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Croskey appointed to roadway ad hoc

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Supervisors rewarded Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey for her initiative in reminding the board that Brooktrails has only one paved roadway in and out by appointing her to an ad hoc committee tasked with reviewing all of county communities underserved in terms of emergency access and egress needs.

The committee is supposed to review emergency access as needed, with particular emphasis on Brooktrails and the Simpson Lane area of Fort Bragg.

Croskey will serve on the committee with

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Fire recovery effort well underway

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Fire recovery efforts are moving forward quickly, according to a staff report presented to the board of supervisors on Monday.

As of 9 am on November 13, the initial round of cleanup action – hazardous waste removal from sites of houses damaged or destroyed by the fire – is well underway. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control has cleaned up 271 properties and has 94 properties left to treat.

The county's Department of Planning and Building has received 234 completed "right-of-entry" forms. The forms are a prerequisite to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to perform free

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County to seek \$4.83 million mental health grant

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The board of supervisors unanimously agreed to direct the county's Department of Planning and Building Services to apply for a \$4.83 million grant from the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, in order to help fund Redwood Community Services' larger effort to construct a mental health crisis facility in Ukiah.

According to RCS Executive Director Camille Schraeder, the county

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Turkey Toss 2017

There was a new crew participating in the annual Turkey Toss this year: four men from the Parlin Fork Conservation Camp – inmates David Rodriguez and Rogelio Sanchez and officers James Whittaker and Shaun Folloso.

Both Parlin Fork and Chamberlain Creek conservation camps have been involved in the preparation of food for the annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner in the past, with Chamberlain Creek helping for many years. However, both conservation camps had most, if not all, of their usually available personnel out on firefighting strike teams and on clean-up assignments around the state, so Chamberlain Creek just wasn't able to commit to helping with the dinner this year.

So what to do?

Well, that was quite a problem. Willits Community Services and Food Bank Executive Director Jim Marill was faced with a real possibility of having to cancel the dinner all together if another solution couldn't be reached in time. There has to be enough lead time for any group to plan for picking up and cooking the 35 turkeys and all the accoutrements that go along with feeding about 500 people who attend the free, Thanksgiving-day dinner. And time was running out.

However, the lead time wasn't the only hurdle. There was also the problem of finding a commercial space with the sheer oven space, manpower, and culinary knowledge required to safely, physically and logistically cook the 500 pounds of turkey, 300 pounds of potatoes, 36 pounds of green beans, 36 pounds of yams, and 43 pounds of stuffing needed for the meal.

When word of the possible cancellation reached Willits Weekly, brainstorming started immediately to see what could be done to help. Willits Weekly reached out to Marcy Barry, Willits Frontier Days vice president, to see if their group, familiar with cooking for large crowds, could help.

"Willits Frontier Days does much of our cooking on the

Above: As is Willits Weekly photographer Maureen Moore's tradition, no Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner turkey pick-up is complete without the Turkey Toss! Parlin Fork Officer James Whittaker, far left, and Parlin Fork Officer Shaun Folloso, far right, watch as Parlin Fork inmates David Rodriguez, left and Rogelio Sanchez, right, start to pack the Parlin Fork truck with boxes of stuffing, bags of potatoes, canisters of salt, bags of flour and crates of turkeys.

Photos by Maureen Moore



grill, and in the summer months," explained Barry. "Even if we tried to tarp the barbecue or use a smoker, it just didn't seem like we'd really be able to make it happen with the quantities and the time frame. So we started talking about who else could possibly accommodate such a large project."

Possible options included Howard Memorial Hospital, the Willits High School food center, and even Romi's Roadhouse's grills and smokers were considered.

With the various hindrances and complications all the ideas had, Barry reached out to a contact at Parlin Fork Conservation Camp and hoped for the best.

Eventually, Marill was able to connect with Parlin Fork and talk ... well, turkey, about the details. Thankfully, it was decided that a crew from Parlin Fork would be able, and happy, to take on the task.

With just about a week to coordinate all the details, Parlin Fork inmates David Rodriguez and Rogelio Sanchez and officers James Whittaker and Shaun Folloso, made the trek to Willits Wednesday morning from the camp, located about 11 miles east of Fort Bragg on Highway 20, to pick up the goods.

Inmate Sanchez, who is the camp's lead cook and

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Above: A group poses together inside the Willits Community Services and Food Bank's warehouse with just some of the items picked up by the Parlin Fork crew who will help cook the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year, including, from left: Willits Community Services and Food Bank Executive Director Jim Marill, Parlin Fork inmate David Rodriguez, 101 Donuts & Burgers owner Dahvi Hooper, Parlin Fork Officer James Whittaker, Willits Community Services and Food Bank board member John Wagenet, Parlin Fork Officer Shaun Folloso, and Parlin Fork inmate Rogelio Sanchez.

Croskey talks second access with Brooktrails board

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"I said it would take a wildfire with loss of life to get action" on a Brooktrails second access road, township Director Tony Orth said Tuesday. "And here we are."

Orth was referring to last month's Redwood Complex Fire, that scarred portions of Redwood and Potter valleys. The fire burned more than 36,500 acres, destroyed 545 structures, and left nine people dead, including two teenagers.

"The fires made a great background for [the second

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More units for Redwood Meadows

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A zoning change approved unanimously by the Willits City Council last week will allow construction of up to 12 additional senior housing units at the Redwood Meadows property on Baechtel Road.

The 1.1-acre site where owner Ted Caldwell is planning to build the new units was previously zoned Public Facility instead of Residential like the 6.1-acre section of Redwood Meadows where all the current housing is.

The council approved changing the 1.1 acres into a Multiple Residence (R3) zone, paving the way for Caldwell to move ahead with the planned additions. They also

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Historic Covelo church burns

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CalFire investigators are seeking to determine the cause of a fire that destroyed a historic Covelo church early Saturday morning.

The New Life Community Church on Perry Street – originally called Covelo Presbyterian Church – was erected in 1884 by pioneer Round Valley settlers.

Church Elder Dave Nixon told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat the back doors to the building were

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Furniture for fire victims

To the Editor:

The Redwood fire has decimated many families in Mendocino County. Almost everyone that lives in Mendocino County knows someone that has been impacted by the fire. All of us at Willits Furniture Center would like to extend our sincerest regrets to the displaced families and would like to do our part to help.

Willits Furniture Center will donate a minimum of \$10,000 in home furnishings to one of the Redwood fire victims. If you know someone that has been displaced by the fire, needs assistance, has little to no insurance, and is struggling to financially recover from their loss, we would like you to nominate them.

Nominations can be made on our website, www.willitsfurniture.com. On our website you will find a simple form with plenty of space to explain why you believe your nominee should be awarded the \$10,000 in furniture. An independent selection committee will be formed by the Mendocino County Community Foundation. This selection committee will determine the recipient based upon on the information submitted in the applications.

The deadline to make a nomination at www.willitsfurniture.com is February 28, 2018. The recipient of the \$10,000 furniture giveaway will be announced on March 29, 2018, during the regular lunch meeting of the Willits Rotary Club.

Willits Furniture Center is also offering a 25 percent discount to any fire victim who has suffered a loss. This is a long-term offer. We understand it will likely take quite some time for families to regroup and/or replace their homes. We hope this will be another way we can help the victims of the Redwood fire.

Michael Smith, owner, Willits Furniture Center

Christmas Bird Count in Willits

To the Editor:

Have you ever heard of the National Christmas Bird count and wondered what it was? Are you interested in learning about our local birds? Do you have a bird feeder at your home? Well if you answered yes to any of these you will want to sign up for the first annual Willits area Christmas Bird Count on Thursday, December 14!

Here is a little history about the count: The CBC was started as a way of promoting conservation by counting, rather than hunting, birds on Christmas Day of 1900, by a man named Frank Chapman along with 26 other conservationists. It is done entirely within a 15-mile diameter circle, and there are hundreds of these circles across the United States. Up to this time, the closest CBC we have had is the Ukiah Count which will happen this year on December 16, so you can do both if you want!

What happens on the count is this: the 15-mile diameter circle is divided into areas and a leader is picked for each one. Then as many people as want to sign up for a particular area, under that leader. The point of the count is to count every bird that you see in one day. Even if you do not know the names of birds, you will be learning as you go.

Your extra set of eyes, to point out whatever you are seeing, is very important and necessary for the CBC to work. A note taker is needed also. I began helping with CBCs when I was a teenager and have been doing them ever since! It is a very fun and exciting day.

At the end of the day, a potluck is held, and a compilation of the total birds is arrived at. This information is then sent to

the National Audubon Society, where it is entered into the national database for help with research on bird population studies.

For 117 years, volunteers have been going out from December 14 through January 5, to count the birds in their areas. This information is compiled to assess the long-term trends in the early winter bird populations of North America. With the cumulative historical CBC data now online, there are many thousands of individual counts from December 25, 1900 to the present available for perusal and scientific research.

Join Mike Curry and myself, Marisela de Santa Anna, this year for our first Willits Christmas Bird Count! For more information or to sign up please call Marisela at 459-2681 or Mike Curry at 916-214-8623.

Marisela de Santa Anna, Willits

Broadband Alliance outage survey

To the Editor:

Our county has suffered a huge trauma, and our hearts go out to the many people who have suffered major losses. I am inspired by communities coming together to support those who lost everything.

As we look ahead in the recovery efforts, we also need to assess what happened during that time. The small part that the North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium hopes to play is to document the extent and scope of the telecommunications outage that affected at least three of our four consortium counties (Napa, Mendocino, and Sonoma). Basically, we want to know, "Who lost what services, for how long, and how did the concurrent power outage affect telecommunications?" This helps us understand infrastructure weaknesses and specific provider dependencies. It also documents real impacts on people and businesses.

If you live in one of these counties, I would like to ask you to please take a few minutes to complete our online survey and if possible, to share it. We have done surveys in the past (2014 and 2015), and the data from those surveys were part of outage reports that were shared widely with elected representatives, the California Public Utilities Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission. Our reports were even cited in Government Accountability Office reports and by CPUC commissioners in specific proceedings.

I believe the documentation provided in these reports played a role in the positive decision that occurred in the "Rural Call Completion" in December 2016 (and which is ongoing). You can find these prior reports posted on our website, by the way.

So yes, we still keep have problems but we have to keep at this – documenting and keeping pressure on both the CPUC and telecommunications companies so that our counties get the reliable telecommunications infrastructure

we need. These surveys are part of that effort. We can't advocate without good data.

You can access the survey in at least three ways:

- By going to the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/firestorm2017>

- From the Broadband Alliance Homepage at www.MendocinoBroadband.org

- From the "Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County" Facebook page

The survey will be open for the month of November. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks!

