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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Do you have opinions you would like to share with the rest of the community? All residents of the Third District – including Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo – are welcome to send in a letter to the editor, free of charge, addressing your comments, concerns or questions once every four weeks. Email letters directly to willitsweekly@gmail.com. We want to hear from you!

Holiday Lights invitation to the community

To the Editor:

The Frank R. Howard Foundation and Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital invites you to the third annual Holiday Lights Winter Wonderland at the Commonwealth Garden! This Saturday and Sunday night, December 15 and 16 from 5:30 to 8 pm, at 90 Haehl Creek Drive.

Add some sparkle to your holiday season and watch your children's faces light up for a magical holiday light display at the Commonwealth Garden. Bundle up and enjoy some festive holiday snacks prepared by Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital's Roots Restaurant. Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa or hot apple cider as you take a stroll through the enchanted winter wonderland.

The light displays are created for the enjoyment of the community. They will remain lit every night until the New Year for anyone wishing to drive by and see the holiday splendor. The garden will only be open to the public on the nights of the 15th and 16th for the Holiday Lights event.

Kids are free (12 and under); suggested donation: \$5 for adults.

Proceeds will benefit the Caring Kitchen Project, a program that provides nutritious meals delivered to the homes of families struggling with the challenges of cancer.

Happy Holidays to all!

Suzanne Picetti-Johnson,
Hank R. Howard Foundation

Get in the spirit

To the Editor:

This Sunday at 4 pm you can enjoy a rare musical treat at the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. The Dorian May Quartet will be playing Christmas jazz, both familiar and some lesser-known classics.

Long John, Laytonville

Come and get filled with some Christmas spirit.

This December 16 concert will benefit Willits Daily Bread, which feeds the hungry four days a week at the St. Francis parish hall. "The natural acoustics in their sanctuary are awesome. It was a pleasure to play there."

Betsy Bruneau, Willits

'Holiday Music Massacre'

To the Editor:

Howdy friends, it's that time of year again ... time for the "Tubby Tunes" Holiday Music Massacre radio show brought to you by Either / Or Productions.

David Babcock at KGO, San Francisco once called me the "Dr Demento of Country Music." So why not apply the same wild concept to holiday music? I got this wild idea 30 years ago when KZYX was still a brand-new radio station.

Thus, the idea hatched into a North Coast tradition, which has aired at various times on KZYX, KMUD, Fat 99, KPHT-lp, and elsewhere.

The 30th annual "Tubby Tunes" Holiday Music Massacre radio show will never be mistaken for a traditional Xmas music show ... no Bing Crosby, Perry Como, or Nat King Cole.

Nope.

If you'd like to find out what is being played, please tune in ... every year new songs are added to the broadcast.

"Tubby Tunes" Holiday Music Massacre is set for December 21, from 3 to 5 pm, at Fat 99, KPHT-lp, 99.9 FM, Laytonville. It will also broadcast on December 24, from 3 to 5 pm, at KMUD-FM, www.KMUD.org, worldwide (the KMUD broadcast can be heard for two weeks afterward by going to KMUD.org and navigating to the "Archives" for December 24 from 3 to 5 pm).

Calfire transitions to winter burning season in Mendocino County

Submitted by CalFire, Mendocino Unit

Recent rains and cooler temperatures across the region have lowered the threat of wildfires, allowing CalFire's Mendocino Unit to transition to the winter burning season effective Monday, December 10 in the state response areas of Mendocino County.

CalFire will not require burning permits, for residential burn piles 4 foot x 4 foot or smaller, until approximately May 1, 2019. Burn piles larger than 4 foot x 4 foot will still require a CalFire burn permit.

Residents wishing to burn must verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning. Recorded Burn Day status is available 24/7 on the Burn Information Line at 707-463-4391.

Burning must comply with Mendocino County air quality regulations. For more information regarding winter burning regulations go to the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District web site at www.mendocair.org or call the district office at 707-463-4354.

Cooler temperatures and rainfall alone does not prevent fires from escaping control. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, to follow all guidelines provided, and to maintain control of the fire at all times.

Outdoor Burning Requirements:

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed.
- Do not burn on windy days.
- Piles should be no larger than 4 feet in diameter and in height. You can add to the pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a shovel and a water source nearby.
- An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times.

A leading cause of wildfires this time of year is from escaped residential debris burning. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

For more information on burning, creating defensible space, and preventing wildfires visit the CalFire website at www.fire.ca.gov.

Rain Totals in Willits

Precipitation in the Willits area as of November 28
(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 12/5/18 at 12 pm	9.40"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 12/12/18 at 2 pm	9.17"
Willits sewer plant as of 12/12/18 at 9:30 am	10.48
High Horse Willits as of 12/12/18 at 2 pm	10.79"
Highway 20, Willits as of 12/12/18 at 2 pm	10.65"
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits as of 12/11/18 at the Ranch	8.53"

After a weak system brought light rain to the area earlier this week, high pressure moved into the area Wednesday. The next system bringing rain and mountain snow is expected on Friday with additional systems on Sunday and Tuesday.

A new cold front is expected Thursday night, with increased southerly winds expected to peak Friday morning. Rain will begin falling sometime between the early and late morning hours, according to the National Weather Service.

Snow levels will range from 4,000 to 4,500 feet in eastern Trinity County, impacting the Scott Mountain pass on Highway 3. Winds may gust to around 45 mph on the ridges.

Saturday looks dry in the morning, but light rain could begin in the afternoon. Periods of rain are forecast for Saturday night and Sunday morning ahead of the next cold front.

Forecasters' models remain divided on next week's weather. Some predict significant amounts of rainfall, while others suggest rains will remain just north of the Oregon border.

— Dan McKee

Willits Weekly welcomes reports of rain and other weather information at willitsweekly@gmail.com.

No MTA bus service on Christmas Day

Except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Mendocino Transit Authority buses will run their regular routes on the coast and inland in Mendocino County through the December holidays.

Dial-A-Ride and local buses in Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits will be off-line completely on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and MTA offices will be closed. Two regional buses will run on New Year's Day.

In Ukiah and Willits on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, Dial-A-Ride, local buses and Route 20 from Willits to Ukiah will not run. Route 75 from the Mendocino coast

to Boonville and Ukiah also will not run. The exception on New Year's Day is MTA's regional Route 65 bus, which will bring passengers from Fort Bragg to Willits, Ukiah, Hopland and Santa Rosa round-trip on a Sunday schedule.

