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Supes bring
PACE

closer to reality

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Supervisors on Tuesday approved two resolutions that brought a Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program closer to reality in Mendocino County.

They first established a Community Facilities District congruent with the boundaries of the county to implement property tax collection for a clean energy program. The second was a resolution of intent to establish the district.

The board also set a public hearing on establishment of the CFD for January 21, 2014.

No new taxes are proposed to finance the improvements energy provided by the PACE program. However, the program will provide technology that produces energy, such as solar panels, and technology that conserves energy, such as double-paned windows and other items, to private property holders, who will repay the debt to the provider with payments added to the holder's property taxes.

According to county General Services Director Kristen McMenomey, Ygrene Energy, which will administer and implement the program in the county, has agreed to reimburse the county for time spent by county staff to research the program and to draw up a

Read the rest of PACE

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County goes forward with

## right to industry

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Mendocino County supervisors on Tuesday overwhelmingly adopted a "right to industry" ordinance.

The ordinance states that as long as an industry is operating in an industrial zone, and complies with state and federal regulations and environmental laws governing that industry, the operations of that industry business or are not to be deemed nuisance. Citizens bothered by any given slate of industrial processes or their byproducts - such as noise, odors, and light and air pollution - may still sue in court to redress

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Thursday, December 12, 2013



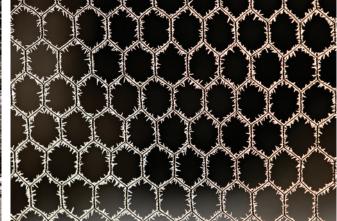
A little sparrow tries to warm itself in the early morning sun.

Photo by Maureen Moore

# Winter was here!

Willits and the surrounding area was very picturesque after the recent snow and frost. Check out photos from our readers all over town, here and throughout today's paper!







Clockwise from top left:

One of Willits' oldest homes (1906), at the corner of Bush and McKinley streets, looked like a postcard in the snow (photo by Cynda Valle). Chicken wire covered in frosty ice spikes (photo by Maureen Moore).

Brodey Lamprich giggles as the snow starts to fall (photo by April Lamprich). A goldfish pond became a wonderland of ice crystals (photo by Cheryl Jordan).

Willits High School students in the falling snow (photo by Jeff Bergmann). A deer made a dash though the snow and was caught mid-leap on camera (photo by Alicia Logan). Bryan Tyler, Jeff Yokum, Kevin Kvasnicka and Jack Drew posed for a photo during their Christmas tree-cutting trip (photo by Jennifer Drew).

Abby proudly stands with her snowman in front of her Willits Valley home (photo by Halley Rayburn). Sherwood Road's closure backed cars up on Main Street for as far as the eye could see (photo by Maresa Kendrick).

#### Bottom:

The last remaining frost-covered apple leaves almost glow in the morning sun (photo by Maureen Moore).









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A Friday afternoon snowstorm dealt Willits residents something they are not used to: snow, ice and frozen snow everywhere.

Brooktrails, road conditions were looking Wednesday better morning. Kent Standley the Mendocino County Department of Transportation's road division said that, as of end of day Tuesday, crews had put sand on the majority of the nearly 60 miles of roads in Brooktrails.

Snow and ice remain on the shadier west side of Sherwood Road.

The Little Lake Fire Department responded to vehicle spinouts and similar accidents on Friday. Deputy Chief John Thomen said the department was busy with calls on Highway 162 (Covelo Road), Oil Well Hill, Ridgewood on Highway 101, and Highway 20.

"We've probably run to eight different places where we had pipes or sprinkler heads freeze," Thomen said

Sprinklers, he explained, usually contain antifreeze, enough to get them through temperatures in the low 30s. But temperatures in the teens will still affect them.

Monday morning, Willits Unified School District shuttered its schools while maintenance workers battled broken pipes.

"The roads were unsafe for parents to bring their kids to school," said WUSD Executive Assistant Laura Sleeper.

As of Wednesday afternoon, school bus service was scheduled to run to locations on the east side of Sherwood road, including up to Third Gate, but still not to the shady west side.

Students living on the west side of Sherwood Road are being let off at the Brooktrails Golf Course clubhouse. All other school buses are running.

Sherwood School was in session Wednesday, but will have a late start Thursday due to burst water pipes that maintenance staff is working to fix. As of late Wednesday afternoon, the district was planning a school day from 11 am to 2 pm at Sherwood School on Thursday.

Saturday morning, the Brooktrails Fire Department responded at about 1:30 a.m. to a report of a house full of smoke on Willow Place.

Little Lake Fire District sent two fire engines and a "Breathing Air Support Unit"

Read the rest of



## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

#### Thanks from the superintendent

To the Editor:

In the season of thankfulness and giving, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Willits Unified School District board, staff and Willits community for allowing me to serve as your

The last six months have been personally rewarding as well as a learning opportunity. In that time, I have observed dedicated staff implement learning strategies to support students academically and personally; the hiring of a fiscal director; increased enrollment; support for our food program and technology funding; and participation in community forums focused on reconfiguration and Common Core.

Community involvement in school events such as Back to School Night, sports activities, academic conferences, Coffee with the Principal, college tours, Book Fair, even Scary Story Night, to name only a few, has been overwhelming. It is this support that connects our children with the school community and provides a strong partnership between family, community and school.

As the second half of the school year begins, it is these activities that will help to carry us through the challenges ahead. WUSD is still facing a struggling budget, challenging labor negotiations, and the difficulties that come with changing entrenched curriculum methodologies and fiscal

I encourage the discussion and debate that these challenges will inspire, and I promise transparency and consistency in leadership it's right in front of me. But that's as we move forward. I hold high expectations, for myself and all staff, to work daily to support student learning while providing a safe and the settings PDQ, Randi will be right: healthy environment.

This dedication and professionalism has been exemplified by staff since my tenure began.

It is through difficult times that we will instill character, hard work and values in our youth for generations to come. Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to serve the Willits

superintendent of schools

#### Let's argue about it

To the Editor:

I hope it's not too late to thank Randi Covin for her pre-Thanksgiving Day letter carving up the bypass protesters. Call me a glutton for punishment, but I truly relish Randi's rants: they're always the perfect complement to whatever baloney Caltrans is serving

#### The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters from area residents, focusing on Willits issues, activities, events and people, have priority. Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred.

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Randi seems to swallow Caltrans' line whole, along with the hook and sinker. She invents mythical statements, attributes them to "environmentalists," and then proceeds to attack her straw man or woman. Like Caltrans, she goes sideways with the issues.

It's not about protesters suing to stop Caltrans from taking fill from the MFP mill site. It's about Caltrans not complying with the law by not testing for toxics. Like an out-of-control guest who's tearing up the place, they needed to be restrained and someone

It's not about "armchair SOLLV experts" versus Caltrans' engineers; it's about a plan Caltrans already has for a feasible roundabout. The problem is, they're not sharing it. But somehow Randi is qualified to tell us that it's just a half-baked, never-youmind old plan anyhow.

Even I doubt Caltrans would design a "head-on crash" roundabout, at least not on purpose. But again, that's not the issue. The issue is the bloated northern interchange that is not needed to connect two lanes of a four-lane impact bypass to a two-lane highway less than two miles away. We need to shrink this turkey. Let's argue

For starters, there's the old "It's too late and too hard to change now" chestnut. In reality, change work orders are a dime a dozen for Caltrans. Just look at the fix they came up with for the San Francisco Bay Bridge fiasco. Downsizing the bypass may not be quite as easy as pie, but where there's a will, there's a way, a better way. Isn't that the American way?

