderful group of young men that have worked incredibly hard for this achievement!"

"I couldn't be more proud of this team that is made up of 100 percent Redwood Empire players," he said. "They are a hard-working group of individuals that feel honored and privileged to represent their community and Mendocino College. These young men give 100 percent effort at each and every game."

Soccer uses power point rankings to determine who hosts playoff games. Being a conference champion ensures Mendocino College's playoff spot, but not a home game. The last game of the regular season is this Friday, November 14, at home vs Merritt College, at 3 pm. If the Eagles win this game, they will most likely host their first playoff game.

"I'm very happy for each and every one of these young men," Huff raves. "They have been given a platform to go to school and play a sport they love! These gentlemen are competing against and beating all the larger JC schools! They have completely immersed themselves into the program's high expectations and standards set on and off the field. They are relentless in training, and it seamlessly transfers to the games they play. They are always striving to better themselves and each other! The playoffs will be another exciting and fun challenge for this team. I'm confident that they will continue to work hard and give themselves the best opportunities for success!"

The Mendocino Eagle's men's soccer team is currently ranked 14th in the country according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

— submitted by Jessica Silva for Mendocino College



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Return to the Grange

Willits (WINTER!) Farmers Market moves back indoors

Right: Jessica May, the new owner of Arabella Soap Company, poses with founder Cheryl Jordan.

Photo by Rachel Belvin

At left, top: Jars of jam from Black Dog Farm feature unique flavors and combinations including, Bartlett Pear Jam with Cabernet Sauvignon, Branded Cranberry Pear Preserves, Hairloom Tomato Jam and Santa Rosa Plum Jam.

Left: Music from the Farmers Market Band filled the room at the first indoor market of the season this year.

Below from left: Peppers and lemon cucumbers are still available, as are leeks and onions. Jars of sauerkraut from Mendocino Fermented Foods.

Photos by Maureen Moore



It's back to the Little Lake Grange and winter hours for vendors and customers of the Willits Farmers Market. Fear not: there are still many reasons to pop by 291 School Street from 3 to 5:30 pm on Thursdays, including fresh eggs, meat, produce, baked goods, gifts, and much more. Access to the commercial kitchen also allows for hot dinners to go, including those which Amanda Fairall serves with her delicious fresh-baked bread sticks! Willits Weekly will be there too, handing out fresh-off-the-press editions and holding our informal "office hours," where we can meet face-to-face with readers and supporters (and accept donations in our tip jar to help keep Willits Weekly going). There's plenty of parking, and all the vendors encourage the community to come by and shop!

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2013	111.5
2012	121.8
2009	43
2007	103
2004	109
2001	117.5
1998	225
1996	275
1993	255
1990	422.7
1989	515
1987	462
1984	449.3

Million dollar crops

Wine grapes continue to be the most lucrative crop, besides marijuana, for which no volume or value estimates were given in the report.

Wine grapes were valued at \$113 million, timber at \$66 million, Barlett pears at \$10.8 million, cattle and calves at \$8.7 million, dry pasture production at \$4.3 million, milk at \$3.7 million, nursery stock at \$1.4 million, irrigated pasture production at \$1.2 million, and Bosc pears at \$1.2 million.

Something fishy

Statistics for fisheries production were appended in a supplemental section, even though some of the dollar values for fish production were higher than all but the very highest agricultural figures.

For instance, the Chinook salmon catch was 1.4 million pounds, for a value of \$7.6 million. Red sea urchins were harvested for a total of 4.2 million pounds, and were worth \$3.6 million. Some 872, 929 pounds of Dungeness crabs were caught for a value of \$2.4 million.

Total value of agricultural production from the sea brought in \$17.2 million in 2013. Other commercial fish crops included Dover sole, petrale sole, swordfish, shortspine thornyhead, and others.

The commercial fish catch value of \$17.2 million was the highest value for fish production in the past 10 years.

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In addition, the County will contribute \$60,000 to Ford Street so that it can repair the bathrooms at the shelter.

Ford Street Project has agreed to employ Manzanita Services to provide mental health services at the shelter at an estimated cost of \$2,200 for the four-month term. Ford Street will cover the cost of providing those services.

The proposal was conceived and negotiated by the Homeless Services Planning Group, a group of social services providers including representatives from the County Health and Human Services Agency and private providers.