Check MTA's website for holiday routes, schedules and alerts at www.mendocinotransit.org. Or call MTA at 707-462-1422 or 1-800-696-4682.

MTA extends warm holiday wishes to all.

— Submitted by the Mendocino Transit Authority

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Above, from left: Evan and Adrienne Kovasi of TEK Photography visit from Arcata with amazingly stunning night photos, impeccably printed on canvas and metal. Anne Vander Horck of Anne Made sells her traditional sewn goods such as handmade dolls, clothes, potholders, hats, bibs and more. Rose Taylor, Pearl Marill and Mani Moran model outfits made by Dye Versions.

Holiday Craft Fair

Art, music and community offered at annual artisan showcase in Willits

The artisans, painters, ceramicists and vendors came from as far away as Los Angeles or the far reaches of inaccessible, off-the-grid corners of Trinity County. They came to show and sell their work at this once-a-year congruence of creativity known as the Willits Holiday Craft Fair, at both the Willits Center for the Arts and the Willits Community Center.

For the shoppers, it was a great time to pick up unusual gifts for the Christmas season, objects d'art that were as functional as they were aesthetically pleasing.

This extravaganza, directed for the seventh year by ceramist-extraordinaire Bonnie Belt, was augmented with musical interludes under the stewardship of David Patch, who performed himself at both locations with his traditional finger-picking folk standards.

Other performers included Kyle Madrigal with his eclectic mix of sounds and stories, local favorites Twining Time, the Emandal Chorale, Vern Morninglight, The Cosmic Family Band, Steve Hahm, Midas Well, the Just for Fun Choir, Trillium, Dorian May and of course, Richard Jeske.

The music added to the festive aura of the three days of the fair. "We're really trying to focus more on the entertainment," shared organizer Belt, "so this becomes more like a music and craft fair. It's the place to be."

According to many of the exhibitors, this is their favorite of many shows throughout the season, thanks to the residents of Willits, with whom they can enjoy a conversation and a chance to talk about the complexities of their individual arts – even though there are bigger shows with several thousand attendees where they can sell more of their goods.

What is evident in all of the vendors is their love of their art and the pride with which they display their products. The art they sell is akin to their creative children. They hate to see them go, but they love that they bring joy to others.

In addition to the professional vendors, for four hours on Saturday, the younger artisans had their turn in the classroom of the WCA. They had a chance to display their arts and candies and doodads to raise money for various worthy causes.

The Willits Charter School offered crafts that were created in their classrooms: ceramics, sewing, culinary, jewelry and Tooth Fairy pillows. The Sober Grad table was raising money for their yearly party, selling dog treats, ornaments and bags. Handmade ornaments, goodies, wreaths, candle holders and eclectic candies

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Willits Weekly's
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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8. Expresses pleasure
10. Unit of energy
11. Genus of beetles
12. Type of respect
13. City in Netherlands
15. Showing lack of skill
16. Irish surname
17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
18. Diversion
21. Journalist Tarbell
22. Wrath
23. Current unit
24. Sixers' Simmons
25. Makes honey
26. Tributary of the Rhine
27. Once home to a notorious wall
34. Gets back
35. She was beheaded in France

CLUES DOWN

36. Cheer
37. Tropical Asian palm
38. Darker
39. Figures
40. Old World trees
41. Protects a broken bone
42. Dried-up
43. An enclosure for swine
1. Blab
2. ___ Bacall, actress
3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
4. The most direct route
5. Affirm to be true or correct
6. Rift
7. Oil company
9. Alphabetic character

10. Large marsh bird
12. Hollywood event
14. Scottish port
15. French river
17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
19. More in time
20. Payroll company
23. Pokes holes in
24. A way to steal
25. Blacken with dirt
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A lab tech's tool
28. A place to stay
29. UK school
30. Moroccan
31. Where rockers work
32. Most friendly
33. In a state of turbulence
34. 'Bridget Jones' actress
36. Hebrew liquid units

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

December 3 to December 9

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 199 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

December 3

2:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

4:00 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

4:23 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:02 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

December 4

8:42 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of North Main Street.

11:27 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

December 5

7:32 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alameda Avenue.

12:25 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

12:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of North Street and West Mendocino Avenue.

4:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Main Street and Highway 20.

5:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

5:22 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

6:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

11:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

December 6

6:05 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

December 7

9:02 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

9:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

December 8

12:07 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

12:27 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

10:07 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 700 block of Central Street.

11:29 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:46 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

1:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

1:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Fort Bragg Road.

December 9

11:45 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

1:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

1:26 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

10:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.



Above, from left: The WCA is aglow with people and decorations Friday night at the gallery opening and upstairs Holiday Craft Fair. Having just sung with Emandal Chorale at the Holiday Craft Fair in the Community Center, Prana and Diane Smalley come to see the art during the opening at the art center. WCA's hall is packed as people buy art, sign the guest list, and talk amongst themselves. At left: Many friends meet up at the WCA shows. Mary Pappadakis, Dayami Puccio, Carol Brown and Sharon Pardun enjoy the art and one another's company at the "Small Works" show. Below: People gather to browse art and converse in the wonderfully decorated galleries.



Far left: This lively, decorated tree and mixed-media whimsical creature by fiber artist Bobbie Yokum are in the classroom where the food and drink are served.

At left: Dear friends June Ruckman and Lana Eberhard pause for the camera after admiring Kale Haschak's handblown Christmas ornaments.

Photos by Ree Slocum

'Small Works'

WCA members show off their small – and gift-appropriate – works in December show

Friday afternoon and evening were buzzing with festive activity in the first two blocks of East Commercial Street. Lighthearted people walked between the Christmassy venues: the decked-out Community Center and the Willits Center for the Arts.

They were out to shop at the yearly Willits Holiday Craft Fair and WCA's "Small Works" members show. It was a treat for the public when the WCA decided to expand their yearly fundraiser to the upstairs Great Room at the center and open the downstairs gallery simultaneously.

Ree Slocum

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While the opening reception for "Small Works" started at 6 pm, the art center opened at noon for the upstairs craft fair and downstairs "Small Works" members' show.