Trish Steel, Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County

Thank you

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to a group of folks who helped the Friends move approximately 3,000 books from shelves in Willits to Laytonville storage on Saturday, November 11.

Sincere thanks go out to Jean Marie Lagourque, who generously drove his spacious van to haul the enormous load. Jean Marie loaded boxes next to Mike Griggs, who brought additional help and supplied needed boxes! Despite our having chosen Sparetime Supply's sale day, Mike showed up with two of his workers to pack and load boxes into Jean Marie's van. Thank you so much Jean Marie and Mike!

Just about the time when Mike and his team felt the need to leave the book-loading for store concerns, along came Hiram and Dominic Harrison and Dan MacLaurin to keep up the effort to pack and load books! So many thanks to Hi, Dom and Dan!

Many, many more thank yous go out to a special pair who are regular patrons of the Book Room and hard-core enthusiastic readers, Mario DellMonte and Amanda Olson. Mario and Amanda worked in Willits loading and carrying boxes and in Laytonville unloading them. And of course, Jean Marie was there to help unload too!

This list would not be complete without thanking Hugh Sweeney who was able to give us temporary storage right across from the Book Room on the Branscomb Road. Thank you Hugh!

Finally the Friends thank their fearless Book Room Champion, Shawn Haven, for climbing up the ladder to unload the ceiling-high books from their shelves and for orchestrating the entire effort! Shawn you are the greatest!

Reminder: It takes a village!

Susan Bradley, Friends of the Long Valley Public Library, Laytonville

Willits teacher John Haschak enters race for Third District supervisor

Longtime Mendocino County and Willits resident and public school teacher John Haschak has announced his candidacy for Third District supervisor. Haschak has taught in Willits public schools for 28 years and has been an educational leader and involved in community activities for many years.

Haschak sees a need for strong leadership, especially after the recent devastating fires, and pledges to make public safety and disaster preparedness a priority in his campaign and in office. "We can count on seeing more such devastating events in the future, with the realities of climate change combined with our rugged and forested terrain," said Haschak. "What we love so much about our county – its natural beauty, wilderness and rural atmosphere – also contributes to the danger of fires and other natural disasters."

Haschak also wants to focus on creating greater opportunities for jobs, protection for our natural resources, common-sense cannabis regulations, and keeping a sharp eye on the budget.

"All of these things go together," says Haschak. "If we build a more sustainable and ultimately stronger community, we'll be better able to work on disaster preparedness and create a strong tie between our local government and our citizens."

Former Supervisor Hal Wagenet spoke enthusiastically about Haschak's run: "Native son John Haschak is already a leader who listens and gets positive results in the school system. He will be a real asset to Mendocino County as our supervisor."

Echoing that sentiment, Blosser Lane Elementary Principal Nancy Runberg said, "John has been great

for the kids and parents of our school district; warm, compassionate and a fierce advocate." Willits Unified School District Board President Chris Neary agreed, saying: "John's skills will translate seamlessly into the job of county supervisor. He cares."

Haschak lives in Willits with his wife, Janice, and a public school teacher, and their two rescue dogs. They have two adult children, Flor and Ricardo. Haschak is active with the Willits Teachers Association, where he has served as president for 15 years, and with the California Teachers Association, serving as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee. Locally, he has been active in his church and PTO, coached basketball and track, and volunteered with Hospice.

– submitted by the John Haschak for Supervisor campaign



Above, from left: "Slithy toves" gyre and gimble in the wabe in "The Jabberwocky." Darren Way's hand-carved "mome raths" practice their moves during rehearsal. This intricate puppet is the hero of the Dangerous Puppets' "The Jabberwocky." At left: Ethan Spanier introduces the Dangerous Puppets show to the packed Schanachie Pub. Below: The King, the hero and the Jubjub bird take the stage. At bottom: Darren Way sells his hand-carved finger puppets at the show.



Dangerous Puppets

Poetry, music and puppets enthrall crowd at Schanachie Pub

It was a perfect storm of inspired lunacy, virtuosity and venue. The actors with strings danced and performed deftly to the improvisational accompaniment of banjo and bass. The capacity crowd paid rapt attention as many of them sat on the floor in the cramped space of Schanachie Pub, hooting and hollering at the ensuing mayhem.

Dangerous Puppets, a long-time staple of the Willits arts and performance scene, presented two of their works along with music by Pick & Pull. The first was their seminal "The Jabberwocky," a recitation of the Lewis Carroll poem from "Alice in Wonderland," to the narration and gyrations of Ethan Spanier, who held up rustic wooden signs of the text as he recited the venerable poem, which was repeated by the puppets on stage.

The gaps between poetry were filled with the banjo stylings of Tracy Hui and the slapping, pounding bass of Fred Bieberbach. Hui and Bieberbach's music also provided background to the flying, dancing performances of the "slithy toves in the wabe," the "mome raths outraging," the "frumious Bandersnatch," the "king," and of course, the "Jabberwock" himself, before being slain by our intrepid "hero."

The puppets – one barely noticed the strings as they took on a life of their own – were put through their paces by the expertise of founder and puppet-builder, Darren Way and cohort, Michelle Cummins.

Prior to the show, the crowd was treated to the music of Willits favorites Pick & Pull. The musicians, Keith Buck on guitar, Tracy Hui on banjo, and Fred Bieberbach on stand-up bass, were accompanied by dancing puppets on the

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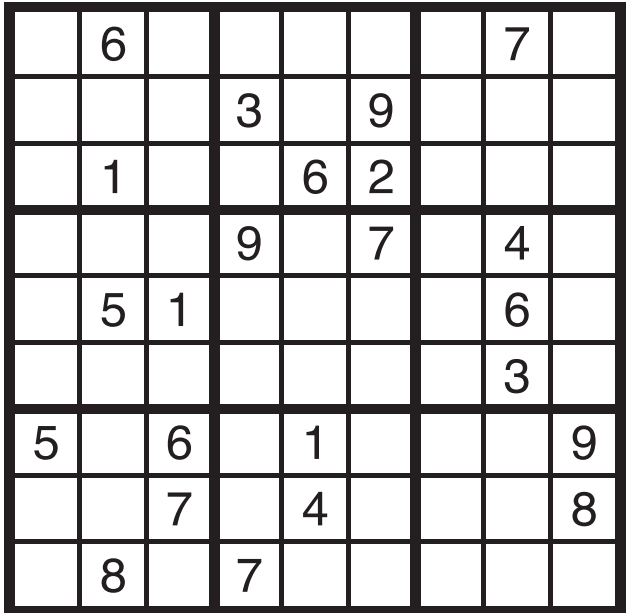
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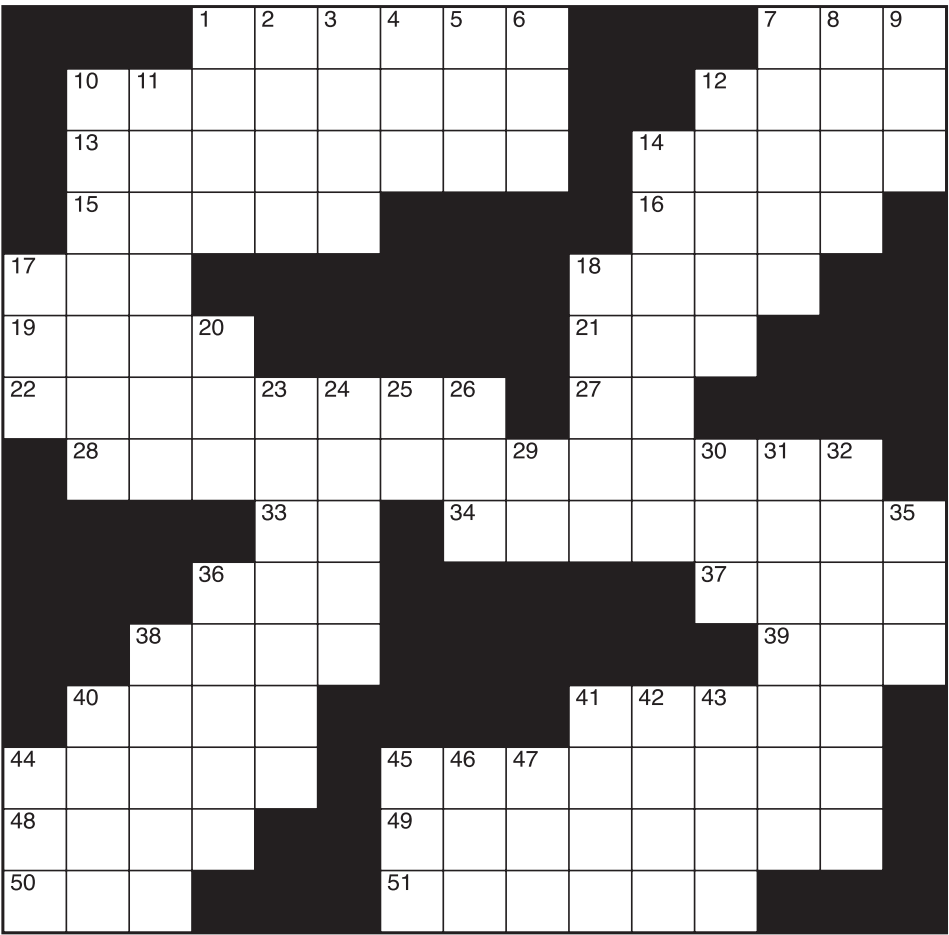
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CLUES ACROSS

- Holds candles
- In possession of
- Rodents
- Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
- Hard candy on a stick
- Animal of the weasel family
- Things that should not be overlooked
- 'Silence' author
- Dried, split lentils
- People native to Ghana
- Barros and Gasteyer are two
- British thermal unit
- Large oblong hall
- Ethnic group in Asia
- Holiday decoration
- Milliliter
- Open
- Health physics concept (abbr.)
- Tantric meditation
- Where golf games begin
- Birth swine
- Rip
- Remove
- Puts together in time
- Rotary engines
- Skeletal structure
- Member of a labor organization
- Japanese classical theater
- Undergarments

CLUES DOWN

- 'Snake Tales' cartoonist
- Religious group
- Singer Redding
- ___ and tuck
- Head honcho
- Second sight
- Composer
- About aviation
- Senior officer
- Forecasts weather
- Seasoned Hungarian soup
- Town in Hesse, Germany
- Thought to derive from meteorites
- Hit lightly
- Seemingly bottomless chasm
- Title of respect
- Warm up
- Man and Wight are two
- Type of scan
- Atomic mass unit
- Article
- Incriminate
- Passes by
- Most nerve-inducing
- David Alan Grier sitcom
- Achieve
- Freshwater fish
- Beginner
- Dark brown or black
- A newlywed wears one
- DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Ancient Egyptian King
- Old name (abbr.)
- Brazilian city (slang)

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

November 6 to November 12
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 173 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

November 6

5:56 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

7:01 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

7:07 am: WEBB JR., Jeffrey John (39) of Lucerne was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and Hazel Street. He was arrested pursuant to 10851 VC (Vehicle Theft), felony charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, and felony charges of possession of burglary tools.