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delays due to paving the detour have been completed, both regular commuters heading south, and those who only periodically visit Ukiah, are learning to navigate the new twists and turns near the Haehl Creek interchange south of town. Caltrans has installed flashing electronic signs, traditional yellow traffic markers indicating speed changes, rumble strips, and additional nighttime lighting around the new 20 mph turn in the detour.

Frisbie says work on the detour is essentially completed, and "will remain in that configuration until bypass is completed and traffic is rerouted." At that point the detour will become the southbound onramp to Highway 101.

More than hour-long delays through Willits caused by Caltrans' decision to pave the detour during daylight hours caused an uproar during the detour's completion, with residents and passers-through taking to social media to complain about the backup and suggest alternate back road routes around the construction.

However, Frisbie says the detour was selected in part to prevent even more route changes while the bypass is being completed.

"We looked at several other options," he explained about the decision to select the future on-ramp as the temporary detour route. "But all of them would have involved three to four different changes over the project's completion."

"We worked with the contractor to determine this option as the best, since traffic would only be rerouted once. In the long term, we felt that would be better, because if people have to keep getting used to a new option, the risk of collision increases."

Frisbie says each reroute requires drivers to relearn the road, evidence of which could be seen after the new detour was established, as semi-trucks slowed to a near crawl while passing each other on the 20 mph turn.

Although Frisbie is not aware of any accidents that have occurred on the new detour, he notes Caltrans will consider adding additional warning signage about the turn, as well as look into

The rest of Rating

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the Brooktrails board of directors Tuesday night, Schoeppner said there were three key reasons for the ISO upgrade. The Brooktrails Fire Department now has two paid employees, he noted, instead of one; the fire tax ballot measure passed, which convinced ISO insurance analysts the Brooktrails Fire Department does have a comprehensive plan to acquire needed equipment and phase out obsolete equipment; and the ISO's assessment that Brooktrails has an efficient, effectively run water system.

With ISO ratings, a lower rating is better than a higher rating. The rating system runs from a 1, the best rating, to a 10, the worst rating.

Director Tony Orth said the new 4 rating was the lowest ever for Brooktrails.

The Brooktrails fire prevention system scored a total of 62.35 points out of a possible 105.50 points. It got 8.25 points (out of a total possible of 10 points) for its emergency communications system; 22.11 points (out of a possible 50 points) for its fire department; and 37.88 points (out of a possible 40 points) for its water supply and water system. That totaled 68.24 points.

But Brooktrails lost 10.10 points on "divergence:" the "relative difference between the fire department and the water supply scores."

It was given 4.21 points (out of a total possible of 5.50 points) for "community risk reduction." Factors in community risk reduction include fire prevention and code enforcement, public fire safety education, and fire investigation programs.

Both Schoeppner and the Brooktrails board of directors received the news of the ISO rating upgrade with pleasure.

Cedarholms to take over Brooktrails Golf Course

The board of directors unanimously approved a contract change for operation of the Brooktrails Golf Course. John and Anne Cedarholm will become the course's new operators.

John and Anne are former owners of Printing Plus, a Willits printing business on East Commercial Street. They owned and operated the business for 34 years.

John Cedarholm said he will be the groundskeeper, while Anne will run the clubhouse and manage the course.

John Cedarholm said he has been working as a partner with outgoing golf course Manager Ron Runberg since September. He has completed the work needed to get the course ready for winter, and feels he will be able to bring the course up to snuff in time for next spring and summer.

He was questioned by Brooktrails resident Wallace Stahl about his attitude toward the golf course's redwood trees. Several years ago, Runberg had applied to Brooktrails officials for permission to remove some 40 redwood trees from the golf course, claiming the trees were blocking out the sun and killing the grass in a number of areas on the course.

That effort prompted a public outcry, and Brooktrails board meetings were full of people for several weeks, until the effort to remove the trees from the golf course was put in cold storage for an indefinite period.

Cedarholm said that while he thought removing some redwood trees would be beneficial to the course, he was willing to accept the status quo. "I will take it as it is," he said.

Board President Rick Williams said the final determination of whether to remove redwood trees from the golf course rested with the Brooktrails board of directors, and John Cedarholm's willingness to accept the status quo would not bind or determine any future decision the board might make on the question.

additional lighting, if collisions occur or traffic indicates additions are needed.