"It was busy on and off this afternoon," according to a smiling and retiring WCA treasurer, Ursula Patch, "with people going upstairs, too. We sold \$1,000 worth of art by 5 pm from the members' show!"

It'll be a wonderful profit for the center that receives 30 percent of sales. Patch has traditionally been the gallery host at larger events. She mentioned that some of the people in the Holiday Craft Fair upstairs were doing well, also.

"The members' show is one of the most exciting shows of the year," stated WCA curator Gary Martin, who also

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Thursday, December 13

Twelve Days of Christmas Specials: Start looking for fun store deals daily leading up to Christmas beginning Thursday, December 13. Participating stores: Willits Power, Moon Lady, Monkey Wrench, Reddycups, Off the Cuff, J.D. Butchouse, Re-Evolution, Cat's Meow, Mazahar, Tango, Mirror, Mirror, The Book Juggler, and more. Check out each store's Facebook and Instagram for details. "Support the businesses in your community by shopping locally this holiday season."

"The Cannabis Hour": "Do You Have a Clue? What's in Mendocino County's cannabis ordinance? Can you guess which regulations cultivators hate the most?" Attorney Hannah L. Nelson, who probably knows more about this county's cannabis ordinance than anyone on the planet, will unravel some of its mysteries on the Cannabis Hour, Thursday, December 13, 11 am on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM. Find the archived show at <http://jukebox.kzyx.org/>.

Willits Farmers Market: The market is now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, December 13, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Sherwood Corridor Celebration: The Sherwood Firewise Communities will celebrate the end of high fire season with cake and other refreshments,

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459-3106

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residents in the event of fire, and building a robust early warning communication system that complements other county agency systems. Everyone along the Sherwood Road Corridor is invited.

Thursday Twinkle Sip & Shop: Participating Main Street stores open until 8 pm every Thursday night during holiday season, with special deals and drinks. Look for lit-up Mason jars. Check downtown merchants' Facebook and Instagram pages for details.

'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever': Thursday, December 13. The hilarious and heart-felt holiday comedy at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). With a cast of 27, including 17 child actors, the story focuses on an annual church pageant that is hijacked and turned upside down by the Herdman kids, a rambunctious family from the wrong side of the tracks who turn the opening rehearsals into chaos. Through December 16, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 pm, and Sunday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets \$15 to \$20, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at door until sold out.

Friday, December 14

Holiday Make and Take Craft Night: The Willits Library in partnership with the Mendocino County Library will host Holiday Make and Take Crafts at 390 East Commercial Street. Make whirly-gig toys, holiday greenery swags, and snowman ornaments. December 14, 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Willits Weekly's 6th Annual Cookie Party: 6 to 8 pm at Scoops Frozen Yogurt and Deli. Come sample cookies and vote for your favorite in the People's Choice category or sign up to bake and hopefully win one of the perpetual tacky trophies for "Best Decorated," "Judge's Choice" or "People Choice" titles. Baking and tasting is free. Request an entry form at willitsweekly@gmail.com or check out Willits Weekly Facebook page and event page "Willits Weekly Cookie Party" for more information. Questions: 972-7047.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Friday, December 14, 7 pm. See December 13 listing for details.

AT THE MOVIES



'Creed II'
The Story: Features Michael B. Jordan as Adonis Creed. "Creed II" (2018) is a sequel to "Creed" (2015). Both films are sequels to "Rocky IV" (1985). That flick featured Dolph Lundgren as the homicidal Ivan Drago who said "If he dies, he dies." Drago slaughtered Adonis' father Apollo, and now Drago is back to his old killer tricks, but this time with his own son Viktor, who is muscled, murderous and monstrous, but is actually kind of sweet. The flick is chock-full of fisticuffs, family soap opera, Eyes of the Tiger-type attitude, and feeling strong now hero stuff, with Stallone as Adonis' surrogate dad.

My Thoughts:

The flick is unsurprising, but that ain't bad. The good guy gets beaten half to death by the bad guy, then the good guy beats the bad guy (who really isn't that bad), and Rocky Balboa helps. Stallone is great. Michael B. Jordan has a great body straight from the gym. Lundgren looks menacing, but spiritually tired. Tessa Thompson as Adonis' sweetheart Bianca is quite beautiful and sings well. All in all, for those millions of fans who like the Rocky movies, this flick will please you. As for me: I enjoyed the flick, but I still miss Rocky shouting "Adrian!"

Parents: Too graphically violent for little children. 12 years old and up.

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



What's Happening Around Town

Shanachie Pub: Los Troubadoux: Friday, December 14, 9 pm. "Traditional Covers & Original Songs in French, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian." 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, December 15

Meet Santa: Saturday, December 15, 10 am to 2 pm at the Little Lake Health Center, 45 Hazel Street. Bring your kids down to talk to Santa and join the elves for some face painting and holiday crafts. With special guests: Little Lake Fire Department and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. 456-9600, littlelakehealthcenter.org.

Walk among Giants: Saturday, December 15, 10 am to 12 pm. Join Mendocino Land Trust for a holiday hike to the Ridgewood Ranch Redwood Grove. "Take a break from holiday errands and walk with us among the towering old-growth redwood trees and share some hot cider. An easy, family-friendly 1 mile hike to the redwood grove." RSVP required. This event is weather dependent. 707-962-0470 or admin@mendocinolandtrust.org. Parking instructions provided.

Cloud Crest, The Palaces Tour: Live at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am to 12 pm. A traveling songwriter duo from Olympia, Washington.

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KLLG Programmer Training: Saturday, December 15, 1 to 5 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

"This is the first step to being a Programmer: FCC rules, introduction to the studio and its equipment, introduction to Audacity Software, and an opportunity to discuss your program idea with our Programming Manager, Michael Foley."

Holiday Lights: The third annual Holiday Lights, hosted by the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Saturday,

December 15 and Sunday, December 16, 5:30 to 8 pm. "This holiday event is for the whole community. Add some sparkle to your holiday season and watch your children's faces light up for magical holiday light displays throughout the



suggested donation \$5 for adults. Proceeds will benefit the Caring Kitchen.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Saturday, December 15, 7 pm. See December 13 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Emerald City: Saturday, December 15, 9 pm. "Emerald City is three local musicians playing original music, a blend of classic and contemporary rock with hints of R&B, folk, gospel and reggae." 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, December 16

Holiday Lights: The third Annual Holiday Lights, at the Commonwealth Garden. Hosted by the Frank R. Howard Foundation. Sunday, December 16 from 5:30 to 8 pm. See Saturday, December 15 listing for details.