Why anyone would sit at Caltrans' table after all their violations. betrayals, doubletalk and downright bad manners is beyond me. Or maybe beside the point. Finally, I don't know if it's about karma, but I do know it's about climate and if we don't change it will be too late.

Naomi Wagner, Willits

#### Shop locally

Ok, here is my holiday rant and reward! Did you know that the holidays comprise about half of the profit for a Pat Johnson, WUSD year? If you appreciate your local, independently owned shops, please support them. It doesn't have to be a lot; every little bit helps and if you don't know what to get, buy a gift certificate.

> Can you imagine driving through your town and having to only choose from big box stores? Local shops bring character, culture and soul to a town. They support local artists, entrepreneurship, city tax and provide jobs. We are being bombarded by holiday advertising right now from corporations ... and now we can shop on our phones!

> > We need to make conscious decision to shop locally and in person! Do you appreciate certain shop(s) in town for their interesting

merchandise and outstanding customer service? Then shop there in the next two weeks. Do you like driving through town and seeing it alive with cool stores instead of empty storefronts? Then support them. Don't take them for granted or they may not be there next year.

Suzanne Picetti, Blue Sky Gallery, Willits

#### Pawns in the game

To the Editor:

Randi Covin related the astonishment and hurt feelings of the construction and Caltrans workers she served lunch to, "about the hostility they have faced from bypass opponents this year." Maybe they don't know what their day-work will do to the last undisturbed alluvial valley in California and the economy of its citizens.

Personally, I have spoken to numerous Caltrans and construction workers as well as to CHP personnel, and the terms were always clear.

They are pawns in the game; so are we in this small California town

It's understood. Ms. Covin's attempt to impute quilt fails.

Then again, there is the Chinese saying: "Hawks and dogs are not responsible for what they do; their master is." The employees of both the state agencies and the contractors institutionally gave up their say about the wisdom of what they do.

Their masters are the people, that is, unless subverted by invested economic interests, using Caltrans for

The tragedy here is that the most responsible and well-informed citizen concerns have been successfully beaten back or lied off by brute economic force.

From the very beginning of the monolithic entry of Caltrans into this valley, there were serious reservations. Not one citizen back in 1988 wanted a full-bore freeway implanted upon this lovely valley. But Big Daddy Caltrans said it was the only way. It wasn't.

Complicated engineering design arguments have nothing to do with facing such an out-sized project for a small alluvial valley.

Expertise is a long way from vision. √ision calls for knowledge and a comprehensive care for the area and its future life.

Ms Covin may worship the tread of Geoffrey Wright, lead engineer for Caltrans. But he doesn't know the first thing about the permanent effects of wick-drains on a wetlands - because wick-drains have never been used on a wetlands with water at flood flowing

In the North Valley, one can observe miles of stacked culverts that will deflect what would have been filtered, that will speed up the run of the overflow rain, and make as yet unpredictable changes in one of the most beautiful and peaceful valleys in existence. Farewell to the salmon headed right for the interchange.

> Read the rest of Letters Over on Page 11

# Help out the Willits Christmas Program

Amidst all the holiday festivities around town, one endeavor really stands out: the Willits Community Christmas Program.

Every year, Christmas trees decorated with tags listing toys, clothing and other gifts for needy children in our area are put up at local businesses and organizations around

Shoppers can select a tag and "fulfill" all of that kid's wish list or buy only one or two items: Monetary donations will help fill in the gaps on any tag.

"I don't want anyone to feel threatened by the fact that they can't do the whole card," said Sandy Turner, longtime organizer of the program. "You don't have to buy everything on a tag. We want to make it so everyone can help in their

The most important thing right now is to get those gifts and clothing items turned in as soon as possible, so volunteers can get started sorting and wrapping the items. The "Santa's Workshop" wrapping center at Sparetime Supply's yard on San Francisco Street is just getting up and running: anyone who can help out can call Turner at 490-8872 or just drop by. Tag items can be dropped off there, too, as well as the main drop-off bins at Main Street Music and J.D. Redhouse.

Donations of any amount can be dropped off at Santa's Workshop or mailed (made out to "Rotary Christmas Fund") c/o Sandy Turner. 20960 East Tattersfield Road.

Trees with tags are located at Curves, BodyWorks Gym, Buttercup's, Willits Power Carhartt, J.D. Redhouse, Mazahar, Coast Hardware, Howard Hospital, Main Street Music, Healing Central, Willits Pet Care Center and the Unique Boutique.

Do yourself a favor – partake in the wonderful holiday spirit of giving beyond your own friends and family. Turner says she now has 165 families on her list. At least 350 kids on that list are hoping the generous Willits community will act as Santa Claus again this year.



One of the many trees found around town bearing tags with names and wishes of kids in need this holiday.

P.S.: Don't forget Willits Weekly's 1st annual Christmas Party, Cookie Contest and Cookie Swap, on Friday, December 20, from 4 to 7 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts. All are invited to drop by, taste some cookies, swap some cookies, enjoy music by Devon Jones and Nancy New, pick up back issues, or buy a subscription or a Willits Weekly T-shirt. Hope to







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# CRAB SALE

Rotary's annual event planned for this weekend

The annual Rotary Crab Sale is tentatively scheduled for this weekend, Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14, pending access to fresh crabs from the fish

The volunteers hope to be at the Sweetwater Station parking lot, 425 South Main Street, from 9 am to 6 pm on Friday and 9 am until they sell out on Saturday.

Rotarians have 2,500 pounds of crabs on order. Boiled crabs will be sold for \$10 each to help raise money for the Rotary's scholarship program. Last year, \$10,000 was awarded (as 10 \$1,000 checks) to lucky Willits High School and Willits Charter School recipients.

If crabs are unavailable this weekend, the group will gather at a future weekend at the La Bodega parking lot.

Watch Willits Weekly for more information, if the event is rescheduled.







ALL proceeds will go to the

Frank Grasse Dog Park



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## In the Stars...

**ARIES** 

Mar 21 - Apr 20

the next few weeks, so be sure to around in your head, and if you don't get so caught up in the keep your eyes open.

**TAURUS** Apr 21 - May 21

Taurus, delay any upcoming shopping excursions for the time being. Your coffers are getting a bit sparse, and you need to conserve the rest of your funds.

#### **GEMINI**

May 22 - Jun 21

Listen to advice this week, Gemini. Loved ones only want to help and provide support, so keep that in mind when those closest to you offer some guidance.

> **CANCER** Jun 22 - Jul 22

Cancer, your suspicions may be aroused by someone who has been paying more attention to you than normal. It could be something completely innocent, but right now you're not sure.

Jul 23 - Aug 23 interesting this week, Aries. The Leo. You will find that there are perfect activity will present itself in a number of new ideas swirling

pin one down, you may be on to

#### **VIRGO** Aug 24 - Sept 22

Your colleagues at work may be making things difficult, Virgo, but there is nothing you can do about it right now. Just work your hardest, and things will turn out for the best.

#### LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 23 Libra, prepare to juggle multiple responsibilities in the coming days. Be ready to multi-task and expect to be pulled in multiple

#### **SCORPIO** Oct 24 - Nov 22

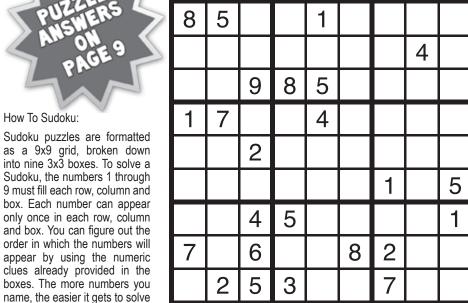
Scorpio, a small misunderstanding turns into a larger battle this week. But you have the power to put the flames out quickly by keeping a too long

Nov 23 - Dec 21

responsibilities.

## Jan 21 - Feb 18

#### Sudoku



Morning in Brooktrails. Photo by

### **SAGITTARIUS**

Sagittarius, you are having so much fun lately that it almost seems like life is a game. Just good times that you overlook your

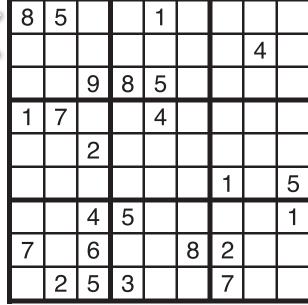
#### **CAPRICORN**

Capricorn, you usually take your responsibilities quite seriously, and that is often for the best. Just be sure to let your hair down sometimes and have a little fun.

## **AQUARIUS**

Aquarius, some irregularities have begun to pop up of late. It is not up to you to figure out what is going on, though. Others will

Pisces, your head may be in the clouds, but it is quite comfortable up there. Just don't linger up there



**PISCES** Feb 19 - Mar 20

#### CLUES ACROSS

11. Wild sheep of northern Africa

- 16. An upward movement 17. Ducktail 18. Town in central Minnesota
- 19. Philatelist's delight 24. Carrier's invention 25. Foreign travellers
- 26. Aurochs 27. Batter advanced score 28. Show the way 29. Steep rugged mass of rock
- 31. Digital data device 33. Insert mark
- 34. Breakout 38. Dissention from dogma 39. Kuhil and clown fish 40. Unconsciousness
- 44. Johann Sebastian 45. Flows to the Danube at Belgrade

43. Czech River

49. World data organization Level: Intermediate 50. Comedian Sahl

- 51. Porch furniture wood
- 53. Potato state 54. American Pickers 56. Yellow-fever mosquitos 58. Edison's company

**Crossword Puzzle** 

- 59. Axis and offshoot angle 60. Standard
- 63. Blame (Scottish) 64. Esoteric 65. Pronounces

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Any wrist bone 2. Baltimore bird 3. Czar's nation
- 4. Regulated food 5. Space next to someone 6. Expunction
- 7. Trauma center 8. Spanish yes Matters
- 10. Twist out of shape 13. Toward 14. Renders able for a task
- 15. An extended social group 20. Article 21. GMA anchor's initials

23. Summer month (abbr.)

22. Streetcar

61. Aid organization (abbr.)

27. Not widely distributed

30. Female 1776 descendants

29. Plays great music

31. Speed gauge ratio

34. Expressing sorrow

35. More hearty, firmer

37. Single pip card

40. A source of worry

42. Highest military valor award

44. Former Harvard Pres. Derek

38. 50th state

41. Eight sided

45. Drinking tubes

47. Self-love

48. Talus joints

50. Accumulator

51. Rural delivery

52. Lady Soul's initials

55. Hawaiian goose

54. Prefix indicating abstraction

57. Prince William's mom, Lady

46. Loss of coordination

32. Old English

33. After B

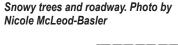


Little Lake Ranch. Photo by Tracy

Sheri Cronin

# Ohl Grove in Brooktrails. Photo by

the puzzle!



Meet the very handsome Twister, a 2-year old neutered male! We believe him to be a Labrador Retriever/Airedale Terrier mix, and he previously lived at our shelter. As a teen he was rather a 'wild child,' but his charm and good looks got him a home quickly. He then lived on a ranch with another dog (a Border Collie), as well as many foster children with whom he was very loving and gentle with. His previous family told us that he was a wonderful pet and was also very smart. He knows numerous commands and he's very eager to learn more. Unfortunately, livestock are too tempting for some dogs, and he bothered the sheep one time too many - so he was brought back to us. He has since calmed down to be a fabulous dog. We think he will make a great family pet in a non-rural environment, and since he has been a part of a family, we expect he will be an easy addition to his

Call Adoption Coordinator Katherine Houghtby at (707) Photo by Rod Coots



Goodbye to a Friend

COLUMN | Equine Health

Today we said "goodbye" to our mare Beatrice – almost 10 years to the day from the day we picked her up in Roseville. She was about 16, pregnant, lame and pretty much unbroke. What a deal, you might say, and you paid \$1,000 to get her out of

Snowy tree out at Hearst. Photo by

Well, yes, I did. Beatrice was one of around 10,000 pregnant mares deemed no longer necessary by Wyeth, the pharmaceutical company that manufactures Premarin, a hormone replacement drug used by menopausal women. About 10 years ago the recommended dose of that drug was reduced by half, which resulted in the industry abandoning thousands of pregnant mares, most of whom went to slaughter. Equine rescue groups rallied to the occasion and attempted to place as many of these mares as they could - and

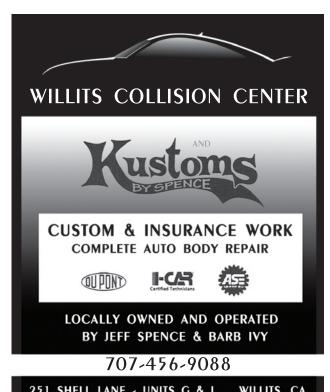
#### that's how Bea came to live with us.

From the beginning Bea was extremely apprehensive about people, especially men. Jessica, then 3 years old, could walk right up to her and pet her, but the rest of us were highly suspicious. She never really got over her mistrust of people; she got better, but never truly let her guard down. She loved baby horses though, and immediately "adopted" 6-month-old Joe and Pokie, who was only 3 months old. This is unusual behavior - most mares care only for their own young foals, but over time Bea adopted and mothered many creatures at our house, including two crippled pigmy goats.

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Above: the Chanterelle trio, featuring left to right: Helen Falandes, Madge Strong and Diane Smalley.

# **Musical Delight**

Saints to listen to the musical talents of local performers, who sang and played songs of the season.

Cookies and merriment followed the performance and eventgoers were able to for December 14, 2014.

Despite the snowy weather, many folks enjoy Nativity scenes and select tags from came out to the 26th annual Christmas trees to help complete the needs of the Chorale at the Church of the Latter Day Willits Community Christmas Program gift list. Bins were also out to collect canned goods for Willits Community Services and Food Bank.

Next year's event is already scheduled



Above: Attendees listen to the music. Below left: Ed Reinhart, pianist, right after his performance. Below right: Performers wait in the "green hall" for their turn to sing.



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Room, North Entrance of

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Monica and Hunter Doro



First Steps Daycare. Photo by Lauren



Frozen rain chain. Photo by Sonia



Henry Lauder's Walking Stick





Photo by Nicole McLeod-Basler





Brendan Pappadakis and Marley play.