"Once drivers get used to it, we don't expect problems," he said.

The 20 mph designation on a particular turn in the detour was selected after evaluation by Caltrans' traffic safety office, which concluded that was the safest speed to use for the turn by through traffic.

Because that stretch of road will become an onramp, the location of the turn will ultimately be a place where drivers turn and signal to enter the highway. The turn is located in the same area where drivers exiting Highway 101 to join Highway 20 will cross beneath the bypass and meet a stop sign.

Caltrans will ultimately construct a traffic island or something similar in the area to designate where the onramps are located, Frisbie said.

"Since it's not an onramp right now, drivers would have no way of knowing a turn in the road is coming up," explained Frisbie, of why 20 mph was selected as the appropriate speed limit.

"Once it becomes an onramp, drivers will know to turn there onto the highway. But if we had tried to redesign the section for through traffic, we would need an entirely different design."

Once the bypass is completed, which could take until summer 2017, traffic will be rerouted and the stretch will become an onramp. Frisbie explained that the design of the lanes was made wider to accommodate through traffic in both directions, but once the road becomes an onramp, the lanes will be narrowed to the "width of a standard onramp."

Since the daytime traffic delays were caused by unexpectedly low nighttime temperatures, Frisbie expects that the final re-route will not require similar delays, since traffic will already be able to use the bypass and the southern interchange will be four lanes. Additional work needed should be able to take place at night, requiring minimal traffic controls.

Caltrans is also constructing a temporary



All aboard the Wine & Mushroom Train

At top, right: Steam engine No. 45 waiting to depart to Fort Bragg.

At left, top to bottom: Train Singer Greg Schindel serenades diners; a happy mushroom forager with a full basket; a charming variety of coral mushroom found in the redwoods; Joshua Coate from North Coast Brewing Company, the "Judges' Choice Winner" for beer, with his wife, Rebecca.

Below, left: Saucy owner Cynthia Ariosta and Chef Phil Castro, winners of the "People's Choice" award for mushroom fare.

Below, right: Guests line up for the BBQ lunch at Camp Mendocino.

At bottom: Kendra McEwan from Signal Ridge, the "People's Choice" award-winner for wine.

Photos by Kate Maxwell

The Mendocino County Museum Mushroom, Beer & Wine Train pulled out of the station this past Saturday morning under perfect blue skies, with passengers eager to start the nearly 20 mile trip to a day full of local mushroom delicacies and the county's best refreshments at Camp Mendocino.

Riders lined up to board sold-out trains in Willits and in Fort Bragg. The Willits riders enjoyed mimosas with sparkling wine from Signal Ridge Vineyards and hard cider from Boonville Cider House on their way to Camp Mendocino. Breakfast also included quiche and fruit from Mariposa Market and pears from Gowan's Oak Tree, catered by Willits' own Serendipity Catering.

Once the trains reached the Camp, passengers were handed a commemorative wine glass to begin the sampling, and given tokens to vote for the "people's choice" award for wine, beer, and tasty mushroom creations. Crowds quickly formed at the many different tables set up by the county's artisan beer and wine crafters, which included special

treats, such as a candy cap mushroom porter from the Ukiah Brewing Company.

Inside the camp building, guests lined up to taste the delicious mushroom dishes being prepared by some of the county's most accomplished chefs, as Mendocino's

Steven Bates performed on guitar. Guests enjoyed dishes including wild mushroom ravioli from Camp Mendocino, polenta topped with a mushroom sauce from the Mendocino Hotel, and Saucy owner Cynthia Ariosta's grandmother's recipe for meatballs. Chef Adam Celaya of Willits' Adam's Restaurant remained in constant motion filling up small plates, while the owners of Ridgewood Ranch's Tres Bien Creamery rushed to keep their many varieties of cheeses on the table.

Passengers interested in learning more about Mendocino County's myriad local mushrooms were treated to foraging walks through the redwoods led by Mendocino

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in an American small town. "Over the last 18 months, almost 90 people have contributed and worked for free towards building this space, building workshops, and putting all the pieces together to turn it into what we have today. It took us over six months to find insurance, but now we're officially a non-profit member organization!"