Holiday Concert: Jazz Up Your Holidays: The Dorian May Quartet in concert featuring Dorian May on piano, Dorothea May on bass, Francis Vanek on sax, and Jazz singer Sharon Garner. Sunday, December 16, 4 to 6 pm. Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church. Corner of Main and Commercial Streets. A benefit for Willits Daily Bread who provides free meals to anyone Monday through Thursday. \$10 donation requested.

Lord's Prayer: Dances of Universal Peace invites you to experience the Lord's Prayer in its original language: Aramaic. "Each line is taught and translated into its authentic mystical

meaning. A deep and powerful transmission of the message of the Christ." Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 4, Sunday, December 16, 5 to 7 pm.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Final performance of the run today: Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Sunday, December 16, 2 pm. See December 13 listing for details.

Tuesday, December 18

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies are: "Creed II," and "Instant Family." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

KLLG's 2nd Annual Children's Christmas Party: Tuesday December 18, 2 to 5 pm. Santa and his favorite elf will be at the station. Bring your own camera. At the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Room 10.



Wednesday, December 19

"Talk About It": KLLG Radio talk show, hosted by Papa Joe, live every Wednesday 4 to 5 pm. KLLG -LP (97.9 FM). This week, December 19, features guest Cici Winiger, communications manager with Adventist Health Howard Memorial.

Thursday, December 20

Willits Farmers Market: The market is now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street for the winter, Thursday, December 20, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Thursday Twinkle Sip & Shop: Participating Main Street stores open until 8 pm every Thursday night during holiday season, with

special deals and drinks. Look for lit-up Mason jars. Check downtown merchants' Facebook and Instagram pages for details.

Friday, December 21

Senior Center Holiday Bake Sale: homemade Christmas goodies at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Friday, December 21. 8 am until gone! 459-6826.

21st Annual Grade Two Holiday Performance: Brookside Elementary School, 1277 Blosser Lane. Friday, December 21, enter at 10 am, program begins at 10:15 am in the cafeteria.

24th Annual Winter Solstice Spiral Dance: Friday, December 21, 7 pm. "Welcome the Sun's return with our traditional storytelling of a midwinter tale, candle lighting, and song, followed by the Spiral Dance. The spark of yule turns our hearts to gratitude in the cold & dark. Let us celebrate our interconnectedness and relationship to all Beings, the cycles and seasons." A benefit for the Grange. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Sliding scale donation \$5 to \$10, kids free. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Shanachie Pub: Joe Tucky & Friends, Friday, December 21, 9 pm. "Joe from Gypsy Thorns will play folk mixed with Southern blue rock and a good dash of Appalachian Soul." Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, December 22

Holiday Shopping Bazaar: Leopold Collective, 109 North Main Street, offers a chance to enjoy music, food and crafts and to do your holiday shopping. December 8 and December 22, 11 am to 6:30 pm. Delicious treats and refreshments by ToLove Cookery. Info and to reserve vending spaces: 240-477-0629.

WHS Travel Club Package Wrapping: The Willits High School Art and Travel Group will be wrapping presents to earn money for their upcoming trip to Italy and Greece, at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street. Saturday, December 22 and Sunday, December 23, 12 to 5 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Forrest & Friends: Forrest Glycer of Schindig and friends Malakai Schindel, Sarah Rose, Hope, Lhasa and Billie Kerr come together for a night of heartfelt original and familiar folk Americana songs. Saturday, December 22, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



Willits Children's Christmas Program Hours

Donations, Wrapping and Drop offs!

Monday-Friday
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

or call 354-1991 to arrange a drop off time.

Saturday and Sunday
Open at 11:00 a.m.



Senior Center Lunch

Week of December 17 through December 21

Monday: BBQ Shredded Chicken Sandwich

Tuesday: Asian Beef & Broccoli

Wednesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Thursday: Country Fried Steak

Friday: Chicken & Noodles

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.



Tubby Tunes Holiday Music Massacre radio show

December 21 & 24

The 30th Annual Tubby Tunes Holiday Music Massacre radio show by Long John will never be mistaken for a traditional Xmas music show ... no Bing Crosby, Perry Como, or Nat King Cole. New songs are added to the broadcast every year. Friday, December 21, 3 to 5 pm, Fat 99 KPHT-LP, 99.9 FM, Laytonville. Monday, December 24, 3 to 5 pm, KMUD-FM, www.KMUD.org, worldwide. (The KMUD broadcast can be heard for two weeks afterward by going to kmud.org and navigating to the "Archives" for December 24, 3 to 5 pm).



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24

St. John Lutheran Church will have its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service featuring local musicians on Monday, December 24, at 7 pm. The church is located at 24 Mill Creek Drive, 459-2988. "All are welcome to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child with us!"

O'Brien & Sons at the Brickhouse

December 28

A Brickhouse Coffee holiday tradition. Ron O'Brien and son, Loren Herz-O'Brien, along with son, Eric Herz-O'Brien, bring entertaining stories, musical anecdotes and music of all genres, from Willie Nelson to Igor Stravinsky. Ron is an arranger and has been creating music for half a century. Loren is a Willits High School graduate and is currently attending the Bob Cole Conservatory. Eric, a bassist of great skill, makes his O'Brien family debut. December 28, 7 pm. 3 South Main Street. \$13 general admission in advance, \$10 student/senior; \$15 general at door, \$12 student/senior.

Sunday, December 23

WHS Travel Club Package Wrapping: at Mazahar,



38 South Main Street. See December 22 listing for details.
The Harrah Senior Center Holiday Raffle Basket is stuffed full of holiday treats. Raffle tickets, \$1 each or six tickets for \$5, are available at the Senior Center front desk, 1501 Baechtel Road. The center is also selling boxes of See's Candy, wrapped for the holidays. Info: 459-6826.

Ongoing Events

"Small Works": Annual show of small items from members of the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Open 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesdays to Sundays.

"Promise of Paradise": "In celebration and acknowledgement of the people who launched this watershed movement in local history a half-century ago," KZYX Radio 91.5 FM is now airing "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendocino County," every Thursday at 3:30 pm.