Shanachie Pub: twice-monthly E.T. Jazz Jam, featuring Lincoln

Andrews on upright and electric

bass, Michael Cantwell on piano

South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

A platter by Knox Gillespie

8 for more details.

and artisans, with live music throughout the event, and

delicious food and beverages provided by the Willits

Charter School. A benefit for the Willits Center for the Arts.

Info: 459-4792. See article on back page of Willits Weekly

A Hot Winter's Night!: Willits High School's

10th annual celebration, 6 to 8:30 pm at Willits

High School, 299 North Main Street. Free. Music,

drama, poetry and a visual arts exhibit by the high

school's visual and performing artists, including

WHS Jazz Band, Concert Band and Choir. Soup

dinner fundraiser hosted by the Leadership class

from 5 to 6 pm in the Wolverine Café. "Join us

for a small-town celebration of our youth, their

creativity and determination." See article on page

Shanachie Pub: Mendocino Greenhouse &

Winter Solstice at WOWSEP

Wowser Winter Solstice Celebration: Wowser and Mendo Tribal Werkz present

"Audio Corroboree, A Winter Solstice Celebration," Saturday, December 21. "A

Night to Remember," debuting Mendo's new community arts/build space, at

by Psynesthesia and Full Circle, and aerials by Circus Mecca. 18+up to enter.

21 to drink @ the outdoor bar. 7 pm to midnight. \$20 at the door; no presales.

A benefit for Wowser; free entry for Wowser members. Designated drivers get 5

free sodas. Visit: www.wowserllc.com; www.audiocorroboree.com

Garden Supply presents I-Taweh & The Reggae

Wowser, 330 East Commercial Street.

Featuring heavy-hitter DJs An-Ten-

iNi (trip hop, dub step, drum & bass, &

down-tempo, Sebastopol), Zack Darling

(mashup-meets-bass-fusion, North Bay),

and Lexonic (progressive trance, Bay

Lights by AuroraScope and Manna Light;

Nae (acid crunk from San Francisco),

Friday, December 13

Photo by Colleen Pappadakis

December 12

Thursday,

freezing water. Photo by Cheryl Jordan

Holiday

Fair: opens today

from noon to 7

pm at the Willits

Community Center.

Open Saturday.

December 14 from

10 am to 5 pm, and

Sunday, December

15 from 10 am to 4

pm. Fine arts and

crafts for sale by

nearly 30 artists

Crafts



The stream was a contrast of flowing and Donavin kissing his snowman. Photo by Pine Mountain. Photo by Sigrid Bielefeldt Connor in the snow. Photo by Nicole Brittany Wilson







www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-

Silent time at St. Francis Church: St. Francis of the

Redwoods Episcopal Church, at the corner of Main

and Commercial streets, will be open to the public on

seventh- and eighth-grade Baechtel Grove Middle School

bands perform at a free concert tonight, led by Band

Director George Husaruk, 6 pm at Baechtel Grove, 1150

The Home Brew Reading: Student writers from

Mendocino College at Willits Community Theater, 37 W.

Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). 7 pm. Come enjoy

hand-crafted brews and baked treats along with original

poems and stories from Tiffany Bouchard, Caleb Briggs,

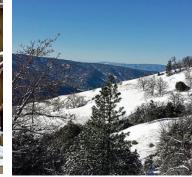
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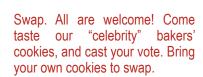
Deaton. Show is produced and directed by Steve Hellman.



Frosty Madrone. Photo by Cheryl Jordan Frankie, Trent, Mariah and their snowman. Photo by Lauren Morris.



Wintery Wonderland. Photo by April



Kristina Wear's kids and their sno

Snowman and decorations. Photo by

Mariposa's parking lot. Photo by Erin

The Willits Valley. Photo by Halley

Photo by Kristina Wear

#### Saturday, December 21

19th Annual Winter Solstice Celebration and Spiral Dance: traditional ceremony of drumming, songs and dance, elemental honoring and spiral dance, plus this year: a midwinter tale for children and adults about generosity

and giving. Costumes encouraged. 6:30 pm at Little Lake

Grange, 291 School Street. \$5 to \$10 donation for the Food Bank; also bring extra warm blankets, coats, socks, etc. for donations. Info:

Wowser Winter Solstice Celebration: Wowser and Mendo Tribal Werkz present "Audio Corroboree, A Winter Solstice Celebration," debuting Mendo's new arts/build community

space, at Wowser, 330 East Commercial Street.Featuring heavy-hitter DJs An-Ten-Nae (acid crunk from San Francisco), iNi (trip hop, dub step, drum & bass, & downtempo, Sebastopol), Zack Darling (mashup-meets-bassfusion, North Bay), and Lexonic (progressive trance, Bay Area). Lights by AuroraScope and Manna Light; sound by Full Circle; deco by Psynesthesia and Full Circle, and aerials by Circus Mecca. 18+up to enter. 21 to drink @ the outdoor bar. 7 pm to midnight. \$20 at the door; no presales. A benefit for Wowser; free entry for Wowser members. Designated drivers get 5 free sodas. Visit: www. wowserllc.com; www.audiocorroboree.com

Shanachie Pub: Forrest & Friends Holiday Jam. 8 pm. No cover, 50 South Main Street, Info: 459-



Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service. December 24

New Year's Eve at Shanachie Pub, with Soundz Positive & Hodge Podge Productions, December 31

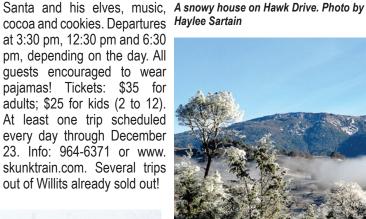


**Skunk Train** Santa Trains

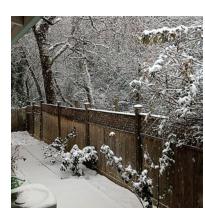
Skunk Train Santa Trains: special Christmas Trains all week at the Willits Depot: at 3:30 pm, 12:30 pm and 6:30 adults; \$25 for kids (2 to 12).







Hearst. Photo by Thea Cohen



Snowy deck. Photo by Jeff Bergmann

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# What's Happening Around Town Things to do, see and enjoy in and around Willits

Tuesday afternoons in December

from 12:30 to 1:30 pm for a

communal silent time:

Pray, meditate, knit, write,

read, do yoga or just sit

quietly. People are welcome to

come for just a few minutes

Baechtel

Magnolia Avenue. All are welcome!

Willits Weekly Christmas Cookie

Party: Wonderful readers and

supporters, come join us this evening,

from 4 to 7 pm, at the Willits Center

for the Arts, for our 1st annual Cookie

or for the whole hour.