12:01 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

3:14 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

3:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of a vegetation fire near the intersection of Sherwood Road and Primrose Drive.

4:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Main Street.

7:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

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2:06 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2:46 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of South Main Street.

6:43 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.

11:06 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of West Van Lane and School Street and issued a warning.

5:11 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:59 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

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12:22 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:08 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:11 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main

Street.

10:28 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

11:35 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

4:57 pm: MCCARTHY, Brian Paul (40) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 148 PC (Resisting Arrest), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

8:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:43 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

November 9

7:55 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of South Main Street.

8:38 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

9:50 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of South Main Street.

2:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Mill Creek Court.

7:19 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

November 10

7:09 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:29 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

November 11

12:39 am: GRANT, Jose Carlos (37) of Willits/Los Angeles was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 187 PC (Attempted Murder), and on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon, corporal injury, and recklessly causing a structure fire.

1:52 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

9:35 am: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

1:53 pm: MOHR, Christopher Jacob (26) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

November 9 to November 13
by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

11-09-2017 (Highway 20, mile marker 20)

Responded to a reported single-vehicle rollover. Upon arrival the vehicle was on its side and out of the roadway. The diver had self-extracted and was cleared by medical staff at scene. 8 firefighters responded for service.

11-09-17 (East Hill Road)

Responded to a reported vegetation fire; caller reported visible flames from the highway. Upon arrival the fire was observed as a large controlled burn pile. The duty officer spoke to the residence. 14 firefighters responded for service.

11-09-17 (Covelo)

Responded to an agency assist for a commercial structure fire in Covelo, Little Lake Fire was later canceled in route by Covelo Fire at scene. 11 firefighters responded for service.

11-10-17 (Spruce Street)

Responded to a reported heat, smoke and pull station activation. Upon investigation the alarms had been set off by the maintenance crew working inside the building. 6 firefighters responded for service.

11-11-17 (East Valley Street)

Responded to a reported structure fire. Upon arrival it was determined to be a controlled burn. 14 firefighters responded for service.

11-13-17 (Highway 20, mile marker 19)

Responded to a reported vehicle fire, Little Lake Fire was canceled in route by units at scene. 7 firefighters responded for service.



Market Thursdays

Willits Farmers Market moves indoors to the Grange for the holiday season

By Michael Foley, market manager

Willits Farmers Market moved indoors to the Little Lake Grange at the beginning of November with more vendors and lots of excitement. The market will be at the Grange, just a block from Main Street, all winter every Thursday except Thanksgiving and the week between Christmas and New Year's. Winter hours are 3 to 5:30 pm.

The market has produce year-round, local pork, lamb, and beef from Inland Organics and the John Ford Ranch, honey from Schnitzler Apiaries, and eggs from Fairall Farm and Inland Organics. There are creative jams and jellies by Amanda Fairall, canned and dried fruit from Green Uprising Farm, and fresh and frozen snacks,

cookies, artisan chocolates, desserts, and dinners by Robert Goleman of Bolliwer's Fine Foods & Confections. Grange Grains has locally sourced grains, flour, and beans each week, as well as fair trade chocolate.

Every week 'til Christmas, Janene Johnson will be cooking up hot dinner specials in the Grange kitchen; the last two weeks have featured delicious Ethiopian cuisine by a guest chef. Amanda Fairall brings hot food, too, from her mini-burritos to fresh lasagnas made with local meat and veggies from her garden.

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Above: One of the big draws for the winter market are artisan chocolates made by Robert Goleman of Bolliwer's Fine Food and Confections. Buy them individually or as a group in a fancy box for great gift-giving. At left: Craft vendors line up in the center of the room and offer unique gift options including knitted hats and gloves, jewelry and more. Below, left: Peppers, tomatoes, garlic and other produce can be found at vendors' tables - but come early for the best selection! Market starts at 3 pm. Amanda Fairall sells produce, jams, cookies and dinner.

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debris removal.

Recovery Director Tammy Moss Chandler told supervisors that county Planning and Building staff have identified 337 houses that were lost in the fire, and the Federal Emergency Management Authority has received 330 applications for emergency housing.

The second phase of cleanup activities – debris removal by the Army Corps – began November 6 in Redwood Valley and Potter Valley. According to a press release issued by the Mendocino County executive office, property owners who have submitted a right-of-entry form to county Planning and Building can expect a phone call from the Army Corps 24 to 48 hours before it plans to come on to the property. Workers will be wearing red shirts with an Army Corps logo.

Former Director of Planning and Building Services Steve Dunncliff announced he has been assigned to coordinate the process of securing housing for fire victims. Dunncliff said he has learned the Redwood Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees has agreed to make classrooms in the shuttered Redwood Valley Elementary School available for fire victim housing.

The school, which has been closed for the past seven years, has 26 900-square-foot classrooms. Dunncliff said FEMA is looking at the school as potential housing.

Dunncliff also said FEMA is in discussions with the Corps of Engineers to determine if campgrounds at Lake Mendocino would be a suitable location for emergency housing.

FEMA would bring in trailers and would make sure each trailer site has power and water.

Dunncliff said the county's executive leadership team is about to establish a nationwide competition, seeking architects to submit designs for housing. The idea, he explained, is to approve one basic design for smaller housing, and one basic design for larger housing. Both the smaller and the larger designs would be amenable to incorporating different façade styles. The executive leadership team and the Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council would select the winning designs.

The winning plans would then be pre-approved by Planning and Building, and the plan check review process for permit applications incorporating those designs would be expedited. This, Dunncliff said, would expedite re-housing residents in the fire area.

Chandler told supervisors the Division of Mental Health has received funding to pay for emergency mental health counseling for fire victims for up to two months. Chandler has been meeting with the California Office of Emergency Services, the Federal Emergency Management Authority, and several local, faith-based groups and non-governmental organizations, to discuss how to assist fire victims for the next five years.

WPD seeks info on stabbing incident



Jose Carlos Grant of Los Angeles/Willits.

Grant was located and arrested without incident shortly after being identified. Grant was booked into Mendocino County Jail for attempted murder.

The incident is still under investigation. The Willits Police Department is asking anyone who was in, or around the Safeway gas station at the time of the incident and who may have information to contact Willits PD dispatch at 459-6122.

– Submitted by the Willits Police Department

Cannabis facilities business license applications available online

Mendocino County's cannabis facilities business license application packet is now available online. Applications also will be accepted at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office starting Thursday, November 16.

The packet contains business license and zoning requirements for such cannabis-related businesses as manufacturing facilities, processing facilities, testing laboratories, dispensaries, nurseries, distribution facilities, and microbusinesses.

The cannabis business license application packet is available online at www.mendocinocounty.org/cannabisbl.

Questions? Call 234-6848.

Fish and Game Commission grants available

The Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission is soliciting grant applications that comply with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife guidelines and codes and benefit fish and/or game in Mendocino County. The commission will submit

recommendations to the board of supervisors for the awarding of grants. In fiscal year 2017/18, the available amount for the total grant allocations is approximately \$25,000. Per the county supervisors request, projects leading to wildlife and habitat restoration and rehabilitation will be prioritized.

Grant forms are available on the commission website: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/fish-game

The deadline for receiving proposals is 5 pm on December 22, 2017.

Proposals must be submitted by email as a .pdf, .doc, .docx, .txt, or zip file to the commission at mendofishgamecommission@gmail.com. Applicants without personal computers or internet access to the commission website can request assistance from county branch libraries in Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Willits, Coast Community (Pt. Arena), and Round Valley (Covelo) to download and print the application materials. Note: County library personnel can also assist with scanning and emailing completed proposals.

Applicants must also mail or hand-deliver eight double-sided paper copies to the commission c/o County Planning & Building Services, 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Grant applicants are encouraged to attend the Tuesday, January 9, 2017 meeting of the commission, location to be announced, beginning at 6 pm, to make a brief presentation regarding their proposal.

For additional information, please call the Fish and Game Commission at 707-234-6094, or email the commission at mendofishgamecommission@gmail.com.

– Submitted by the Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission

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Supes pass private fire clean-up ordinance

By unanimous vote on Tuesday, the board of supervisors approved an urgency ordinance establishing guidelines and deadlines for people who wish to clean up their properties damaged or destroyed by the Redwood fire privately, and who do not wish to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to do the work for them

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The ordinance states that people with damaged properties within the burn area must either participate in the public clean-up process, or must agree to clean up their property themselves. If they do not do one or the other of those options, their properties will be regarded as a public nuisance and the county will take remedial action against them.

If they want to participate in the private clean-up program, they must submit a private clean-up form to Mendocino County Planning and Building Services by November 16.

Residents participating in the Army Corps clean-up program also have a November 16 deadline to submit a completed "right of entry" form to Planning and Building.

The private clean-up form has little required information on it except the name of the property owner, the name of the contractor, and the license number of the contractor.

After submitting the clean-up form, residents must submit a debris removal program application and a debris removal plan to the Division of Environmental Health. Environmental Health will review

and approve the application and the plan, and, under the urgency ordinance, will not charge the property owner for that work.

No debris removal may begin until after the application and the permit have been approved. The clean-up itself must be completed by February 1, 2018, or, if the Army Corps of Engineers is forced to push back the date of the program completion, the drop-dead date for the private program will be pushed back to whatever date the Army Corps adopts.

After the private clean-up is completed, the property owner must self-certify that the work has been done and is finished. Various tests are required, including a soil sample. Soil sample results must fall within an acceptable range.

According to the ordinance, if the property owner does not submit a private clean-up form or if the properties are not cleaned up, Mendocino County will regard such properties as a public nuisance, and will take remedial action, at the property owner's expense. After issuing a clean-up order, the property must be cleaned up within five days.

Board Chair John McCowen expressed his belief that the February 1, 2018 project end date was optimistic, but he was told by Mendocino County Recovery Director Tammy Moss Chandler and by Army Corps of Engineers Regional Government Liaison Linda Ortiz that the Army Corps believes that a February 1 date is feasible.

After the unanimous vote was counted and recorded, the urgency ordinance became effective immediately.

Lopez named new county veteran services officer

Ulyses Lopez has been named Mendocino County's new veteran services officer, the county Health and Human Services Agency announced.