Wowser membership costs \$100/year, which goes towards covering utilities, equipment and supplies, insurance costs for the facilities, and the first two months of shop rent for members.

After a safety orientation, members are able to take and teach classes, to use the space for personal projects or to develop and produce commercial designs, and to explore the myriad opportunities to connect with others interested in learning, making, and working collaboratively. The space is primarily organized with tools along the walls and large open work areas and tables in the middle, a design that enables members to use the room they need, but also to learn from each other's projects, and be inspired through proximity to nearby "makers."

"I've found it's not until you start making something that you learn just how things are made, and what they're made from," said co-founder Roger Wilson, as he took one group through the collection of metalworking equipment, explaining how the space's work areas were created to encourage collaboration, flexibility, and local economic development.

"We designed the work tables with wheels and tongue and grooves to move, expand, and hold up to 1,200 pounds, so you can just grab a table and get started building," he said. The warehouse also includes a kitchen, member tool storage, specialized workshop spaces, safety shed, a central lounge with reference materials, and a conference area with recycled pews for larger classes.

Wowser has built up its tool collection through government auctions and donations, and is steadily rebuilding and integrating new equipment into the space, ranging

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Mushroom's expert Eric Schramm and four additional local guides. Despite the relatively dry year and a resulting lack of currently growing edible mushrooms, many beautiful varieties popped up along the walk to excite enthusiastic students. A mushroom display by Schramm was also set up for those who wanted to learn but stay nearer the refreshments, and local mushroom authors Merry Winslow and Alison Gardner of the recently published "The Wild Mushroom Cookbook" gave a presentation.

Although the crowds devoured the chefs' creations, many lined up for a delicious barbecue lunch provided by Camp Mendocino, before Alison Glassey, director of the Mendocino County Museum, announced the winners of the tastings. Glassey thanked the crowd for their support, explaining that proceeds from last year's train fundraiser went to support the museum's "Woven Worlds" exhibit on Mendocino's Native American history, which opened this past June. Proceeds from the 2014 train will go to support an upcoming exhibit on the Civil War and a program collecting digital histories from Mendocino County residents, "Mendocino Recorded."

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from plasma cutters, drill presses and band saws, to multiple welders, a 54-inch printer-plotter, and a room chock full of nuts, bolts, and wires, on shelves donated by Mariposa Market. "We're managing to get old tools that are new-quality tools," said Wilson. The group also buys safety equipment in bulk, so members can purchase it at discounted rates, ensuring the No. 1 rule of safety is always prioritized.

In the 3-D printing lab, Wowser member Luke Allen explained how members had worked to build the printer from printed parts, and were working on designing an even bigger machine to be built in-house. Allen adjusted the feed to the machine as transfixed visitors watched small parts being printed out ready to use.

Paul "Juice" Rogers stood in the bicycle area, saying members could "build two bikes and keep one," and outlining how Wowser has taken over the Brooktrails Property Owners Association's bike rehab program, which has fixed up and donated almost 500 kids' bikes to the Willits Community Christmas program since 1997.

Joseph, a Willits Charter School student, rode up to show off a three-wheeled bicycle he'd welded and completed the day before, illustrating just how much the space is "a multi-generational build facility."

The group is actively seeking tool donations, new members, and new teachers, and is hoping to expand to 500 members - or 10 percent of the Willits area population - by spring. It was clear on Sunday the open house had inspired many new visitors to participate in Willits' new maker space.

The building was full of more than 200 excited people brimming with questions and new ideas, such as adding ceramic kilns, lathes, boat building equipment, and other machines to the facilities. Wilson explained that at Wowser, each project is required to have a "driver," not necessarily someone with all the expertise but anyone willing to organize and lead the effort. "We're

A panel of judges, including Rudy Maxa, Alison Gardner, Sayre Piotrkowski, Dr. Kimberly Rodriguez, and Merry Winslow, selected Camp Mendocino as the winner of the cook-off, for executive chef Marty Bohlen's mushroom ravioli and side salad. Lula Cellars and North Coast Brewing Company were the judges' choices for wine and beer purveyors. The crowd selected Ukiah's Saucy's "Shroom Balls as their favorite dish, with Anderson Valley Brewing Company and Signal Ridge awarded the people's choice awards for beverages.