"Being Still" Art Show: Paintings by Judy Chance Hope at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Exhibit through December 31.

Prints Art Opening: Local artist Jazz-minh Moore shows her prints at ReEvolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Street. Works range from portraits to non-figurative collages and tiny musician drawings. Exhibit through December 31. www.jazzminh.com.

Vintage Toys Exhibit: The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys. Runs through March 18, 2019. Explore toys of the past. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-2736.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Howard Memorial Hospital: Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591

Willits Farmers Market: Now indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, winter hours: 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Emandal Choral: The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a capella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@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: Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4:15 pm, "The Storyteller": fun interactive stories. Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group," and 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-6908.

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.

AI-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "AI-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.

Drop-In Knitting Circle: Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary -- everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net.

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 St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySherrifsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 7 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's a Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, night, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

Congratulations to George Sirizzotti of Willits on his 100th birthday

Former Willits Postmaster George Sirizzotti celebrated his 100th birthday, November 28, 2018, at an afternoon party at St. Anthony's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

About 60 people enjoyed cake and ice cream, and coffee and red wine, as well, said Sirizzotti's nephew, Denny McEntire, who came back to Willits with his wife, Linda, for the event. "The cake was provided by Jill Persico of Loose Caboose, and the flowers were by Annette," McEntire said.

Sirizzotti, born in 1918, has lived in Willits his whole life except the years he served in the U.S. Army.

Family, friends and well-wishers enjoyed hearing Sirizzotti say a few words in response to being introduced. "He thanked everybody," McEntire said.

"He had a comical little response – he has a great sense of humor – about how he didn't think he would live so long. We had cake, and a lot of visiting of old friends, and just what you do at a 100th birthday party."

– Jennifer Poole



Above, from left: George Sirizzotti at bat during a Willits High School baseball game. Congratulations to former Willits postmaster George Sirizzotti, who celebrated his 100th birthday on November 28. George Sirizzotti enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 21, 1941; he was the first Willits resident to volunteer for service during that pre-World War II time.

‘Uncle George’s Life ...’

Editor's Note: Thanks to Gail Barrington, George Sirizzotti's niece, who wrote this account about his life and times for the program for his 100th birthday celebration.

By Gail Barrington

On Thursday, November 28, 1918, George Sirizzotti came into this world as the second son born to Mary Sirina Sirizzotti, 26, and Angelo Sirizzotti, 36. Their first son, Henry, as well as George, were born at home at 85 Alameda Street in Willits, California, with the assistance of a midwife. Both Mary and Angelo were Italian immigrants arriving in America at Ellis Island years apart only to meet later and marry.

Angelo worked for Northwestern Pacific Railroad, which later became known as the Skunk Train from Willits to Ft. Bragg. Mary was a homemaker who would have two additional children, Hilda and Marguerite. Marguerite became known as Marge and then later nicknamed "Boots" by her brother George given she was frequently wearing boots!

Mary cared for their milk cow. Every day she would walk their cow to the area near the railroad tracks to graze. The cow also provided cream and butter. Mary also cared for their chickens so eggs were readily available.

I remember helping Grandma make ravioli on a big table in the kitchen. Uncle George has that table in his backyard. It's not as big as I remembered.

The Sirizzotti children all attended Willits High School, now home of the Wolverines. George

loved sports including track and baseball, but his favorite was basketball. WHS did not have a football program at that time ... just touch football.

After graduating, George found employment with Willits Ice and Soda Works where he worked in the bottle room, in ice making and ... his favorite, making ice cream!

When the Willits Post Office offered an examination for anyone interested in a mail carrier position, George took the examination. With his test score, he came in second. However, the person in first place, who was offered the position, decided to decline and pursue other interests. George was hired! He spent a few weeks as a mail carrier then was promoted to a position inside the post office as a clerk.

While employed with the Willits U.S. Post Office and anticipating he would soon be drafted, Uncle George enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 21, 1941 at Fort Ord, California. He was the first Willits resident to volunteer for service during that time. On July 5, 1941, George participated in the largest military parade on the West Coast with 17,000 soldiers and 2,000 military vehicles. The Seventh Division displayed its might at the Fort Ord Review. George stated it was his proudest moment in the military.

While at Fort Ord, he heard blaring sirens and then an announcement that the Japanese Air Force had attacked Pearl Harbor. It was December 7th, 1941.

After completing basic training at Fort Ord, George was assigned to the Sacramento Army

Depot. Other assignments included Sheppard Field in Texas, Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, and Ogden Defense Depot where he also worked as a postal clerk.

In 1943 George's unit was assigned to Earekson Air Station on Shemya Island, located in the Aleutian Islands in the Bering Sea. Their mission was to secure the Aleutians and protect the islands from being claimed by the Japanese.

George endured 23 days of pure misery during their trip by ship from San Francisco to Shemya. Many others were also "seasick." Conditions at Earekson were brutal. Temperatures were consistently well below zero. George and his unit endured those severe conditions for two years. The challenge was such that soldiers couldn't leave their Quonset huts without the assistance of grabbing stationary ropes during the blizzards to avoid being lost in the blinding snow conditions and quickly freezing to death.

George's assignment was again to be a postal clerk. George wasn't fond of the food offered in mess hall. In his position as postal clerk, George was often witness to the excitement of soldiers who received packages from home. Those packages often included tasty food, and his fellow soldiers didn't hesitate to share their "goodies" with George, often allowing him to avoid mess hall.

It was during this assignment that George realized he could purchase three candy bars for

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considered an artist, if crochet counted as art.

They started out with around just eight people going, but that has recently turned into 16, the students said. If you are interested in being an addition to this trip (remember, it's open to everyone!) you can visit the site www.explorica.com or contact Bakewell at carolynbakewell@willitsunified.com with questions.