The Mendocino County native has worked for the past five years as a veteran services representative in the Fort Bragg office, said HHS Director Tammy Moss Chandler. "In that position, he assisted veterans to enroll in Veterans Administration health care, service-connected compensation, pension and other veteran-related benefits, and has been a strong advocate for Mendocino County veterans."

Lopez served in the U.S. Army from 2002 to 2005, including a 15-month tour in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was awarded a combat infantryman badge and a presidential unit citation. In 2013, he was named "Veteran of the Year" for the 2nd Assembly District, by former State Assemblyman Wes Chesbro.

"I am honored to have the privilege of serving the veterans of my community," Lopez said about his new job. "I have accumulated a vast knowledge throughout the years to help veterans navigate through the VA system when acquiring their earned benefits."

In fiscal year 2016-17, Mendocino County Veteran Services had 2,468 walk-in appointments, resulting in 917 new applications, Lopez noted.

"If you or someone you know is a veteran," he said, "please refer them to either the Ukiah or Fort Bragg office, where one of our veteran services representatives will be happy to schedule an appointment."

The Ukiah office is located at 405 Observatory Avenue. Call 463-4226, or toll-free at 800-765-9975. The Fort Bragg office is located at 360 North Harrison Street. Call 964-5823.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency.



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Above, from left: Three generations – Dominic Favalora, his son, Dominic, and grandfather Tom Moor – serve the diners. Mike Smith, chaplain, takes a break from mixing up pancakes and making coffee. Girl Scouts Alexandra Titus and Jenna Wells greet visitors. Bob Cain, Vietnam veteran, attends the American Legion Veteran's Day Breakfast. John Frankum dishes up the scrambled eggs. Below, left: The Veterans Memorial Building in Willits. Below, right: Veterans and their families enjoy breakfast at the Veterans Memorial Building.



Honorable Feast

American Legion Post 174 hosts annual Veteran's Day breakfast

Veterans Day celebrates people – the people who were willing to give their time, efforts, talent and ultimately their lives in service to the people of this country, regardless of politics or personal ideology. Whether or not one believes in war as a solution to disagreements between countries or groups of humans, whether or not one agrees with the politics that places our brave and duty-bound neighbors, friends and family members in harm's way, we should honor and show appreciation for their sacrifice.

This pride in service is in evidence each November 11 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Willits where members of the American Legion Post 174 honor their fellow past-armed service people with a tasty and joyfully served breakfast of ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, coffee and juice, combined with warm smiles, conversations and reminiscences. All first responders are invited to join the veterans every year, too.

Entering the venerable old building, one is greeted by two young Girl Scouts, who are charged with the task of greeting the veterans and their families and helping some of the older members down the steep stairs. For the ones who cannot make it down to the cozy dining area, the two girls, Alexandra Titus and Jana Wells, will bring food up and make them feel at home.

The first veteran this reporter encountered upon entering was Ken Wickstrom, ex-Navy, who served in the early days of Vietnam, although he was mostly assigned to his ship, the Yorktown, on which he spent two years, and barely got to see the country. He was, however, witness to one of the atomic bomb tests on Christmas Island. His ship crossed the equator, along with a carrier, a cruiser and a destroyer.

"Then someone gives you something to put on your uniform," said Wickstrom. "Turns out to be a radiation test patch. You get to see the Polaris missile fired from the sub, and then they exploded the bomb over the Christmas Island, so I got to see that. And then they come and take the patch away, and now I got a certificate that gives me the name of the operation and the picture of the bomb explosion."

Continuing down the stairs, to the well-lit basement dining room and kitchen, there were a number of veterans in attendance, along with their families, enjoying the free breakfast. Their caps indicate their service, stations and duty. At the far end of the small room is the kitchen, where several members of the post are preparing and serving the meals.

Frank Deuel served the drinks, "I'm the new editor of the newsletter since Paul Bliss passed away recently. Paul had worked tirelessly on the newsletter even in failing health. I'm hard of hearing so I can't do much, but I'm very computer literate."

Jim Harden, former publisher of The Willits News when it was owned by local families, and a community volunteer, served up the ham. He is not a service member, but enjoys helping out on this annual event.

Mike Smith, chaplain, mixed the pancake batter and made coffee. "That's the only thing I'm qualified for. We had coffee in the Marines too. That's where I learned to make coffee," Smith said.

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Clockwise from left: Bob Cain, John Haschak, Paul Krause, Paul Ubelhart and Sharon Bianchi chat over coffee and juice.

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Thursday, November 16

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Final weekend for Ken Ludwig’s play “Moon Over Buffalo,” runs through November 19 at the Willits Community Theatre. This comedic play, directed by Bill Barksdale, centers on two aging actors with one last chance for success, and also backstage romantic nuttiness. Thursday, November 16 at 8 pm. Tickets \$15. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar: brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane.

Shanachie Pub: Mamadou Sidibe & Robert Usher play West African music. Visit: facebook.com/Mamadou-Sidibe. Thursday, November 16 at 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Ladies Night at Little John’s: Karaoke on Thursday, November 16 from 9:30 pm to 1:45 pm, at Little Johns, 383 South Main Street, with mystery shot specials. Info: 459-5636.

Friday, November 17
“Moon Over Buffalo”: Comedic playwright Ken Ludwig’s play of backstage antics. Friday, November 17 at 8 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Tickets \$20. See Thursday, November 16 listing for more details.

Now and Then Film Series: Little Lake Grange presents “Evolution of Organic,” a feature-length documentary about how the notion of organic and sustainable agriculture is the most successful environmental meke of the last 50 years. Plus trailers & short films, and organic heirloom popcorn. Friday, November 17, 6:30 pm. \$5 to \$20 donation (or more) to support our Willits area farmers. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Shanachie Pub: Midnight Sun is a 7-piece band of multi-instrumentalists and songwriters. Soul, funk, reggae, world beat, ska and rock’n’roll. Visit: facebook.com/midnightsunband. Friday, November 17 at 9 pm. \$7. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

What's Happening Around Town

Saturday, November 18

2nd Annual “Discover Willits”: This fun, “shop local” event is sponsored by the Willits Chamber of Commerce and organized by North County Women in Business. Saturday, November 18, all day. Meet your neighbors, and have fun while supporting our town’s restaurants and shops. Meet for coffee and snacks from 10 to 11 am at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, to get your packet, a map of Willits, a “Discover Willits” name badge, a list of Willits Chamber of Commerce member stores citing any discounts offered to those wearing a name badge, and instructions for your day. Shop from 11 am to 4 pm, then return to the Art Center at 4 pm to share stories over refreshments and a drawing for prizes. Free. Info: Jenny Senter, 707-888-7834, or ncwib2012@gmail.com.

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Shanachie Pub: Fat Chance Truckin’ Band from Ukiah play Rock, Blues and a little bit of Country. Visit: facebook.com/Fat-Chance-Truckin-Band-565667010148032/. Saturday, November 18 at 9 pm. \$5. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, November 19

Thanksgiving Vegan Potluck in Laytonville: Laytonville’s Organic Vegan Experience (L.O.V.E.) hosts its sixth annual “Fall in Love Thanksgiving Vegan Potluck” on Sunday, November 19 from 4 to 6 pm at the Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road in Laytonville. Please bring a dish that contains no meat, dairy, eggs, gelatin, bone broth or honey and label if containing gluten or nuts. This is the gala vegan event of the year in Mendocino County and the variety and quality of the plant-based dishes is unsurpassed anywhere. “You’ll be glad you came to this amazing convergence.”

“Moon Over Buffalo”: Final performance of comedic playwright Ken Ludwig’s play of backstage antics. Sunday matinee, November 19, 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Tickets \$15. See Thursday, November 16 listing for details.

Tuesday, November 21

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad movie: “Thor: Ragnarok.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday,

November 22

Library Closing Early: Willits Branch Library will close early at 3 pm on Wednesday, November 22. It will be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and also closed the day after on Friday, November 24.

Thursday, November 23

Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner: A Willits tradition, this event brings together people from all walks of life to celebrate and give thanks as a community. Anyone may eat the traditional Thanksgiving turkey with all the fixins’ for free. There is no charge. Donations are gladly accepted. This event is presented by Willits Community Services and Food Bank at the Willits Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, from 11 am – 3 pm. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, call 459-3333

Friday, November 24

O’Brien & Son at Brickhouse: Arrange and guitarist Ron O’Brien and his son, flautist Loren Herz-O’Brien, back from conservatory for Thanksgiving break, in concert on Friday, November 24, 7 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. “Entertaining stories, musical anecdotes, and beautiful music from Rock to Rachmaninoff.” For sample music, type “O’Brien & son guitar & flute” into the YouTube search bar. Cover charge: \$10; \$7 for students and seniors.

Doors open at 6 pm. “Enjoy a Willits Black Friday shopping, dining out, or catching a movie – and join us at Brickhouse for dessert, pastries, coffees, teas, and incredible music.”

Shanachie Pub: Schindig is back for their annual after-Thanksgiving show. “This band of homegrown Mendocino County boys play a unique eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, blues with a jolt of world music thrown in for good measure.” Friday, November 24 at 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday,

November 25

‘Small Business Saturday’: This Willits Chamber of Commerce annual “local shopping” event is set for Saturday, November 25, 10 am to 6 pm. Grab a “passport” from a participating local business, and get it stamped each time you make a purchase. Filled-out passports are entered in a drawing for more prizes. Businesses will be doing “Shop Small Saturday” giveaways, too. Also, upstairs at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, home-based businesses will have booths selling unique goods perfect for holiday gifts (and earning a stamp on your passport, too). If you are a home-based business interested in having booth space contact Willits Chamber of Commerce at 459-7910, or email info@willits.org.

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‘Heavy Metal and a Bit of Punk Fire Relief’: Northern California Friends and Family present an all ages dance concert with hot dogs and a raffle on Saturday, November 25 from 4:30 to 11 pm at Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. The bands include: Union Jack and the Rippers, The Whitetrash Superstars, Fall Children, Scythe, Legal Disaster, Immortalica,

Violent Obsession, and Martin Rangel. Tickets are by donation, \$20 suggested. This concert is a benefit for families and friends displaced by the recent fires. Family-friendly and all ages welcome. Toys for Tots donations drop-off, too.