"I'm so glad I did this - it's better than I could have imagined," said one local birthday celebrant, who said he's been planning to take the train for years. At the event's conclusion, Engine 65 rode steady back to Willits, as Train Singer Greg Schindel serenaded the passengers with railroad classics, and port and truffles from Mendocino Chocolate Company were passed around. By 5 pm, passengers disembarked into the warm evening, stuffed and happy from an afternoon of the county's best seasonal delights.

There was a line of people here early; we were mobbed when we first opened!" said Lila Ryan, who manned a table for prospective teachers. "Everyone has a skill they want to contribute." Halfway through the open house, Ryan had already received almost 20 different applications from skilled locals interested in sharing their techniques for upcoming classes.

For Hough, who'd come in with gypsy wagon dreams, a trip to Wowser was ultimately inspirational in multiple ways. Hough runs a local wool fiber and garment business, and hopes to reproduce one of her favorite spinning tools in the woodshop for commercial sale. Hough has taught spinning and weaving workshops and classes around the North Coast, and she was motivated to develop several Wowser classes based on her spinning and weaving expertise. She also plans to donate her extra tools and materials to Wowser before her move in the spring.

"I first got started as an artist being given a lot of free materials and using a lot of recycled materials," Hough said, "and I try to keep that cycle going. Wowser seems like the perfect way to do that."

Wowser is open to adults and teens 14 to 18 with parental permission, and everybody must take safety training. Membership is \$100/year, including two months of shop rental, which is \$50/month or \$10/day after that. Workshop schedules can be found at www.wowser.org or at Wowser on Facebook, with more classes added all the time. Wowser, located at 330 East Commercial Street, is open 12 to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and the public is invited to drop in for a tour during open hours. Those with questions or interested in teaching, can contact Wowser at 459-9697 and info@wowser.org.

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Perfect Pies: "Real Pumpkin"

Adapted from Alice Waters' Pumpkin Pie recipe in "The Art of Simple Food," published in 2007 by Clarkson Potter/Publishers.

The key to the deliciousness of this pumpkin pie recipe is to use fresh pumpkin: It's easy to roast a pumpkin, and canned puree never can compare. Be sure to choose a pumpkin meant for pies - like a Sugar Pie pumpkin - instead of a jack o'lantern grown for carving. A two-pound pumpkin is ideal for one pie, or roast a bigger pumpkin and use extra pumpkin for a second pie, a pudding or soup.

Make a favorite pie pastry, bottom only, or buy a pastry shell, and pre-bake it as usual.

First, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut your pumpkin in half, and scoop out the seeds and some of the fibrous part. Place pumpkin halves cut side down on

a baking sheet lined with parchment paper (oiling the sheet will do, but parchment paper is best). Bake 45 minutes to an hour, or until the pumpkin is tender throughout.

Remove from oven and let cool thoroughly. Scoop the pumpkin flesh from the peel, and mash it with a potato masher. You can leave it "rustic" with more texture, or mash it smoother, according to taste.

Gather your ingredients - see inset box.

In a small saucepan whisk together 1/4 cup cream with the flour. Heat the mixture over low heat until it comes to a boil and thickens. Slowly whisk in the rest of the cream. Continue whisking until the mixture returns to a boil. Remove from the heat.

Measure 1-1/2 cups of mashed pumpkin into a medium bowl, and whisk in the eggs. Add the brandy, if desired. In another bowl, stir together the brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, salt and pepper. Then, stir the sugar and spice mixture, and the thickened cream, into the pumpkin mixture.

Pour into the prebaked pie shell and bake for 45 to 50 minutes, until the center is almost set. Let cool completely before cutting.

Serve with a dollop of freshly whipped cream.

- 1 cup cream
- 2 teaspoons flour
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- pinch of fresh-ground black pepper
- 1-1/2 teaspoons of brandy (optional)

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The rest of Laura's Law From Page 1

health services. Five counties have implemented full programs since 2008, and many others are in the process of considering doing so.

"Laura's Law" is modeled on New York's "Kendra's Law," and most other states have similar legislation enabling counties to implement AOT programs.