**Grove Bands Winter** 

Concert: The sixth-,

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Annual

#### Lions (with special guest veteran trombone player and keyboards, and Jesse Bessoni on drums. Jazz standards infused with funk, hip hop, world and free-form

Nambo Robinson, plus DJ Tigerfish. I-Taweh, out of St Ann Parish, Jamaica, now resident in California, spent jamming. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. 8 pm. No cover. 50 17 years playing guitar and bass with marquee reggae acts like Sugar Minott, Mystic Revelation of Rastafari and Everton Blender. His debut solo old-school roots album, "Overload," hit number one on Richie B's Jamaican reggae album countdown. I-Taweh's voice has been compared to Burning Spear but it has a softer quality that also recalls

Pablo Moses. Visit: www.i-taweh.com. 8 pm. \$10. 50

Saturday, December 14 27th annual Holiday Crafts Fair: see

South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, December 13 listing for details. Work Day Weekend for Grange School of Agricultural Arts: Today and Sunday, December 15, 10 am to 5 pm, rain or shine, at the site of the new Grange farm school at Ridgewood Ranch. Skilled and unskilled

help needed. Bring gloves and tools, if you have them. Please drive slow on the ranch. Lunch available for those who RSVP by December 13. Tours or custom work days available for your group! The mission of

the Grange Farm School is to help train the next generation of farmers in sustainable farming. Contact director Antonia Partridge at (707) 272-1395 or farmdirector@ californiagrange.org RSVP (drop-in volunteers welcome, too). More info at http://californiagrange.org/ agschool/mission.html.

"The First Leon": new musical about the true meaning of Christmas at the Agape Bible Church, 290

The Home Brew Reading

their works in "The Home Brew Reading," Tuesday,

December 17 at the Willits Community Theater, starting at

Student writers from Mendocino College will present

7 pm. Come enjoy hand-crafted brews and baked treats

along with original poems and stories from Tiffany

Bouchard, Caleb Briggs, Jett Jennings, Tim O'Meara,

Daniel Lamprich, Alex Aguilar, David Cesario, Laura

Paeyeneers and Allison Deaton. Show is produced

and directed by teacher Steve Hellman. Donation at

the door. WCT is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind

South Lenore Avenue. Presented by the Children of God movies: "Frozen" and "Catching Fire." For showtimes: Worship Team. Tonight and Saturday, December 15 at 6 pm. Free. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for

#### Sunday, December 15

27th annual Holiday Crafts Fair: see Friday, December 13 listing for details.

> "Welcome Sunday": the public is invited to a special worship service and reception marking the Willits United Methodist Church's decision to become a "Reconciling Congregation," joining hundreds of other Methodist churches that have taken an affirmative stand to fully include lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the life of the church. 11 am at the church, 286 School Street. Sermon by Pastor Rosemary Landry, with special music

by the Folk Ensemble. A reception will "King Lear": staged reading of William Shakespeare's

great tragedy, which tells the story of a king who abandons his crown, yet wishes to continue to be treated like a king. It doesn't work out so well for him. With Lanny Cotler as Lear, and a cadre of Willits' finest actors in the ensemble cast, this staged reading is directed by Mike A'Dair. The second reading today at 2 pm. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. Info: 459-0895.

"The First Leon": See Saturday, December 14 listing for Friday, December 20 details. Agape Bible Church.

#### Tuesday, December 17

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Contest, Holiday Party and Cookie

# Free Christmas Dinner

Free Christmas Dinner: Long Valley Garden Club invites the public to its 9th annual free Christmas dinner on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, from 12 noon to 6 pm in Laytonville, at 375 Harwood Road. Tuesday prep will be from 9 am to noon. Please join us for either or both days. To donate food and or time, call Amanda at 984-7108.

## 'The First Leon'

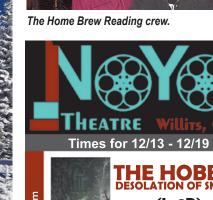
at Agape Bible Church

In this new musical about the true meaning of Christmas, "you will see the Christmas story through the eyes of Leon," played by Nathan Sauers. Ever since Leon discovered his name, spelled backwards, is "Noel," "he's felt called to tell the world the true meaning of Christmas. But when he tries out for every role in the annual Christmas pageant, he finds that he's the only one who doesn't get a part..." Presented by the Agape Bible Church's Children of God Worship Team.

"The First Leon" plays Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15 at 6 pm at the Agape Bible Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue, Willits.



PG 13) 1hr 59mins - Wed & Thurs: 5:15 & 7:50pm







THE HOBBIT: DESOLATION OF SMAUG Subject to stock on hand (In 3D) Snowy trees. Photo by April Lamprich (PG13) 2hrs 41mins **Fri to Sun:** 1:30, 5:00, 8:30pm **Mon to Thurs:** 5:00 & 8:30pm **FROZEN** (PG) 1hr 48mins Back open from 11 am - 7 pm on Friday Friday: 3:00, 5:30, 8:00pm **Sat/Sun:** 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00pm **Mon to Thurs:** 5:30 & 8:00pm HUNGER GAMES **CATCHING FIRE** Mandarıns (PG13) 2 hrs 26 mins & COMPLETE DETAIL SERVICE **Fri to Sun:** 2:15, 5:15, 8:15pm 5-lb Gift Box - \$11.99 Mon & Tues: 5:15 & 8:15pm **STARTS WED, 12/18: ANCHORMAN 2** 

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#### Baechte **Grove school** bands busy

Free Winter Concert at BGMS Tuesday night

The sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade Baechtel Grove Middle School bands have been busily performing in December, thanks to the recently completed annual fundraiser which makes it possible for Baechtel Grove to have a growing students are enrolled in the Melissa March, and Ken Groves. band program this year.

The eighth-grade band, along with some seventh-grade band students, performed at Blosser Lane Elementary School on December 4. The next day, the eighth-grade band travelled to the Brookside Retirement Home in Ukiah to bring some holiday cheer to the folks there. After the concert band students shook hands and gave hugs to the audience. There were tears.

On December 11, the 50-member sixth-grade band, along with a few seventh graders, performed at Brookside Elementary School.

And on Tuesday, December 17, all the school bands



From left to right, parent volunteers who helped with a fundraiser for the Baechtel Grove Middle School band program: Grandma Betty, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Hale, Sue Porter, Mrs. Desjardine, Lisa Brown, band program. About 111 Melissa Coughlin, George Husaruk, Billie Wyant, Mariah Sundvold, Shailyn Brewer, Alyssa Groves,

> will perform at the annual Winter Concert at Baechtel Grove Middle School. The concert begins at 6 pm. All are welcome! Admission is free.

> Thirteen parents showed up to sort and package gourmet cookie dough and cheesecake, along with Band Director George Husaruk. Even though it took a little over two hours to complete the task, the money raised (from the fundraiser) will help meet the 2013-14 band budget. making it possible to repair and buy instruments, purchase new music and supplies, and travel to a music festival.

> - submitted by George Husaruk, band director at Baechtel Grove Middle School

# A Hot Winter's Willits High School's 10th annual "A Hot Winter's Night!" is set

to blast off on Friday, December 13 at 6 pm at Willits High School.

Everyone is invited to attend! Join our visual and performing artists as we celebrate the season with music, drama, poetry, and a visual arts exhibit. The WHS Jazz Band, Concert Band and Choir will enchant us with their performances. The drama class will give a special sneak preview of their upcoming show; we will be delighted by this years poets; and there will be sweet treats to eat.

The Leadership class is hosting a delicious soup dinner fundraiser from 5 to 6 pm in the Wolverine Café. All this festivity will be enhanced by family, friends and community!