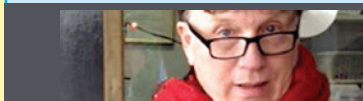
Shanachie Pub: Michelle Lambert on vocals and violin, with guitarist Robbie: “Their original style is a combination of Amy Winehouse, Adele, Ed Sheeran and The Red Hot Chili Peppers, with Robbie bringing driving rhythms on acoustic guitar that move your feet and Michelle’s strong, soulful vocals and attitude-filled violin licks.” Visit: www.michellelambert.com. Saturday, November 25 at 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday,

November 26

Willits Toy Run 25th Anniversary Bash: The Willits Toy Run, the kickoff for the Willits Kids Christmas Program, is set for Sunday, November 26 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Motorcyclists will meet Sunday morning at the Evergreen Shopping Center, 1700 Main Street. The biker pack leaves the shopping center at noon escorted by the Little Lake Fire Department en route to the Grange, where the bikers and the public will celebrate the Willits Toy Run’s 25th Anniversary with live music, great food, a raffle, a no host bar, and live auction, all to benefit the Willits Kids Christmas Program. Admission cost: a new unwrapped toy.

COLUMN | At the Movies



‘Murder On The Orient Express’

The Story: This is a remake of a famous Agatha Christie murder mystery. Hercule Poirot, the most brilliant detective in the world, finds himself traveling by train from Constantinople to Paris on the Orient Express. A fellow passenger is brutally murdered. All the passengers are suspects, including several beautiful women with secrets in their past. Poirot’s duty, as he sees it, is to solve the baffling crime.

My Thoughts: I enjoyed the all-star cast. The first close-up of Penelope Cruz was breathtaking. The quite lovely Daisy Ridley, that Star Wars tomboy, goes full femme romantic lead in a movie otherwise short on romantic love. The mystery surrounding the murder itself is quite satisfyingly solved. The moral demands of guilt, innocence and justice are bandied about in dialogue, though nothing truly profound is expressed. My one complaint came with my trouble hearing and/or deciphering all the dialogue even when brilliant actors such as Kenneth Branagh or Judi Dench were speaking. I thought the choo choo train was fabulous and cinematic, yet this visually better-polished re-version of the famous Christie mystery could have played out just as well in a British parlor over tea and biscuits.

Parents: Too slow and talky for children. I first enjoyed this whodunit mystery when I was 10 or 11. Make of that what you will. You know your kids. Otherwise, teens and up.

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

28th Annual Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Willits Community Services and Food Bank is hosting this traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 23 from 11 am to 3 pm at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtlet Road. Anyone may eat for free. There is no charge. Donations gladly accepted. Info: 459-3333.

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Veggies, local meats and little grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, balsamic vinegars, local honey, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. No market on Thanksgiving Day.

Willits Center for the Arts November Exhibit: 16th annual show of works by the members of the Willits Photography Club. Runs through November 26 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery winter hours started November 5: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

“Boots and Tattoos Ladies Night Edition”: Friday nights at Al’s Redwood Room, 207 South Main Street. Drink specials. No cover charge. Info: 571-9288.

Willits International Folk Dancing: Every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. Learn recreational cultural dances from around the world. Beginners welcome, no dance experience necessary. No partner needed. \$5 per class. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info: Megan Wolf, 530-647-6512 or megster1989@yahoo.com

Twice-Monthly Parkinson’s Discussion and Support Group: Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtlet Road. Info: 459-1941.

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

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

Willits Library Activities: Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11-11:30 am “Play Group,” and 3:30 to 5:30 pm “Lego Day” (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am “Story Time”; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm “Youth Game Night” (ages 10 to 14). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

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

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

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Thursday, November 30

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Willits Holiday Crafts Fair

December 8, 9, 10

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‘Willits Holiday Celebration’

Saturday, December 2

Mendocino County Museum, Roots of Motive Power, and Willits Chamber of Commerce present “Willits Holiday Celebration” on Saturday, December 2 from 1 to 8 pm at 400 & 420 East Commercial Street. Take a steam train ride, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, see the vintage toy display and antique model trains. At 5:45 pm celebrate the community tree lighting & sing-along. From 6 to 8 pm, enjoy the Holiday Lights Party & Mixer in the Engine House. Bring the kids and the “kids at heart” and tell Santa what they want for Christmas. All events are free of charge.

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He also spent some time during the breakfast "hitting up the tables of mostly younger fellows who are not yet members of the Legion. We need some young fellows.

"We work with the high school kids for scholarships and the oratorical contest," continued Smith. "The American Legion runs Boys and Girls State. They go for a week in Sacramento. They teach them how to run a government and about how to apply the Constitution. They actually form up their own government. It becomes a major event in the kids' lives, something they take with them in later life."

Roger Ham, Legion commander, was doing much of the cooking. "I think this is one of the best turnouts we've had. The folks come down the stairs in waves. I do like nine to 12 pancakes, and then I'm behind. I hate to let them sit and get goopy.

"I was in the Navy and in Vietnam," Ham continued. "I was on a mine sweeper in 'Nam. We did the Tomkin Gulf. The Tomkin Gulf incident was the start of it. When I went down in '66 on a sweeper, our goal was to go up through the southern end of the Gulf and sweep for mines. Then we were assigned to patrol the coast from the DMZ down to Côn Sơn Island, which was south of Saigon. You turn around. You come back. We intercepted contraband on these small boats, munitions, food, bomb-making material, items that were going to end up going to the Viet Cong."

Legionnaire John Frankum served up the eggs. "I was in the army in Vietnam in 1970 for four months. I made it out. I'm here and serving and healthy ... in theory," he adds. "I'm captain of the honor guard. To me it's a great honor to give them that last salute. They've earned it."

The rest of **Puppets** | From Page 3

It just stuck."

Indeed, these are dangerous-looking subversive puppets that mirror the local madrone and manzanita that Way uses to create his creatures. Often times, he finds that the creatures are already in the wood. Way just chisels away anything that is not the creature to expose the true essence of his vision. "I find the wood in the hills around here," explained Way. "Local hardwoods: manzanita and madrone. I either look for a particular piece or find a piece and fit it into my concept. Sometimes I'll need a particular piece and I'll go out and find it." Way and Cummins live on a lovely acre of land with their four barking dogs, Dante, Penelope, Borges and Bartok.

Dangerous Puppets perform in many different venues, including the aforementioned fairs. Currently, they are primarily performing around the Bay Area but are in talks with another local band, Bug Guts, to tour San Diego and Los Angeles.

In addition to the stringed creatures, Way also creates delightfully obtuse finger puppets which can be purchased and played with at home.

Dangerous Puppets loves to collaborate with excellent musicians like Pick & Pull to create an immersive experience. Indeed, this show worked in ways that are rarely seen. All the elements came together at the right time and in the right place with the right people. It was an experience that cannot be duplicated, but it can be built on. Look for more to come.

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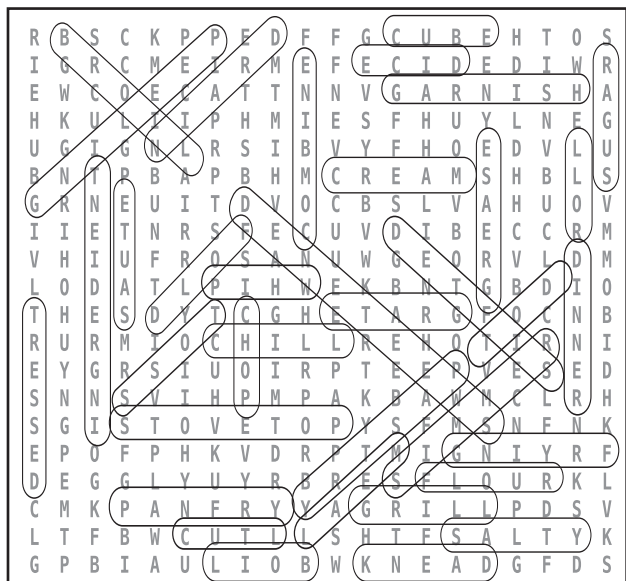
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Below: The Solar Pioneer Party group visiting Willits enjoyed a ride on the Skunk Train on November 4. At right: In the center of this group of Solar Pioneer Party attendees is Jim Padula (in the white hat), founder of Padula Lumber in Willits, and Wayne Robertson (in the black baseball cap), manager of Padula's Solar Electric Specialties division. Mike Ashmore, at left, and Scott Williams, second from left, also worked for Padula's SES group in the 1980s and 1990s. David Katz (photobombing from behind the group on the right) started Alternative Energy Engineering in southern Humboldt in 1979 "and is one of the most important solar pioneers of all," Solar Pioneer Party organizer Jeff Spies says. At right, below: The group enjoys the redwoods and the Skunk Train.



'Solar Roots'

Solar Pioneer Party in Willits featured the debut of a new documentary

In 2015, solar pro Jeff Spies of Quick Mount PV organized an event to reunite his "solar family" in a gathering to celebrate the birth of the PV industry and pay tribute to the brilliant men and women that worked for decades to make renewable energy a reality.

The first Solar Pioneer Party in October 2015 in Humboldt County was a huge success, attended by more than 150 people including a mix of the industry's founders, as well as many of the younger generations of PV professionals. These people all shared a deep respect for the contribution of the pioneers. Words alone cannot describe how magical an experience it was having all those incredible people in one place at the same time.

Never before had so many solar pioneers been gathered together in a social event, and Spies realized someone should document the stories of these amazing people. He contacted several industry journalists, but was unsuccessful in getting anyone interested in conducting interviews. After several attempts and failures, he wondered if anyone would actually seize the opportunity to interview the founders of the PV industry.

Since he was unsuccessful in finding anyone to document this story, Spies decided to do it himself. He convinced his good friend and talented videographer/co-worker Jason Vetterli to bring his camera gear and conduct filmed interviews with the attendees. Without realizing it, Vetterli and Spies were about to undertake a two-year project to create the first-ever documentary film about how the solar PV industry started.

The second Solar Pioneer Party was held last year in Grass Valley, and 220 people attended. Since the documentary film was not ready for viewing, Spies and Vetterli showed a 20-minute teaser, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Spies planned the "Third and Final" Solar Pioneer Party in Mendocino County on

November 3 through 5 this year to debut this documentary film, and the turnout was fantastic.

Over 300 people attended the events, which included a meet-and-greet visiting day on Friday at the KOA campground, a Saturday ride on the Skunk Train, a rocking party at Tamarack Solar (a solar pole mount manufacturing facility on Baechtel Road), featuring music by Midnight North, and a beautiful "Grand Finale" event at the Solar Living Center in Hopland. Fun was had by all during the weekend, but the main event that had attendees talking was the debut of the documentary film "Solar Roots – the Pioneers of PV" at the Noyo Theatre.

The response to the documentary was phenomenal. Viewers laughed, cried and learned about the history of this incredible revolutionary method to convert light directly into electricity. The story focused on that small group of enterprising backwoods tinkers and business hippies who brought solar electric technology down from space into homes around California and eventually around the world.