AB 1421 provides court-ordered outpatient therapy treatment for individuals who are determined to be unable to access community mental health services voluntarily, due to their mental illness. The law addresses the needs of a population suffering from serious mental health illness who are deteriorating, unable to "survive safely" in the community without "supervision," and who have been offered and refused treatment.

Eligibility requirements also include either having been hospitalized or incarcerated two or more times in the previous three years, or having demonstrated violence towards oneself or others in the four years prior to filing for inclusion in the program.

The law is in part aimed at preventing further repeated hospitalizations or jailings of people with serious mental illnesses, who may be unaware of their illness. Duke University studies of similar programs have shown they generate overall cost savings once established.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Stacey Cryer led the presentation to supervisors, which included a projected budget of a total estimated cost of \$160,000 for the pilot program.

Cryer's presentation also included recommendations from "participating partners" County Counsel Doug Losak, presiding county Judge David Nelson, District Attorney David Eyster, and Sheriff Tom Allman.

All the representatives from the different county departments that would be involved in implementing the program, as well as all the members of the public who commented on the issue, supported passing a motion to initiate the pilot.

No representative from the public defender's office was present.

"There's been an odyssey of thinking about this," said Supervisor Dan Hamburg, board representative to the Mental Health Advisory Board, before the vote. "The progression has been really significant. I feel very good about the process we've gone through to get to this point."

The board first considered implementing Laura's Law in June 2012, but decided to consider alternative programs at that time, including expanding the Mental Health Court, expanding full-service partnerships, and increased use of legal conservatorships within the county.

While the county moved forward with these alternatives, the MHAB held two special meetings on Laura's Law in October 2013 and May 2014 in Willits and Ukiah, respectively, then decided unanimously to recommend its implementation to supervisors. Three additional California counties also passed AB 1421 pilot or expansion programs during that time.

The budget presented Monday included projected costs at a maximum possible amount to prevent the need to request additional funding from the county later, Cryer explained.

The budget included a potential 30 referrals reviewed for the program, which would eventually be narrowed to 12 petitions filed and four patients accepted; a cost of \$39,000 for county counsel; and a cost of \$36,000 for the public defender's office. The budget also includes \$25,000 for HHSA evaluation, training, and administration costs: a total of \$100,000 from the county's general fund for a year-long pilot program.

SB 585, which became effective June 1 this year, will cover the mental health treatment costs of the pilot program via the Mental Health Services Act. These costs are listed in the budget at \$15,000 per patient: a total of \$60,000.

Clarifying whether court-related costs from AB 1421 would be covered by Mental Health Services Act funds was one issue in the board's AB 1421 discussion in 2012. The standard metric is that one treatment slot should be available for every 25,000 residents, meaning with a population of 89,000, Mendocino should have at least four slots in its program.

The projected numbers of referrals and patient slots was questioned during the board discussion.

Losak explained he had selected the figure of 30 possible referrals after discussions with current mental health service providers and legal officers, and had used a 3:1 ratio to estimate referrals to those found eligible for filing.

Losak said he believed the initial number of applicants would be higher at the program's start, but that the program would ultimately average between 18 and 19 referrals annually, which he based in part on conversations with officials in Nevada County.

Nevada County was one of two counties to first approve the program in 2008, and has a similar size population to Mendocino County.

Every county representative who spoke to the board had engaged in consultations similar to Losak's with their Nevada County counterparts, and spoke highly of that program's success.

It was noted the population comparison was not wholly accurate: despite similar population sizes, Mendocino County is significantly larger and much less population-dense.

Judge Nelson expressed the support of the judges for approving a pilot program, noting most petitions would be uncontested and the program could be "accommodated within the existing budget and resources."

Nelson added it would require "some staff and judicial time," but pointed out there was nothing in the budget specified for the courts, "and we can accept that."

DA Eyster seconded his support, stating the law was "basically a civil program" intended to prevent people from actions requiring criminal court.

Eyster noted his concern that if a criminal proceeding was ongoing at the same time as AB 1421 proceedings, the latter might overrule the criminal requirements, but said his office could likely handle any additional work with current staffing.

Sheriff Allman thanked the board for considering approval of the pilot program, and emphasized the importance of making a general fund commitment to the program over several years.

He said while Laura's Law would not be a "mental health panacea," or eliminate the need for ongoing conversations about mental health services, it would have a positive impact on his department in reducing the number of people entering criminal proceedings, and be an important "tool in the toolbox."