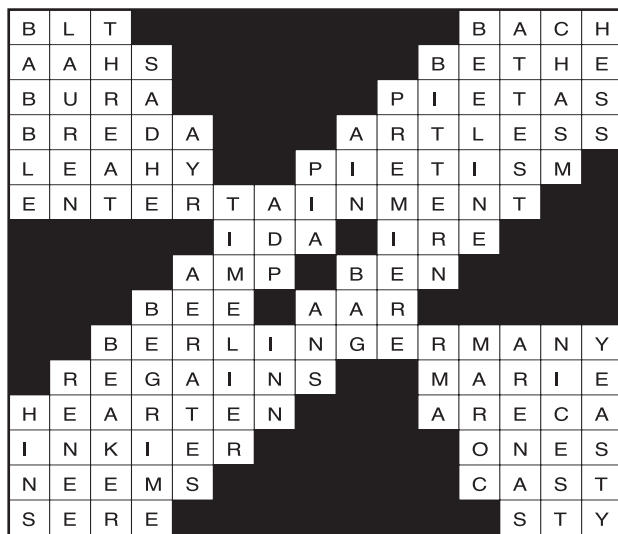
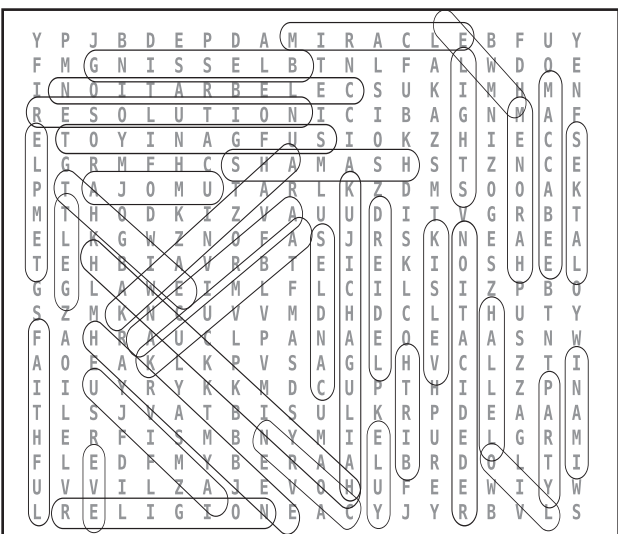
The prices are lower now than what they will be as the date rolls closer. Anyone signing up should be prepared for 5 to 8 miles of walking per day, and the deadline is mid-May right before the trip!

You will also find members of the WHS Art and Travel Club with information at the guys' basketball games, December 20 and January 2, 4, and 5.

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Volunteers Needed
Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in the gift shop, information/greeting desk, hospitality cart and the garden. Hours are flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.

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Above: Colorful fire hydrants can be seen all over Willits, thanks to the "Paint the Town" project. Here are just some of the assortment of new designs. Below: Local panoramas decorate the k-rails at the old Willits Cafe lot on the corner of Main and Commercial.



Above: Clancy Rash, Helen Falandes and Kate Black of Just Enough entertain the attendees.



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Open House

WELL hosts packed crowd to celebrate
'Paint the Town' and Hub anniversary

It was standing room only at WELL's Open House on December 2. Approximately 60 interested Willits residents, mostly members of the organization, packed the house, just south of Mariposa Market, to hear the latest on the group's progress and the "Paint the Town" project.

WELL, which stands for "Willits Economic Localization," was formed in 2004 to help create an "enduring local economy that provides health and security for the community." They do this through education, various projects, and joining with other groups to promote local food, water conservation, emergency preparedness, human and environmental health, energy and transportation alternatives, local enterprises, and investments.

"We have worked on a lot of local sustainability projects," explained Paul Jacobson, member of the WELL Coordinating Committee member. "We work with the other members of the Hub."

WELL is headquartered in the Willits Hub on Main Street, formerly the Willits Environmental Center, shared by various entities concerned with the economic and environmental health of the city. The December 2 gathering was also to celebrate the second anniversary of the Hub.

In addition to WELL, the building is home to the Willits Environmental Center, the Eel River Recovery Project, the Mendocino Wildlife Association, and Social, Environmental and Indigenous Justice. The Hub is an example of how several organizations can work together for a common cause with varying approaches.

Following a tasty array of potluck foods, mostly organic, sustainable and local choices, the attendees were treated to a few songs from Just Enough, a local folk group consisting of Clancy Rash, Helen Falandes (who also sits in with Twining Time), and Kate Black. Their intricate harmonies, professional musicianship, and humor lent an air of mellow fun

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At left: Paul Jacobson, WELL board member and project head, narrates the slide show.

Above: Aura de la Fuente and WELL board member Laura Roland smile at WELL's Open House on December 2. Below: The dumpster at the side of the Noyo Theatre reflects the theater's new theme with the aqua, maroon and gold of the main building.



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could be found at the Sherwood School table.

Girl Scout Troop 10569 sold necklaces, soap, candy canes, hacky sacks and shrink art to help pay for their upcoming trip to Disneyland. The Willits High School Art and Travel Club was raising money for their trip to Italy, for which they are also wrapping presents on December 22 and 23 at Mazahar.

Each vendor was expected to donate an item from their inventory worth at least \$25 for a raffle to be drawn on Sunday at 3 pm, creating quite an impressive table of art. Belt, as usual, donated a lovely piece of ceramic worth several hundred dollars to benefit the Willits Center for the Arts.

The main draw of the fair is the people – the artisans who make the beautiful items and gifts. In addition to what they are selling, they also all have stories and a smile and a desire to share. Anne Vander Horck, back with her traditional sewn goods, with designs handed down from her grandmother, offers handmade dolls, clothes, potholders, hats, bibs and many "soft fuzzy things."

Evan and Adrienne Kavasi of Arcata were back with their amazingly stunning night photos, impeccably printed on canvas and metal. Terry Appleberry of Lakewood, offered her found-wood items made by gluing scraps of black walnut and other durable woods.

Janae Stephens, a Willits resident, had organic cotton clothing for sale in "feel good" styles. Garry Colson of Redwood Valley displayed the beauty of the area in acrylics, pastels, watercolor and ink. Shannon Furr, a local entrepreneur, diverged from her usual healthy dog treats to offer Christmas baskets chock-full of various goodies. Dye Versions, from Pearl Marill, sold softly colored attire.

David Rice, The Pickle Man, was back with pickles made of olives, garlic, asparagus, green beans, okra, kimchi, and almost anything imaginable. "If it fits in a jar, I'll pickle it," said Rice.

Gregg Lindsley's Earth and Fire Pottery returned with a selection of cups, bowls and jars for making kombucha or other fermented foods. Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, a local purveyor of healing esoteric items, and Mariposa Tie Dye were there to show their goods.