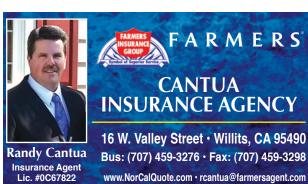
The event is planned and produced by our very own WHS visual & performing artists, under the guidance of Carolyn Bakewell in Visual Arts, Jered Sherrill in Music, Jill Walton in Poetry, Jackie Pealatere in Drama, Jeff Bergmann in Leadership, and Jessie Rees

Join us for a small-town celebration of our youth, their creativity

A Hot Winter's Night, poster at left, is from 6 to 8:30 pm at Willits High School. Bring your family and friends. This event is free for all Info: call Carolyn Bakewell at WHS at 459.7700 x 1533, or email carolynbakewell@willitsunified.com.

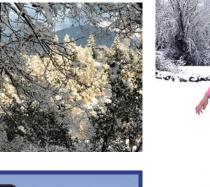






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Left: Hearst. Photo by Thea

Right: Tinley in the snow Photo by Alicia Logan

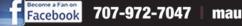
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view, but close to shopping. No pets. No smoking. \$770/month, including garbage. Armco: 459-9601

garage. Close to downtown. No smoking. Small pet negotiable. \$775/month. Water/ garbage paid. Armco: 459-9601

#### For Rent

Office/massage studio for rent. Centrally

#### Found Cat

on Locust Street on December 1. Sweet, vocal, wants forever home, or to go back to his actual home. Is he yours? Call 459-3141.

#### Help Wanted

Front desk agent wanted for Baechtel Creek Inn. Rotating schedule. Must be flexible and customer service-oriented. Apply in person.

#### Swim Coaches for Willits Otters swim team,

Feb. through Aug. Coaching experience desired. Monday through Thursday, 5:30 to 7 pm. Some weekends required for swim meets. Call 391-2154.

#### Volunteers Needed Come meet wonderful people and make a

difference in your community. Pick up an application at the Harrah Senior Center on Baechtel Road. Hope to see you soon.

## Get it Sold!

Classified listings in Willits Weekly are great! Contact us today to place an ad -972-7047 or 459-2633. It's only \$10 for 30 words for two weeks!

#### Help Wanted

Managing Director: WCT seeks permanent P/T administrator: publicity & marketing computer graphics, finance, personnel record keeping and community liaison Salary negotiated. See willitstheatre.org for full job description. Submit resume to WCT P.O. Box 80, Willits, or wct@willitsonline

#### Help Wanted

Ardella's Downtown Diner now hiring all positions. Apply within. No phone calls

#### Help Wanted

Housekeeper wanted for Baechtel Creek Inn Must be able to go up and down stairs, lift up to 30 pounds, and be reliable and willing to work. Apply in person.

#### Help Wanted

Maintenance person wanted for Baechtel Creek Inn. Must be available on weekends, and weekdays. Apply in person.

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Young grey and white male 3/4-tail cat found

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Anna Anderson Clayberg

Anna Anderson Clayberg of Willits passed away on December 5, 2013 at the age of 85. A "Celebration of Life" will be held for her at 2 pm on Sunday, January 5, 2014 at the Ridgewood Ranch Golden Rule Chapel.

#### Billie Ondine Driscoll

Billie Ondine Driscoll of Willits passed away on December 5. 2013 at the age of 79. Memorial services will be held at 11 am Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the Willits Cultural Arts Center.







What could be better this holiday season

Six-month subscriptions are available then to unwrap one of Willits Weekly's for \$40, and one-year subscriptions are brand new "I ♥ Willits Weekly" T-shirts? available for \$75. A sewn newspaper bag The crisp black shirts are printed with white with ribbon handles and fancy presentation lettering on the front and our signature certificate makes a Willits Weekly gift subscription a festive and quick choice for readers of all ages. Shirts are available in unisex sizes from

T-shirts will be for sale at J.D. Redhouse come festively wrapped in cellophane and starting Friday, November 28, and will also be available at Willits Weekly's Winter Gift subscriptions are also available this Willits Farmers Market booth. The market year and make great gifts for locals as is on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm at the well as out-of-towners. Getting the paper Little Lake Grange (skipping Thanksgiving delivered in the mail is a great way for Day).

> For more info or to place an order: 972-7047 or email willitsweekly@gmail.com.

> > - Maureen Moore

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for this holiday

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convenient for locals who don't want to

ribbon, ready for immediate gift giving.

their grievances. However, should a nuisance complaint be filed with the county, and

investigation of the complaint reveals the company or business is operating in compliance

with state and federal regulations and county zoning standards, the county will not attempt

Supervisors accepted a staff decision to jettison an amendment to the ordinance offered

by Supervisor John Pinches at the board's November 5 meeting. Pinches had wanted the

ordinance to apply to industrially zoned properties and to any properties within 1,000 feet

According to county Executive Office staff person Brandon Merritt, at a November 15

stakeholder meeting, a majority of those at the table agreed Pinches' suggestion went too

far and the area of applicability should be any property within 300 feet of an industrially

According to Merritt, if the 300-foot area of applicability were adopted, the ordinance

would affect 455 industrially zoned parcels in the county, plus 1,182 adjoining parcels,

a total of 1.637 parcels. If supervisors had adopted Pinches' 1,000-foot clause, 3,069

adjoining parcels would have been affected, plus the 455 industrially zoned parcels, a

Supervisors also agreed the right to industry ordinance will be disseminated to the public

by the county Department of Planning and Building Services and by local Realtors, who

will include a synopsis of the ordinance in the Mendocino County Real Estate Disclosure

Supervisor Dan Hamburg cast the lone dissenting vote against the ordinance.

The board opted to accept staff's original recommendation of 300 feet.

Advisory Form they provide to prospective buyers.

to force the industry to scale back or change its practices.

from the Ukiah Valley Fire District.

It took 18 firefighters to control the blaze, and the structure sustained major damage. Firefighters were challenged by freezing temperatures and collapse of the home's main

Cause of the fire remains under investigation, according to department officials

Standley of the county road division wanted residents to know that as of Tuesday morning, crews had applied 500 tons of sand to roads countywide, working split shifts

"Now that the temperatures are starting to warm up a little bit," Standley said, "we should start to be able to remove the ice from the roads." People think the trucks should be able to scrape the ice off the roads, he said, but in these very cold temperatures, ice "bonds to the asphalt," he said.

"We'll be working up in Brooktrails until we have it cleaned up," he said. "By the weekend, things should be back to normal. Just a few degrees makes a big difference, once it starts warming up."

#### DEATH NOTICES | Clayberg & Driscoll



Carter watching deer in Brooktrails. Photo by Jenny



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## season of beauty Christmas windows in downtown Willits

**Tennifer Poole** 

The windows and storefronts of

many downtown businesses have been

transformed into wonderful and varied

Wonderland" this month

Christmas

windows at

the Flower

Lady of

Willits.

Below:

Goods'

Shoppe has

window filled

with toys and

a festive

games for

good girls

and boys

Strolling on winter and Christmas scenes, with festive the sidewalks of lighting creating a holiday atmosphere. downtown Willits is like "Walking

Art historian Gary Martin has been doing downtown windows in Willits for four years now, changing the window décor every month for the businesses he works with.

> But Christmas is the biggest season of the year, when it comes to business windows.

"Christmas is a gift from the businesses to the community," Martin said. "A lot of money goes into the Christmas windows.

> first windows Martin did in Willits were for The Flower Owner Arcelia Duran says she gets comments all the time on how beautiful her window displays are, and she knows the windows draw in customers, not only ocals, but also people passing through town.