The documentary filmmakers are just starting to work on the distribution plans, and hope to find studio backing to get this story to as large an audience as possible. This process will likely take one to three years, but the creators will be hosting a series of private showings over the coming year to make sure all the pioneers that participated in the project can view the movie.

The Solar Pioneer Party was a special project, and while there will not be any more events quite like it, the end product of a beautiful documentary film will live on to help inspire future generations of renewable energy professionals.

Power to the People!

– Submitted by the Solar Pioneer Party



Above, right, top: Solar Pioneer Party organizer and documentarian Jeff Spies, center, in front of the Noyo Theatre on November 4, for the premiere showing of his film, "Solar Roots - the Pioneers of PV." Above, right, center: This group of Solar Pioneer Party attendees includes, from left, Aur Beck, a solar installer from southern Illinois; party organizer and documentarian Jeff Spies; Johnny Weiss, founder of Solar Energy International, "the most important solar training organization in the industry," Spies says; Tor Valenza, a solar journalist; and Wayne Robertson, "one of the most important solar pioneers, who ran Padula Lumber's Solar Electric Specialties division from the start in 1981."

Above: Solar Pioneer Party attendees in front of the solar array at the Solar Living Center in Hopland, where the group spent the day Sunday.

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kitchen manager, was excited to help take on the task this year.

"We'll brine the turkeys for six to 12 hours in some salt and sugar, get some butter on and under the skin, and then get them in the ovens," said Sanchez. "You don't need to do too much else – we don't overcomplicate it!"

"We already did some research and a turkey dinner dry-run earlier this week, and things went really well," said Officer Whittaker.

Currently, the camp serves around 200 meals per day, with the capacity to do around 500 meals a day, so adding the Willits Community Thanksgiving Dinner to the list was something they could certainly handle.

Parlin Fork is currently involved with the community in other ways, too. They build redwood picnic tables and playhouses which they donate to various groups and

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approved changing the General Plan land use designation from Public Service to Residential Medium-Density.

City Planner Dusty Duley said staff recommended changing the zoning due to the need for more housing in the area, and because the size and location of the 1.1 acres was not optimal for Public Facility use, such as parks or fire stations.

Applicant Steve Sheldon, Caldwell's architect, said the plan was to proceed with the project as soon as possible.

In the application Sheldon stated all Redwood Meadows units had been "fully occupied for many years – with a waiting list."

"We could certainly use more housing in town," said Mayor Gerry Gonzalez. "So I'm happy to see this project come through."

The council also approved a use permit to Michael Giles for a light automotive repair shop on South Main Street. The planned shop will service motorcycles, quads and other small engine repairs as well as sell parts, apparel and other accessories.

It will be located in the empty commercial space next to John's Place bar, where the previous business was a laundromat.

Duley said while potential noise from the business was a concern, the city will require proper ventilation so doors and windows can be closed during loud repairs, and added that the shop would be subject to standard noise regulations for the zone.

The vote was unanimous for approval. Councilwoman Madge Strong said it was encouraging to see new businesses opening.

"It's just really great to have enterprises start filling up some of our vacant spaces and bringing jobs and economic activity to the city," she said.

It was the first meeting for new interim City Manager Robert Perrault, and he told the council how his transition was going, and about the status of the search for a permanent city manager.

"I want to say to everyone how glad I am to be here," he said. "I look forward to being able to serve the community and the city for however long it takes to bring on the permanent city manager."

"During my first few days here I've been out and about; I've taken a look at some of the city facilities. I'm also in the process of meeting with individual department heads and council members, trying to just get my feet on the ground and get as much background as I possibly can."

Perrault said there had been around 30 applicants for the permanent city manager's position, which he noted was a good number for this kind of recruitment.

The council is expected to interview a narrowed-down list of candidates in closed session on December 7, and potentially complete the selection and contract negotiation by the end of the year.

Regarding the city's open finance director position, Perrault said the candidate that staff had selected just before Perrault arrived "did not pan out" upon final assessment, and the city had opened up the search again.

Duley updated to the council regarding the new cannabis ordinance, for which the city can now officially receive applications.

He said staff now has a general application form put together, as well as a "permanent checklist that identifies a plethora of information we need from applicants to show the project's consistent

organizations for fundraisers including Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Fort Bragg High School football, Fort Bragg Little League, Make-a-Wish Foundation and the Victims of Crime Foundation.

"They've been making the tables since 1949," said Whittaker. "We'll also be donating two to the Willits Calvary Chapel."

The tables are also sold to state and local government agencies that then place the tables at parks and rest stops throughout California.

Now that the dinner has been given the green light, the Willits community is officially invited to join together at the Harrah Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, from 11 am to 3 pm to enjoy a free – although donations are gratefully accepted! – meal. The center is located at 1501 Baechtel Road. For more information, contact Willits Community Services at 459-3333.

with the ordinance."

While they haven't officially received any applications, Duley said they've had many "preliminary conversations to make sure [applicants] understand what's required and answer any questions they may have."

"We've had a number of new folks pop up recently and identify new properties for potential developments," he added.

Building and Code Enforcement Official John Sherman seemed particularly enthusiastic regarding the quality of the potential applicants thus far.

"It's encouraging that these people are sophisticated; they're asking the right questions, they're understanding that essentially these are health and safety codes," he said.

"They're doing their homework before the day of the test, and I'm very pleased to see this. I think what we're doing now is we're investing a little time with these people that's going to really pay dividends later when they start making applications, and we don't have to continuously reject the plans. I'm encouraged."

Sirens, second access

Vice Mayor Larry Stranske led a discussion about how to improve the city's disaster preparedness plans in light of the recent fires. His ideas included reinstalling the loud siren whistles heard by the whole town, and aggressively pursuing a second-access road to the Brooktrails area.

"We need something to alert the community that we're having some kind of problem," said Stranske of the sirens. "I think the fires were a good example, because not very many people knew what was going on."

Gonzales agreed, saying that an "over-reliance on technology" – especially cell phones and the internet – is part of the problem.

"I think the general thought was none of this technology is ever going to break, and we've had two instances where this technology has broken," he said.

Stranske also felt there should be more of a specific plan on how the council should act in the event of a major emergency, and Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez agreed.

"I would agree the whole council could've been better informed and better involved in immediately reacting, so we could disseminate the information we received," she said. "That's something we could maybe in a workshop format strategize on how we could do better in the future."

Gonzalez said city staff is working on updating the general emergency plan, and there would be a "roundtable" discussion involving the council at some point to receive input.

Regarding the second access road to Brooktrails, Stranske felt the council should write a letter to the board of supervisors urging them to look into the matter, bringing up the danger of a possible fire there.

"If we would've had the same thing up there that they had in Sonoma County, it would've been a terrible thing," he said.

He said Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey told him she had brought up the matter to the board of supervisors, but had "run into some roadblocks."

Others on the council agreed with Stranske, and Gonzalez said they would put writing a formal letter to the board of supervisors on a future meeting agenda.

Willits trucker flown to Chico after accident

A Willits truckdriver was airlifted to Enloe Medical Center in Chico after suffering major injuries when his big rig left Highway 101 south of Leggett on Tuesday, plunged down an embankment and overturned, spilling its load of lumber.

John M. Turner, 48, was airlifted to Chico for treatment by REACH Air Ambulance.

The accident occurred just before 3 pm south of the South Leggett overcrossing in cloudy, but dry weather, state traffic officers report. Turner was driving a 2017 Peterbilt tractor-trailer. The accident remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

One lane of southbound Highway 101 was closed for emergency vehicles. The Leggett Volunteer Fire Department, City Ambulance, CalFire and Caltrans personnel assisted with medical aid and traffic control, officers say.

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

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coast Supervisor Dan Gjerde, who also is chairman of the Mendocino Council of Governments, MCOG, a joint powers authority that administers state and federal transportation money to address transportation needs among the four cities of the county and the county as a whole.

Croskey's attempt to put the Brooktrails second access issue back on the board of supervisors' radar did not bring about an automatic solution to the issue. Director of Transportation Howard Dashiell told supervisors the board essentially had killed the project some years earlier.

"MCOG and the department [Department of Transportation] undertook quite a planning effort from 2009 to 2013," Dashiell said, "with a couple of feasibility studies – and we generated a lot of data. We were at a point in the fall of 2013 where we needed to... Again, the Padula property [St. Francis Ranch, which lies to the east of Brooktrails, extending from Sherwood Road north to the haul road that runs from the north of Brooktrails down to the Apache Mill site on what is now North Main Street, about three miles north of the Willits city limits] was one of the ones we looked at as a fairly good candidate, nothing settled, and we needed to do environmental studies, and to do that we needed access to the property."

"We were not going to be given that voluntarily," Dashiell said. "And I think at that point the board said: 'Well, you know, we don't really have enough money to build anything all the way, anyway; there isn't enough budget for what we've already identified.' So the department basically completed that effort, shelved the information, and my understanding was that the direction was to wait until we had a path forward to actually build a project and the process could be resumed."

"But if everything stays the same as it was in 2013, it will have to start with condemning a right-of-entry, to simply finish the environmental work. That's where we left it."

Board Chairman John McCowen said Dashiell's recollection was much the same as his own. "My recollection was that the board didn't 'drop the ball,' per se, but there wasn't yet a consensus on what the route would be and there was not an identification of funding for it."

"And, without a route and funding, it's a challenge," McCowen said.

Brooktrails resident Brian Ferry-Taylor reminded supervisors of what can happen when community planners don't cross the T's and dot the I's because they think a disaster will never happen.

"I was deeply impressed with the Oakland fire," Ferry-Taylor said. "The video I saw – where the cars were stopped, and burning trees were falling onto the road while people were trying to get out – it's a nightmare I would have for Brooktrails, if a fire were to get up in there."

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Elizabeth Cash

Elizabeth "Libby" Cash, age 75, of Willits, passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2017. She has been one of Jehovah's Witnesses all her life. She drove a school bus for the Willits School District for 18 years – Bus 9. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her childhood sweetheart and husband of 57 years, Claude Cash, and five children, Dan Cash, Dave Cash, Derek Cash, Deborah Dalton and Dawna Vargas, along with their spouses; her 13 grandchildren, Britany, Connor, Sophia, Ella, Jayden, Ivan, Aiden, Lucy, Shania, Liam, Stella, Alex and Dominic; and three great-grandchildren, Miggy, Moe and Millie, along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Saturday, November 18, 2017 at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 740 Highway 20 in Willits. Her memorial is open to the public. In leu of flowers, the family requests your presence at her funeral service.

Boonville Fair Winners

Results from the 2017 Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show

Covelo exhibitors

Blaire Auclair of Covelo won multiple awards in the open livestock show, second and fifth place in the commercial / market class and two fourth-place awards for natural colored fleeces.