Cynda Valle, a well-known oil painter and one-time Willits resident who now lives in Los Angeles, came back to see old friends and display her work. She would love to move back to Willits if the opportunity arises.

Sky and Leah Emerson of Summitside Photography showed some stunning photos from nature. Erwin Ludwig of JandE Crafts displayed some mysterious and functional magnetic stones. Several more regional artisans were in attendance.

The Holiday Craft Fair is an event worth waiting for each year. It is a display of some of the best that Northern California has to offer in art, music and community.

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to the evening.

Once the music was finished, Madge Strong, Willits mayor and member of the WELL Coordinating Committee, took the floor to explain current projects and to introduce a slide show, created by Laura Rowland, which showed their recent progress on the Paint the Town project. Jacobson narrated the fascinating and colorful display of fire hydrants, trash bins, water and gas pipes, and store windows.

Rowland kept the slide show moving as Jacobson continued to tell of the history and the progress of the project. "A year ago we were holding brown bag lunches at WELL to talk about how to survive the bypass. Lots of people had ideas for beautifying the city and bringing it more color. It was looking rather drab two years ago with the construction going on. We started the 'Thousand Sunflowers' project to just bring color and life into the city.

"Paint the Town is a continuation of that which will benefit businesses by helping Willits be a desirable place to live and have a business," Jacobson continued. "There still are a lot of empty buildings on Main Street. Hopefully, our project will bring a spark of life and a change into the downtown area. It's a sustainable thing. It's a process that involves the whole community. It's not just artists. It's anybody who wants to be involved. It's a great asset for Willits."

Anybody with an idea and

some time can become involved in the project. No prior design submission is required to "adopt" a fire hydrant. However, an artist will need to submit a design to Willits City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, in order to paint one of the many trash receptacles available.

Fire hydrants in various stages of completion can be found around the city, mostly on Main and Commercial streets. Some of the participating painters include: Paul Jacobson, Dahvi Hooper and Tyra Riley, Diza Hope, Brian Weller, Kristen Lewis, Julia Sotomayer, Divora Stern, David Dominguez, Robin Goldner, Aura de la Fuente, Robin Coomer, Melanie Morrison, Vanessa Hershman, and Aura Whittaker (with her two daughters, Jade and Claire).

Also in evidence are the k-rails in the old Willits Cafe lot at Commercial and Main Streets, by Rebecca Daun-Widner, Ileya Stewart, and the Willits High School classes of Carolyn Bakewell.

This is a community project, done with help from the Little Lake Fire Department, Willits Center for the Arts, the Rev-ED Committee and others. WELL is currently working on a \$10,000 grant to expand the Paint the Town project.

After the slide show at the WELL Open House, two members of the board, Laura Rowland and Tim Rice, were reelected in a unanimous vote.



Above: Members of the Willits American Legion Post 174 conduct a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day flag ceremony in Willits.

Photos courtesy Willits American Legion Post 174

American Legion conducts Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day flag ceremony at Babcock Park

Members of the Willits American Legion Post 174 conducted a "brief" flag raising ceremony at Babcock Park, at 8 am, on Friday, December 7, in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

A "brief" flag raising, explains Roger Ham, adjutant for Post 174, is "raising the U.S. flag to full staff, then returning it to half-staff during the playing of the National Anthem."

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is observed every year in the United States on December 7, the anniversary of the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 1941.



OBITUARY |

Franklin Hoaglen

Franklin Delmer Hoaglen of Covelo passed away November 30, 2018 at the age of 82. He was born March 21, 1936 to Acie and Pearl Hoaglen. He married Chere Powers on March 4, 1977 in Ukiah. Franklin was a decorated officer in the Army Rangers during the Korean conflict.

He was a 30-year member of the Labor Union working in sawmills up and down the northwest coast of Northern California. He was a member of the NRA. In his younger days he enjoyed saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, and rodeos. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and collecting cars; he was

"Covelo Pawn Shop" – LOL!

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Acie and Pearl Hoaglen; seven sisters and four brothers; and a son, Charlie, from a previous relationship.

He is survived by his sons, Justin and Delvin Hoaglen; grandchildren: David, Damiana, Frankie, Mia, Elizabeth, Chase, Austin, Devlin, Kayden, Ella and Kyra Hoaglen; brothers, Acie Hoaglen, Jr. and Arvid Hoaglin, Sr.; nephew, Arvid Hoaglin, Jr.; and, happily still doing well, Uncle Claude Hoaglen.

The funeral service was Friday, December 7 at the Round Valley Methodist Church in Covelo.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



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Above, left: Paintings of flowers by Danya Davis. Above, right: A darling display of paper butterfly magnets made by Sharon Rowe, center. Below, left: Delicious treats tempting shoppers at the Sober Grad fundraising table. Below, right: A lovely selection of knitted hats and scarves made by Kasey Hollifield. At right, bottom: Adorable Raggedy Ann dolls and pretty purses are a few of the items offered by Homemade by Teresa.



Old-Fashioned Holiday

Handcrafted Christmas and gift items of all kinds filled tables at the Senior Center craft faire

Beautifully handcrafted items were on display during the Harrah Senior Center Holiday Craft Faire on Saturday, December 1. Local artisans offered various gifts made with care; cozy knitted and crocheted items, beautiful jewelry, incredible rolling pins, adorable dolls, lovely ornaments and papercrafts, pretty paintings, intricate quilts, tasty treats and delicious canned favorites (including maple syrup from Ohio!), terrific upcycled bags, pottery, dream catchers, and more.

Danya Davis

Features Writer
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A variety of styles and textures meant there was something for everyone.

A Brown Bag raffle fundraiser to support the Harrah Senior Center was held during the fair. Vendors donated items that guests could potentially win. Each prize had a brown paper bag in front of it, participants placed raffle tickets in the bag(s) of the items that they desired, and the lucky winners were drawn at the end of the afternoon.

The wonderful Christmas Store was open for shoppers as well. Lovely holiday décor and gifts were available to create a festive feeling.

The Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, is selling boxes of See's Candy, wrapped for the holidays. Ask at the front desk. There a Holiday Raffle Basket up for grabs, too, with stuffed full of holiday treats. The drawing is December 21; tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.