"I'd just like to say

Read the rest of Windows



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'thank you,' to Gary," Duran contract. said, "because I think he's been doing such a good iob. I think everybody appreciates what he does, and I hope he will keep

doing it for many years. "Gary told me at the beginning," she said: "I want to bring light to downtown Flower Lady has a Nativity

scene in one window this year: the figurines are arranged on a bed of red silk poinsettias, with a swathe of dark green cloth behind, decorated with a big silver star and bright white lights. The other window has a backdrop of birch trees on cloth, with a dense forest scene on the left, including a Christmas tree decorated with white metallic balls and many white Christmas The other side features more greenery and white lights, along with striking bouquets in red and

During a recent walk downtown, Martin pointed out just a few of the windows that others have done, too: "Cat's Meow's windows are always beautiful," he said. "And Mazahar's too." The Headroom has a beautiful Christmas tree in the corner alcove this year, decorated with Grateful Dead insignia and a Jerry Garcia figure, as well as traditional ornaments. Rosalina's Books & Antiques features a cozy scene with Victorian striped chairs and stained glass lamps, Santa Claus figurines, Christmas cards, jewelry and, of course, books, with pretty decorated tree in the background.

Restaurant's Adam's "menu window" to the left of the door is done by Willits artist Laura Wiecek, Martin said. "She does the window seasonally, with amazing results that entertain and create a good deal of interest.

Martin created "snowstorm" in Jixi's window, with the help of seven volunteers who spent three hours, fueled by a glass or two of wine, stringing bits of cotton balls on lines. People "get excited about seeing these creations come to

Classic Christmas toys and-white hats.

Blue Sky Gallery owner Suzanne Picetti is also a fan: "Gary is one of the most creative people I know," she said, "but he's also an educated designer." Martin has a master's degree in art history and humanities curriculum

"Every window he does, he starts with a concept and includes all the design elements to make a great window," Picetti said. "He's a delight to work with. He keeps me inspired, and it's a lot of fun."

windows, the one right now.

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McMenomey said Ygrene has agreed to charge a \$100 fee from each applicant. Those funds will go to the county to defray county expenses in monitoring the program in the future.

Supervisors John Pinches and Carre Brown again stated their reasons for opposing the PACE program. Pinches asked what would happen if no one signed up for the program, and wondered if Ygrene had enough funds to repay the county the approximately \$3,000 it owes

McMenomey said she was convinced Ygrene had enough capital to cover those

Brown read a letter she recently received from the Federal Housing Authority, reiterating that both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac would not look kindly on PACE loans which took priority over their

"I think you're putting at least half of the property owners in Mendocino County at a real risk." Pinches argued. Many county property owners, he noted, don't know where their bank loans come from, whether they are directly from a bank or are supported by one of the two federal housing loan agencies, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. He asked Supervisor John McCowen who would have the responsibility to ensure property owners are informed about the status of their

"That is between the property owner and their lender," McCowen said. "It would be the responsibility of the property owner to notify their lender if they are considering applying for one of these PACE loans." The PACE program, he added, "is completely voluntary. No one has to sign up for it if they don't want to."

McCowen later confirmed Tuesday's vote on PACE does not mean the program is a done deal. Following the January 21 public hearing on the establishment of a Community Facilities District, the county must take another series of actions to start the program. One of those processes will be a validation process, during which McCowen said "the county will essentially sue itself" to determine the project is OK.

But McCowen added he is confident the 3-2 majority on the board (supervisors McCowen, Dan Hamburg and Dan Gjerde) that wants the PACE project to move forward will hold. "It's clear that Mendocino County will have a PACE program," McCowen said

Goodbye life," Martin said.

fill the windows at another client store of Martin's, the Goods' Shoppe. Teddy bears, dolls, books, a Jackin-the-box and a nutcracker soldier are displayed, along with wrapped presents, greenery and jaunty red-

Picetti, too, says people comment on her windows all the time. "People look at the windows," she said, sometimes people that wouldn't ordinarily stop to look, "and they make people want to come in." Blue Sky's "Christmas" window this year is a display of pottery pieces in subtle, desert colors, in round and upright shapes, with glassware, jewelry and a sculptural wood piece mixed in. Soft green and gold Christmas ornaments hang on ribbons, and white lights form an outline. "It's a beautiful window," Picetti said. "it's one of my favorite

As Bea's pregnancy progressed, I did everything I could nothing if not an honest creature

to make her more comfortable around us in case she had problems foaling. I built her a large fluffy straw bed that we could see from our bedroom window and lit the area. Night after night I watched out the window as she became more and more restless and uncomfortable in late pregnancy. During the day she let Pokie and Joe, her other two "kids" sleep on her bed, just like a human mom might. Finally the

night came and, in near freezing conditions, she gave birth to a red colt: "Apple Crisp." I was right there; I straightened out a front leg and made sure the amniotic sac wasn't obstructing his nostrils. I felt the same sense of excitement and awe I always feel when a foal is born ... and this one was ours

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As the minutes progressed, I became very concerned because Bea hadn't turned back to look at her foal or in any other way acknowledged his presence. That's very unusual especially for a mare who has had many foals. She just refused to look around, totally ignoring her tiny, soaking wet, helpless foal. Finally, I picked him up, carried him around to her head, and left the paddock. She seemed to just light up. She was so joyful ... she licked him and nickered to him and

It just broke my heart because she clearly didn't expect to get to raise her foal. In the Premarin industry, foals are an unnecessary, expensive and troublesome byproduct. The mares are only valued for their urine production during pregnancy. Although the industry is regulated, and foals are supposed to be allowed to nurse until 3 months of age, and then adopted out, I'm pretty sure that's not what happens to many of them. That's not what Bea told me, and she was

did all the things a mare should do.

Bea taught me many things: not about riding or a horse sport, like Pokie does, but about the nature of horses, their intelligence, sensitivity and vulnerability. She taught me a lot about why I love horses so much. Her situation, and that of so many other horses, trapped in difficult, abusive and deadly circumstances because of human wants and "needs," deserves our thoughtful consideration.

William Ray, Willits

Horses, as powerful, intelligent and magnificent as they are, can rarely escape the predicaments we put them in. Whether it's breeding too many of them, acquiring more of them than we can afford, forcing them to compete regardless of physical condition, applying brutal pieces of equipment so we can stop, turn and go, or using them to produce drugs, we make choices every day that cause pain and misery to these beasts many of us claim to love. We have the power to do all of that - or to Above: Bea the mare.

One of my first mentors, Dr. Doug Herthel, told us that Bea's bed. equine vets should have their own horses so we would "know how our clients feel." I think he was right. Deciding Bea was in too much pain to keep going was awful, and making good on that decision was worse. These are decisions I help clients with on a regular basis and, truthfully, I distance myself from all of that pain - I have to. Today I had to feel it.

I truly hope Bea is romping pain-free, surrounded by babies and others who love her. There sure is an empty spot in our

Counties for 12 years. She has extensive interest and experience in equine dentistry, endoscopy, digital radiology, reproductive care and preventative medicine. She is also the on-site veterinarian for Willits Frontier Days. Check www.mobileequineveterinary. com for more info, or call Dr. Cronin at 456-6781.