Janet Heppler of Covelo won multiple awards in the open livestock show, first place for her merino ram and second place for her merino ewe as well as three first-place awards and one second-place award in the commercial / market class category. She also won two second-place awards for her natural colored fleeces and third and fourth place for her hand spinner white fleeces.

Laytonville exhibitors

Natalie Campbell of Laytonville won two second-place awards in the open livestock show both for her senior calf and two second-place awards in the home arts show.

Aurora Belle David of Laytonville won two first-place awards and one second-place award in the junior livestock show.

Namid David of Laytonville won two first place awards in the junior livestock show for his mini satin and Netherland dwarf.

Chad A. Hill of Laytonville won three first-place

awards in the agriculture show for his garlic and onions in the root, bulb and tuber vegetables category.

Charlotte Tefft of Laytonville won first place in the home arts show for her soft sculpture.

Haley Whitcomb of Laytonville won first place in the open livestock crossbred cattle show.

Jimmy Whitley of Laytonville won first and third place in the junior livestock show for his senior calf and junior yearling.

Rose Zarchin of Laytonville won first in the open livestock show for her blackface ewe and second place in the open livestock show for the "all other purebred rams" category.

Willits exhibitors

Keely Ahders of Willits won five first-place awards and two second-place awards in the junior livestock show. Ahders also won three first-place awards, two second-place awards, and a third-place award in the juniors 4H / FFA show.

Samantha M. Arms of Willits won first place in the junior livestock FFA dog show, five second-place awards in the junior livestock shows in the wether dam and sire and Suffolk and Hampshire categories. Arms also won fourth and ninth place in the junior livestock show for her spring

ewe lamb.

Danielle C. Barry of Willits won two first-place awards in the juniors 4H / FFA intermediate show and first place in the junior livestock show for her spring lamb.

Lynne Brokaw of Willits won first place in the fine arts acrylic painting show.

Callie Brown of Willits won third place in the junior livestock percentage does show.

James Brown of Willits won seventh place in the junior livestock percentage does show.

Stephany R. Brundage of Willits won ten first-place awards and three second-place awards in multiple categories of the junior livestock show, seven first-place awards and two second-place awards in the juniors 4H / FFA third through sixth year show, and six first-place awards in the juniors 4H / FFA creative arts show.

Caiden B. Campbell of Willits won second place in the junior livestock unregistered doe show.

Claire Case-Brckett of Willits won a first-place award and three second-place awards in the junior livestock show for her New Zealand junior doe and February pig.

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Handsome Clayton

Meet Clayton! This handsome German shepherd-mix dog is 3 years old and 80 pounds. This big guy knows "Sit," and has a soft mouth when he takes treats. Clayton is a friendly dog who might enjoy canine training classes. During his meet and greet and evaluation, Clayton met our big, fluffy tester dog, and reacted in an appropriate manner. He also participated in our multi-dog play group, and was well-behaved and had lots of fun.

Sometimes, Clayton will jump up when he gets excited, a behavior that is easy to correct. Because of this, we suggest that any children in his new home be over 12 years old. Also, Clayton is not a cuddly dog, so kids need to be old enough to understand that. German shepherd dogs are very smart, and excel in training activities like obedience classes, agility, etc. Before an adoption into a home with dogs, we always suggest a meet and greet at the shelter.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.



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Joel Chilson of Willits won three first-place awards in the juniors 4H / FFA show.

Jubile Chilson of Willits won three first-place awards in the juniors 4H / FFA show.

Justine Chilson of Willits won a first-place award and two second place awards in the juniors 4H / FFA show.

Nancy Finn of Willits won two third-place awards and a fourth-place award in the fine arts jewelry show.

Caitlyn Forrester of Willits won second place in the junior livestock wether dam and sire show and third place in the junior livestock show for her senior, junior or summer yearling.

Grant Forrester of Willits won second place in the open livestock percentage does show and two tenth-place awards in the junior livestock show.

Madison Forrester of Willits won tenth place in the open livestock show, sixth place in the junior livestock percentage does show, and two tenth-place awards in the junior livestock show.

Lilah Garman of Willits won first place in the junior livestock FFA dog show and a third and fourth-place award in the junior livestock show.

Aaron Hult of Willits won two first-place awards in the agriculture show for his leafy and stem vegetables and small fruits and berries and a second-place award in the home arts pickles and relishes show.

Kathy Lebert of Willits won two second-place awards and a third-place award in the home arts pickles and relishes show and a second-place award in the home arts sauces and condiments show.

Tinley N. Logan of Willits won second place in the junior livestock Nigerian dwarf show.

Isabella Lopez of Willits won second place in the junior livestock New Zealand show.

Kathy Lundgren of Willits won five first-place awards in the home arts pickles and relishes show.

Ashley McCoard of Willits won three first-place awards in the open livestock show.

Skip McFarling of Willits won two second-place awards and a third-place award in the specialties amateur home brew show.

Cole Moyle of Willits won fourth place in the junior livestock purebred / full blood does show.

Mariah N. Ochoa of Willits won five fourth-place awards in the junior livestock show for her Nigerian dwarf and purebred / full blood does.

Briana Ramsey of Willits won three first-place awards, five second-place awards, and a fourth-place award in the open livestock Hampshire show.

Chuck Ream of Willits won 13 first-place awards and five second-place awards in the open livestock show in multiple categories, including Suffolk, spring ewe lamb, feather-legged bantam, and pigeon.

Alexis Reyes of Willits won first place in the junior livestock purebred does show.

Morgan Riley of Willits won a first and second-place award in the open livestock percentage does show and a first and second-place award in the junior livestock percentage does show.

Jeff Skaggs of Willits won third place in the specialties amateur home brew show.

Tracy Skaggs of Willits won second place in the specialties amateur home brew show.

Karen Smith of Willits won 21 first-place, 17 second-place, eight third-place, a fourth-place, a fifth-place, and two sixth-place awards in the open livestock Nubian show.

Catie G. Spackman of Willits won a third-place, fifth-place, and 13th-place award in the open livestock show and a fifth, ninth and 13th-place award in the junior livestock shows.

Natalie C. Spackman of Willits won two fifth-place awards in the open livestock senior calf shows.

Kaleb Whitehurst of Willits won two first-place awards and three fifth-place awards in the junior livestock show in multiple categories.

Addison N. Yadon of Willits won a third-place award in the open livestock Nigerian dwarf show and a third-place award in the junior livestock Nigerian dwarf show.

Results provided by Jo Dinning

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And the market offers hot coffee and tea to warm up a cold day.

There are still tomatoes and peppers on the produce tables, lots of greens, and winter squash. Kale and chard, Asian greens, salad mix, microgreens, radishes and salad turnips, and carrots are the main fall and winter crops in our area.

The Willits market is also planning on partnering with a farm in Sonoma County to bring local citrus to the table in the winter months. While regulars like Tequio Farm and the Farm School Farm at Ridgewood Ranch are committed to winter production, they are still building capacity to serve our market. The Willits market will be looking for farmers to fill the gap throughout the season, including a return of fire-damaged Floodgate Farm, with their signature floral and herb salad mix. (For those looking for Jennens Hartley and Alexander Kramer's holiday turkeys, Jennens reports that they had problems with supplier this year so haven't raised any birds.)

The opening of the winter market also brought back our crafts vendors. Visitors to the summer market will remember Timothy Cerrato's and Erin Harpster's creative jewelry. Another newcomer this summer was Lawrence Dumpster, with fancy leather work. All three have joined the winter market, along with Betsy Williams from Covelo with her Dreamtime Jade, jade jewelry from stones harvested locally. Erwin Ludwig will be back this year with hand-crafted knives and kitchen accessories every other week. And we will be seeing more of Lisa Williams and her I'm Sew Sure quilted goods. Also returning this week is Erin Bell with Not Harry's Nuts. As the holidays approach, Farmers Market is a great place to shop for presents.

Every week Keith Rosen is on hand to sharpen household knives, scissors, and garden tools.

Willits Farmers Market depends not only on dedicated farmers and other vendors, but on the general public as well. Every year this time the market's customer base seems to shrink. The reason isn't clear. Those who come to the Grange find a warm, dry, welcoming space with lots to choose from. Children and adults alike enjoy the live music each week, and there are always treats for both.

The farmers market is affordable to low-income customers who receive EBT benefits; the Market Match program doubles benefits (up to a set amount), so customers can purchase the more expensive food items while benefiting from everyday low prices on quality meat, eggs and produce like everyone else. (EBT customers should find the market manager to use their cards and receive Market Match benefits.)

Willits Farmers Market is also a community gathering place. Shoppers can come and chat with the staff of the Willits Weekly, talk to the spinner's circle about the arts of spinning and weaving, or look over the shoulders of the Chess Club playing difficult games down the hallway. Some players will even teach the kids how to play. Those who want to introduce their business or non-profit activity to the market-going public should contact the market manager for information on how to set up a table at market.

Michael Foley is a partner in Green Uprising Farm and market manager at the Willits Farmers Market. Michael can be reached at foley.mw@gmail.com or 707-216-5549.

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would use the funding to assist RCS in building a triple-faceted crisis center on Orchard Avenue in Ukiah. The crisis center would include a mental health crisis access center, a crisis stabilization center, where people who are in severe mental health crisis could be held for up to three days, while RCS staff searches for a longer-term hospital setting for the patient, and a mental health crisis residential center, where people who are suffering from a mental health crisis could live and receive treatment for up to 30 days.

Schraeder also said that, assuming the county receives the funding, completion of the crisis center would complement the mental health facilities to be built as a result of last week's passage of Measure B.

Speaking with Willits Weekly about what kind of mental health facility or facilities would still be necessary in the event that RCS successfully builds its mental health complex, Schraeder said that three important elements are still needed. They are a 30-day secure facility, the kind that can hold a patient against his or her will for up to 30 days; a drug and alcohol treatment facility; and a first responder training facility.

Schraeder added it is likely that Measure B funding will be "multiple facilities and multiple locations." But she added that the final determination of how funds raised by Measure

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open when tribal police officers arrived after seeing smoke just after 1 am. Nixon added that transients had been known to camp outside the doors.

The officers made sure no one was in the building before Covelo Volunteer Fire Department engines arrived to battle the blaze, Fire Chief Doren Freedman told Willits Weekly.

"We were told the church had been constructed of redwood," Freedman said. "And redwood burns hot and fast.

"I only live half a mile away, and by the time I got there, the roof and other parts of the church were fully engulfed in flame."

"Woke up at 1:30 am and the church was on fire. Can feel the heat from the back yard! So scary and intense ..." Laurie Wolkey of Covelo posted on Facebook.