Public comment included MHAB member Denise Gorny, saying: "If we can save one life implementing this, then it's worth it. We need to help the folks who are so seriously ill they can't help themselves."

Gorny said the program's cost would be money well spent, and would save money over time.

Sonya Nesch from the Mendocino chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness concurred, adding Nevada County "saves \$1.81 for every dollar spent."

Members of the public emphasized that although AB 1421 would not solve all current issues in the county's mental health services, it will fill an important gap in available treatment options.

Some discussion occurred over the specifics of determining eligibility in the pilot program and overall costs, with Supervisor John McCowen requesting a report back on certain pilot logistics to be worked out prior to implementation.

Cryer concurred "there are a lot of unknowns still," but added there were six months to provide an implementation-and-evaluation plan after board approval, and the agency was required to return with a resolution authorizing implementation.

The law also requires a comprehensive education and training program, and annual data reports to the state oversight committee.

Supervisor Dan Gjerde pointed out that although the Mental Health Court was operational in Ukiah, it had not yet been implemented in coordination with the DA's office on the coast, as discussed by the board when considering AB 1421 alternatives.

Supervisors decided to consider that issue as a separate upcoming agenda item.

Hamburg then moved to approve the pilot program, with McCowen seconding.

The rest of Votes From Page 1

In the hotly contested race for Third District supervisor, at least 54.5 percent of the ballots cast have not been counted: 2,639 ballots were counted Election Night; another 2,736 ballots remain to be counted, not including an unknown percentage of the 452 provisional ballots cast countywide.

Initial results last week show Tom Woodhouse with 1,308 votes (55 percent) and Holly Madrigal with 1,061 votes (44.62 percent), giving Woodhouse a more than 10 point lead.

More than half of the ballots remain to be counted in the Willits City Council race, too: 641 City of Willits ballots were reported in the Final Election Night Report, with 715 ballots left to count. Initial results show incumbent Larry Stranske with 284 votes, incumbent Ron Orenstein with 212 votes, and challenger Robin Leler with 188 votes.

Voter registration is down countywide since the last Third District supervisors election: There were 47,470 voters registered in Mendocino County for the November 2014 election, and 48,614 voters registered for the November 2010 election.

"Per state law, we have 28 days to complete the canvass," the press release reads. But in recent elections, voter registrar Sue Ranochak has certified the election and released final vote results in less than 28 days.

The percentage of ballots uncounted in the "Final Election Night Report" has grown in recent elections, with the increase of mail-in ballots dropped off at the polls. In recent years, as much as 40 percent of the ballots have not been counted in the Final Election Night Report, but this year, countywide, more than 58 percent of the vote was not included in that report.

Local farmers hash out cannabis ordinance 'We need to be responsible'

A group of medical cannabis growers from Mendocino and Humboldt counties met November 2 to create the content of a potential 2015 countywide ordinance they hope will regulate and protect local medical marijuana farmers.

Thirty-five people attended Sunday's "stakeholders" gathering at Area 101, 10 miles north of Laytonville. The discussion followed an October meeting of the same group, organized by the Mendocino Cannabis Policy Council.

Stakeholders hope the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will adopt the regulation they are writing next year. If not, they plan to place their initiative on Mendocino's November 2015 ballot. A key goal is to have a medical cannabis growing regulation in place before a likely statewide cannabis measure appears on the California ballot in 2016.

"We're coming out of the weed closet," said one farmer.

Given the sensitivity of the topic, reporters were asked not to use the names of those participating in the candid and sometimes heated discussion.

Key issues during the five-and-a-half hour meeting were whether to include an inspection process in the proposed regulation and how to define "personal use" gardens, "commercial" gardens and "non-commercial, not-for-profit" gardens.

Break-out groups came to no final conclusions on garden definitions, but many in the room welcomed the idea of third-party inspections because they would be less threatening than having government regulatory agents roaming their farms.

"There's a lot at stake here," one participant

said after the meeting. "Cannabis is a \$3 billion dollar industry. It's California's biggest agricultural product, and the cause of the most criminal violence and the most environmental violence in the state. We need to put together a clear strategy, be professional, and bring in stakeholders, get everybody together from businesses, government, patients, medicine, law and education. We need to be responsible."