#### Fall is the time to winterize your home

COLUMN | Seasonal Care of Your Home

Thanksgiving has passed, Christmas is right around the corner and rumor has it the "rainy" season will be coming soon. If we spend a little time now preparing our homes for the rainy season, the winter will be less stressful on you and your home. Even though we at Mendo-Lake Termite specialize in wood-consuming bugs mitigations, by the promise to which Caltrans such as termites, beetles and carpenter ants, excessive moisture is by far the most damaging enemy your home encounters from December till April. I will list a "few" areas of concern that we find

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Who caused the disputed delays, really? She

says "the protestors." The U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers hasn't threatened the protestors

with suspension of the wetlands permit to

build. There must be another culprit in the

works. The Environmental Impact Report

Caltrans not only can't meet the promised

requirements about the wetlands plan, it won't

It simply mocked up a fiction that doodling

with ranch land would compensate for the

Their permit delay will last forever. The 2,000

acres will eventually be auctioned off to the

And where is the law over the lawless? It isn't

the Highway Patrol; they are paid servants.

Caltrans' single-minded objective is the law

now. The freeway through the Willits valley has

become a trophy in the relentless hunt of big

interest profit. The California Transportation

Commission is made up of oil, tire, car, mall,

Did we kneel to folly on purpose? Certainly

not. Everybody always has his excuses. Our

representatives believed Caltrans, that there

is no middle way, either a four-lane freeway or

nothing. Of course that line is a lie. There are

roads all over the state that are not freeways.

They work. The worst thing our leaders have

done is believe what big pockets peddled to

As far as Ms. Covin's ignorant round-about

objection, that it is a foolish dangerous idea,

she should have no complaint really. Caltrans

designed the round-about - before it adopted

the strategy that the biggest tax-consuming

Ms. Covin doesn't seem to realize that big

profit has no morality. It doesn't give a damn

whether she and her demon-chasing tactics

For the rest of us however, the Willits bypass,

as executed, will be a monument to shameful

To her hostile question, what about those

lowlifes who wasted our California taxes

stopping the job for a few hours, I have

How about the legalized theft of a quarter of

our valley and the contemptuous dismissal of

the sentiments and values held by its people?

And what fool surrendered his money to

finance this big-time theft? Indirectly, all of

us. But I would guess most here aren't saying

project is the only possible one.

support its success or not.

thank you for the robbery.

questions too:

profit for the rest of human time.

and road construction interests.

highest bidder, a disaster for rural land.

got its approval, have been trashed.

character of the valley.

every day inspecting homes in Willits and throughout Mendocino County.

Your first priority, of course, should be your roof. Clean your

roof, removing tree debris and moss growth. You can purchase moss removal products at your local hardware store or make your own solution of household bleach and water.

We want to remove the moss as its continued growth can cause the edges of the shingles to lift and cause leakage to occur, as well as expose the edges of the shingles to sunlight which causes the roof to wear out faster than it should. After the moss has been treated and area has dried out, use a stiff broom or brush to

Next clean out your gutters. If you have loose or leaky joints seal with a good-quality caulking recommended for gutters.

Next it's time to think about diverting those gutter downspouts that let water pool adjacent to your foundation. You can install temporary piping above ground, which is removed after the rainy season or, if you're really ambitious, you can install the drain pipe in trenches below the surface and "daylight" out and away from

It's a little too late in the year to be thinking about painting but you can seal up windows, trim and voids with caulking. If your house needs paint, get on that next year; late in the spring or early

This time of year the wind blows and that means tree leaves and debris build up in the gaps of our decks. When our deck gaps are plugged with tree debris, it holds water in between the decking boards and between the deck and the siding. This is a major contributing factor in fungus rot to decks and siding.

Clean out regularly: once a month this time of year. I have found that using a pressure washer on low pressure setting works best for cleaning out the deck gaps. Good quality power washers have metal spray wands and notches at the spray tips that ride in the gaps like old-fashioned slot cars. That way you only spray into the gaps and not the tops of the boards. We aren't trying to refinish the

Finally let's take a critical look at the crawl space or subarea. Are the vent openings blocked by storage? Plants? Or a new deck? It's very important that your ventilation is not blocked. Try exposing all your vents, as possible. Is all your insulation hung properly, or is some or most of it falling down? Damaged insulation or poorly installed heating ducts block necessary ventilation. Air flow is vital

If you know your house has a problem with standing or pooling water during the winter, now is the time to install exterior drainage such as a French drain or drainage ditches, or interior solutions such as installing a sump pump. If you choose the exterior method you should employ a professional as these systems are more than nost homeowners would want to undertake themselves.

A sump pump is a less-proactive solution, however the cost is much less than exterior drainage systems. Location is important as you must find the low spot in the subarea or create a low spot by digging drainage ditches from the far corners of your subarea to the sump pump location. Don't forget to drain the sump pump out to the side of your house where the land slopes away from the foundation, so the water doesn't find its way back into the subarea

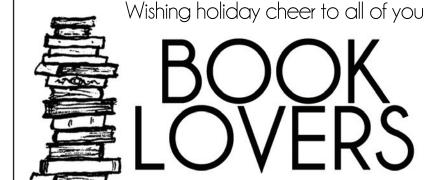
With just a little maintenance work before the rain sets in, your house will be less likely to have rot, mildew or pest problems. That will save you money and more work next summer. Good luck and enjoy the Holidays.

"Matt "The Bug Killer" Miller is owner of Mendo Lake Termite. Matt began his career in pest control in 1985, working for the family business. Still a local family business, trying harder than the "big guys" 'cause that's who we are. Mendo Lake Termite services all of Mendocino and Lake counties. Check us out at mendolaketermite.com



Below: Bea's "adoptees," Pokie and Joe, on





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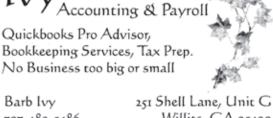
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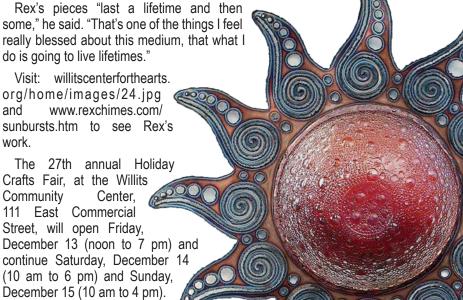
Fine arts, crafts, food, music, and kids' fair at the Community Center

this weekend

Willits artist Morgan Rex will be returning to the Holiday Crafts Fair for the second year this weekend. He will be featuring metal and glass works at the fair, including wind chimes and starburst suncatchers.

"My signature wind chime piece is an angel," Rex said. "I started doing that design 16 years ago, It's been my best-seller throughout the years." Rex's "cat tail" design – not plants, but cats with long tails – are popular wind chimes, also.

Rex's starbursts are made with stainless steel and, primarily, glass centers. Although he uses precious stones sometimes, "glass is the best choice," he said, because it lets the light through best. "If it doesn't let light through it, I'm not interested. I use everything from gazing bowls to marbles to crystal balls, to bowls I pick up at second-hand stores that make a perfect ball shape," he said.



In addition to fine arts and crafts for sale, the fair features live music, a Kids' Crafts Fair, and delicious food and beverages provided by the Willits Charter School. A benefit for the Willits Center for the Arts. Info: 459-4792.