Three CVFD engines and a water truck and two CalFire engines fought the flames. One Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department, one CalFire engine, and one Little Lake Fire Department engine were cancelled en route to

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access] issue to be brought up again," Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey agreed, but suggested funding the county might receive for the project would not be used for emergency egress, but to "quiet traffic on Sherwood Road."

Croskey had been named to a board of supervisors ad hoc committee to study the question earlier that Tuesday. She and fellow committeeman, coast Supervisor Dan Gjerde, will begin examining both short-term and long-term solutions for the problem after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Croskey added she would "try to get department of transportation signage" for the part of Sherwood Road that connects Brooktrails and Highway 101 south of Laytonville. The signs would direct Brooktrails residents to use the mostly unpaved road to evacuate during an emergency.

Township board President Rick Williams described the 7-mile-long road as "really bad," but added two-wheel drive vehicles could navigate "the potholes." Croskey said she had used the road on several occasions to travel between Willits and Laytonville for her large-animal veterinary practice.

"Widening the road will be a major project," she said. "It's only graded once a year at present."

Orth noted the township may be forced "to seek some sort of community assessment to help fund the project."

In the meantime, Croskey said there "is no timeline for when the ad hoc committee will complete its work," but she hopes it "will be done by the end of 2018."

She stressed the ad hoc committee will rely

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of North Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of being a fugitive from justice.

6:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Daisy Drive and Primrose Drive and issued a warning.

8:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

B will be used will be decided by the 11-person Citizens Oversight Committee Measure B set up to make recommendations to the board of supervisors. Sheriff Tom Allman told Willits Weekly last week he hoped the commission, including one appointee made by each supervisor, can meet for the first time in mid-January.

Speaking to the board of supervisors on behalf of Planning and Building Services, Administrative Services Supervisor Adrienne Thompson said her department saw the RCS project as both viable and as filling the requirements of the state office of Housing and Community Development for a "shovel-ready project."

"Shovel-ready is somewhat of a loose determination for them, but it is something that has plans, has an architect on site. The site is owned and controlled by the property owner and they only have a couple of outstanding things, like the application date for a permit [remaining to be done]. [In the case of RCS], they own the site. They have the funding. They are in the process of requesting a USDA loan, so they already have part of their package together. And we as staff support this as our shovel-ready project," Thompson said.

In July 2016, the county's Mental Health Division received \$500,000 from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority, which was used in funding the early stages of the RSC crisis residential facility project.

the fire.

Freedman said there was nothing firefighters could do to save the old church. Instead, firefighters directed their efforts to saving nearby buildings and preventing the church's propane gas tanks from exploding and spreading the flames.

CVFD engines remained at the site until about 9 am Saturday morning, Freeman said.

"The local firefighters – only five – did a fantastic job in containing the fire to just the church," Nixon said in a statement issued after the fire. "They used 20,000 gallons of water and no one was injured."

The church has about 25 parishioners; most are 65 or older. In May 2017, the church was seeking a new half-time pastor.

Nixon, who also posts a Covelo Weather Page on Yahooo, said the congregation is already talking about rebuilding the edifice. "The church is the people; the meeting place is just a building," he said.

heavily on already completed studies addressing the second access, and Williams urged the supervisor to "add some really qualified people from the community" to help the committee in its work.

Funding for any project will be available for the next eight-to-10 years, Croskey said, but it will be "two, three, four years before we start" work.

However, she promised, "public meetings will be held so residents can become involved" and air their opinions.

Williams called the second access road "an issue that's been played around with for a long time," and Croskey agreed "there's no better time to bring it up than now."

"I don't think the county understands there are more than 1,000 children who live along Sherwood Road," Williams said. "A major fire, or an earthquake, will result in [massive] loss of life.

"This is a moral crisis facing a community in danger."

Garbage rate hikes proposed

In other action, Brooktrails directors will decide whether to grant Solid Waste of Willits a 4.28 percent rate hike following a December 12 public hearing.

The hike would mean Brooktrails residents would pay about \$1.34 per month more for "a typical 35-gallon garbage receptacle" to be picked up, said township General Manager Denise Rose. That's an annual increase of \$16.08.

SWOW is seeking the rate hike to offset increases in fuel costs and landfill fees, as well as a drop in recycling revenues.

November 12

1:12 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

9:25 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of Pine Street.

12:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

1:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

8:02 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.



DISCOVER WILLITS

For more information, contact
Jenny Senter at 707-888-7834 or
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'Discover Willits' event offers a fun way to shop locally

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church
803 Coast Street
P.O. Box 489, Willits
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Pastor, Bill Nobles
Information: 456-9668
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•ECK Light & Sound Services
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Call 707-456-9934

Grace Community Church
Celebrating Life In Christ
25 Hazel Street, Willits
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service &
Children's Church - 11 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies
Potluck every 2ND Sunday
Alan Klier, Lead Pastor
459-3106

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1 North Main Street, Willits
707-459-3066
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With the rain setting in and Thanksgiving coming up, the holiday season is upon us. Why not get a head start on your Christmas shopping, or pick up some goodies for your celebratory dinner, while supporting local businesses? Shopping locally not only helps keep local businesses doing well, making Willits a better place to live for us all, the sales taxes you pay on money spent locally help support the municipal services, like the Willits Police Department, that any small town needs.

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The 2nd annual free "Discover Willits" event, sponsored by the Willits Chamber of Commerce and organized by North County Women in Business, is set for this Saturday, November 18. So far, almost 50 local businesses, most of them members of the Willits Chamber, have signed up to participate.

Shoppers can start at the Willits Center for the Arts from 10 to 11 am, to enjoy coffee and snacks and to pick up a packet with a Willits map, a list of participating businesses, citing any special discounts offered to those wearing a "Discover Willits" name badge, and information about how to collect raffle tickets for prizes drawn at the end of the day.

Discover Willits organizer Jenny Senter has been out delivering information and raffle tickets to the businesses on the list. "I am so impressed with the generosity of our town's merchants," she said. "Please come out on this Saturday to shop, visit, eat, have fun, and win some of these great raffle items that I am collecting!"

Shoppers are invited to return to the Art Center at 4 pm, for more refreshments and "to share the fruits of our labors," Senter said.

Participating businesses include Willits Chamber of Commerce members: Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli, The House Doctor Paints, Brickhouse Coffee, Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Mazahar Boutique & Goods' Shoppe, Buttercups Children's Boutique, Cat's Meow, Adam's Restaurant, Shanachie Pub, Moon Lady, Misty Made & Sew Much More, El Mexicano Restaurant, The Book Juggler, The Loose Caboose Restaurant, Al's Redwood Room, J.D. Redhouse & Co., Necole's Beauty & Fitness, Mariposa Market, Georges Geodes and Gems, TNT Market & Restaurant, Noyo Theatre, Willits Center For the Arts, Skunk Train, Kemmy's Pies, Mendo Mill & Lumber Co., Flowers by Annette, Mendocino County Museum, ER Energy/The Homestore, Ace Copy & Shipping Center, Willits Furniture Center, Willits Body Works Gym, La Siciliana, Willits Power Equipment, Old Mission Pizza, Copper Thimble, Our Yoga Center, Willits Grocery Outlet, City Nails, Frank Howard R. Memorial Hospital Gift Shop, and Sparetime Supply, and non-members Re-Evolution, Monkey Wrench and Copper Thimble.

There's still time for members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce to sign up to participate as "Discover Willits" businesses: email ncwib2012@gmail.com, call 707-888-7834, or RSVP on the Facebook event page, "Discover Willits-Shopping Fun!"



Cynthia Lamon had a great time shopping at Buttercups Children's Boutique and many other local stores last year.

Photo by
Jenny Senter



Above: Rich and Kim Venturi of the Willits Wild Bunch, the official "Mr. and Mrs. Toy Run Santa Claus."

Toy Run Time

Annual toy drive at Little Lake Grange on Sunday, November 26

It's almost time to ride (or drive!) to the Little Lake Grange for the annual Willits Wild Bunch Toy Run event, which helps gather toys and clothing for the Willits Rotary's Willits Children's Christmas Program.

The event will be held on Sunday, November 26, and the run will start at noon at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Bikers will escort Santa and Mrs. Claus down Main Street and School Street, where they will unload and party at the Grange, usually starting around 12:30 pm.

Live music will be provided by the King Snakes Blues Band, and there will be a raffle, live auction, food and more to enjoy during the event. Admission to the event is one unwrapped toy, and any donations or money received at the event will go to fund the delivery of Christmas gifts to those in need in the community.

With the additional manpower of the Willits Wild Bunch, the group noted they will be spending more attention vetting the applications for those who will be on the receiving end of the gifts this year.

"We really want to make sure the gifts are going to families who don't have other options," said the Wild Bunch's Richard Venturi. "We will help anyone who needs it, absolutely, but we want to make sure that those in need are taken care of for sure."

In 2016, the Willits Children's Christmas Program helped 460 local kids, and Venturi mentioned that one of the big needs they saw were for shoes – any size, infant to 12 years old. Every child also receives a book.

Kids who are enrolled in the program this year will all have requests for gifts listed on tags which also include the child's age, clothing size and more. Tags are hung on trees at businesses around town. Start looking for the tag trees on November 20 and 21.

"We have additional trees this year," said Venturi. "Businesses who haven't had a tree before and wish to are welcome to call us!"


Anyone wishing to shop for a child is welcome to select a tag, purchase the items listed, and then drop off the unwrapped items at the old Rexall building, J.D. Redhouse, or Main Street Music.

The Willits Wild Bunch will be moving into the Rexall building on the corner of Main and West Mendocino this Saturday, November 18, and will be running things there until just before Christmas when the toys are delivered.

Five new Santa suits will also make their appearance during the deliveries this year, and the Santas are happy! The Willits Wild Bunch also officially received their 501(c)3 non-profit tax-exempt charity status this year.

Anyone wishing to sign their child up for the program can contact their child's school or call Kim Venturi at 972-8782 for more information and qualification guidelines.

– Maureen Moore



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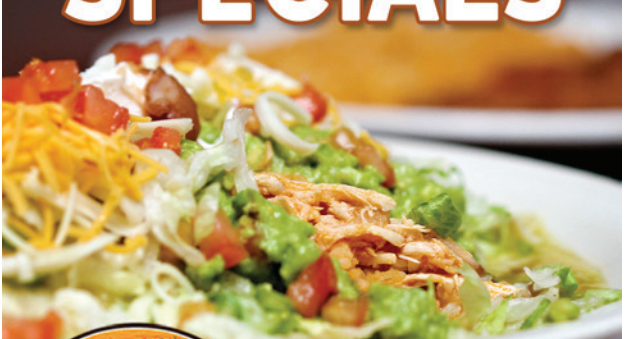
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