Following introductions, the moderator recapped the accomplishments of the October meeting, including decisions to:

- Use a square-footage model instead of a plant count to determine permissible farm size;
- Treat and classify cannabis as an agricultural product;
- Cultivate only appropriate lands;
- Comply with state and local environmental laws;
- Create a commission to give regulators guidance on the issues;
- Require the county to issue business licenses specifically for cannabis farms.

One grower who attended the meeting said later she hopes the Mendocino group will quickly develop a clear strategy, then hire an experienced lawyer to write the regulation, as California Cannabis Voice Humboldt is now doing. That would save time, she said, would reduce the number of meetings, and help ensure the initiative can withstand a court challenge.

"Farmers want to get permits and licenses to grow cannabis because it allows them to be legitimate," she said. "We have to be above reproach, and we need to do what's best for our community."

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Left: Post chaplain's granddaughter Elizabeth "Liz" Smith, 2nd Vice Commander John Frankum, 1st Vice Commander Roger Ham's daughter, Kelly Martin, Sons of the American Legion member Dominic Favolara (back row), 1st Vice Commander Roger Ham's grandson, Jonah Martin, Post Chaplain Reverend Mike Smith, WWII Merchant Marine Bernard St. Martin, Tom Moore, and 1st Vice Commander, Post 174 Orator and Chef Roger Ham.

Honoring the Veterans

Annual free breakfast held for vets and first responders

Even the misty morning ambiance didn't deter around 50 veterans and their families from coming to enjoy a free appreciation breakfast at the Veterans Memorial Building Tuesday morning in celebration of Veterans Day.

American Legion Post 174 members were ready and waiting for the hungry crowd from 8 to 11 am, serving up pancakes, eggs and ham. A few Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also helped to serve drinks, clear plates and do anything else needed.

There was even a three-generation volunteer group there Tuesday morning: Roger Ham was serving pancakes, and daughter Kelly Martin and 11-year-old grandson Jonah Martin were working the drink station. The Martins were up visiting from their home in the Bay Area, and this was their first time helping serve the breakfast.

"Jonah said he wanted to come help serve this year," beamed Ham, vice-commander of the local American Legion post. "We're happy to have both them here!"

Another multi-generation duo was enjoying the breakfast: American Legionnaire Barney St. Martin and his son, Dwayne St. Martin.

Barney was a Merchant Marine and served from 1942 to 1946, and Dwayne was a Specialist 5 in the Army after

being drafted, and served from 1968 to 1971 in Vietnam. Dwayne said he usually celebrated Veterans Day by attending the annual breakfast, and enjoying some time off, sometimes. A career machinist, over the years he has worked for Remco, Ligua-Tech in Ukiah, and most recently for Microphor.

Sitting across from them were the Shannons: wife, Gladis, and husband and veteran, Gene. Gene served as a first-class private in the Army from 1945 to 1947. He reenlisted after his first year with "promises of being some of the first to get to go home," but ended up heading over to Korea after the war to help with the clean-up efforts, and totaled 19 months and 27 days in the service.

The Shannons moved to Willits from Oklahoma in 1949, and they enjoy their home in the Willits valley. They like to come to the breakfast annually, to connect and socialize with other locals and veterans.

The breakfast has been held for some 60 years, according to American Legion Post 174 Commander Bob Ireland and was a successful event again this year.

Ireland encourages anyone wishing to become a member or wanting more information to contact him at 272-1997 or Ham at 459-9858.

— Maureen Moore

At right, top: Three generations of helpers, including Roger Ham, wife Vicki Ham, daughter Kelly Martin, and grandson Jonah Martin. At right, close: The Shannons: wife Gladis and husband Gene. At right, far: The St. Martins: Barney and son Dwayne. Photos by Maureen Moore



Weekly Promotions for November

WEDNESDAYS - Ladies Night
2X points during Players Club hours 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Play 50 coin-in (100 sessions), receive \$5 Freeplay Hot Seat Drawings every half hour from 6:00-9:30 p.m. for \$25 cash, last drawing at 10 p.m. for \$100 Cash.

THURSDAYS - Super Senior Day
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Evening Session: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Hourly Hot Seat Drawings for \$50 Cash at 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m.
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