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At top: An exquisite beaded necklace made by Nancy Butler. Above, from left: Lovely jewelry by Pam's Pretties, donated to the Brown Bag Raffle. Shoppers browse by the incredible "Fuchsia Stars" quilt being raffled off by the Brooktrails Women's Club. Gorgeous dream catchers made by Olga Land.

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10 cents and then sell them for 10 cents each. Great return on his investment. George's monthly military pay was \$17.

Uncle George received an "Expert" rating in the use of four different weapons during his training and service. It was during those two years of service that George injured his left knee while participating in a training exercise. However, he continued to serve and endure the intermittent pain until he completed his military service in August 1945.

Shemya Army Base was later abandoned due to the unbearable weather conditions.

Upon discharge, when George returned to Willits, he again found work as a U.S. Postal Clerk in the Willits Post Office. It wasn't long before George was promoted to Willits postmaster.

George enjoyed playing cards at the card room his brother, Henry, managed. The card room was located in the Traveler's Hotel on South Main Street. George would often enjoy a meal at Elmo's restaurant just across the street from Traveler's Hotel.

It was at Elmo's that George met Mable Olsen, Elmo's sister-in-law. Mable lived in Santa Rosa, but worked often for Elmo. George and Mable would frequently meet in Cloverdale until, eventually, Mable moved to Willits. George and Mable were married in Reno in 1952. Mable's daughter, Larsine, 7, stated, "I finally have a Daddy!"

Shortly after George and Mable married, it was determined that George needed surgery to repair his left knee that was injured while serving in the Aleutian Islands. George's surgery was performed at Fort Miley Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco.

George and Mable had no idea that when George woke from his surgery, he would find himself in a full body cast from his ankles to his shoulders. He endured this unimaginable cast for four months. Mable drove from Willits to San Francisco every weekend to visit with George. It was another two months before he was released.

Doctors had fused his left knee in a manner that his left leg could not bend. His left leg was now 1 inch shorter than his right leg. Despite these challenges, George always had a smile on his face and the determination to enjoy every day.

George and Mable enjoyed big band music including Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, the Lennon Sisters and many other musicians of the '40s and '50s. I would often catch him singing or humming during our visits as he walked down the hall, and hear his music playing in the background when I called.

George retired from Willits Post Office in 1972 after 34 years of service. For more than 30 years, George and Mable would meet every Saturday for dinner and dancing at the Broiler Steak House in Ukiah with lifelong friends including Loraine and George Loser, Wally and Beverly Anderson, Neil and Aurora Camp, Stan and Doris DeLong, as well as others. Long after most tired of dancing, Aurora would grab George's hand and they would dance and dance. Once they received a round of applause when they had the floor to themselves as they dance the rumba! Yes, the rumba!

Uncle George also enjoyed meeting his good buddies for coffee every Monday and Thursday afternoon. I was privileged to join those youngsters a time or two. Uncle George considered anyone 80ish or less to be a "youngster!" For many years there were eight to 12 attendees.

One time, Uncle George and I planned a surprise for his coffee buddies. I arrived after they were all seated and sat in a corner where Uncle George could see me.

When the time was right, I walked up behind Uncle George, wrapped my arms around him and kissed him. His buddies just stared ... speechless. Uncle George started to giggle and giggle! Me, too. Then he introduced me as his niece, Gail. We still giggle.

George and Mable were blessed with more than 56 years of marriage. Mable loved to garden as evidenced by their amazing yard. Mable enjoyed working for more than 16 years at Sydney's Department store in downtown Willits.

Mable suffered a stroke and was cared for by George until it was necessary that Mable be transferred to a skilled nursing home. Sadly, Mable passed away in 2008 at the age of 93.

To this day, George will say, she is the love of my life. I am confidant Mable wouldn't hesitate to state George was the love of her life.

As we end every phone call and every visit, I say: "Uncle George, I love you, more!" Uncle George would say, "I don't think so! Goodbye, Sweetie!"

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best practices, and strengthen its partnerships to address the most critical issues countywide.

"In today's healthcare industry it takes all of us working together to manage the health of our populations. By aligning these two campuses under one vision and creating a unified voice across the county, we will be able to extend our mission of inspiring health, wholeness and hope for more people throughout Mendocino County," commented Scott Reiner, Adventist Health CEO.

"Jason is a natural fit for this new leadership role. He is gifted at bringing people together towards a unified goal. Under his leadership at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, patient satisfaction scores placed the hospital in the top decile in the nation and employee engagement scores are the highest performing in all of Adventist Health.

"Additionally, the hospital will be recognized in early 2019 by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for achieving a five-star hospital rating in quality, a rare accomplishment in the healthcare industry. Jason's expertise, coupled with his strong focus on community outreach, patient experience, physician recruitment, and passion for driving exceptional outcomes, is key to our success," stated Jeff Eller, president, Adventist Health Northern California Region.

This decision comes shortly after Gwen Matthews, president of Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, announced her retirement. Matthews has held the role as president for more than seven years and has been credited with the expansion of many new services, including a Street Medicine Program, which provides health care and other services to the underserved, the launch of a new Family Medicine Residency Program, and the recent completion of a \$55 million

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the sensitive receptors from which any commercial cannabis cultivation site must be separated by at least 1,000 feet.

The requirement that all outdoor cannabis grows must be surrounded by wildlife exclusionary fencing has been removed, although the requirement that outdoor cannabis grows must be surrounded by fencing at least 6 feet high remains.

The requirements for a nursery permit have been streamlined. Several paragraphs regarding regulation of seed production have been replaced with language stating that "seed production activities, if any, shall be described in the application for a Type 4 permit."

However, the tiered system whereby nursery production might occur on fewer than 10 acres, which was requested by the board of supervisors on November 16, was not presented to the board for review. Deputy County Counsel Matthew Kiedrowski said he would bring language describing the tiered system forward for the board's consideration at a future meeting.

The requirement that cultivators "enroll in and comply with all the requirements of any track-and-trace system adopted and implemented by the county" was replaced with the requirement that growers "enroll in and comply with the requirements of any track-and-trace system as designated by the county to track the production and distribution of cannabis."

Although not clearly stated in the revised ordinance, this means the track-and-trace system designated by the county will be Metrc, the system used by the state of California.

Language clarifying that growers need not pay an annual permit fee after the first year was added to the ordinance. The new language states: "Once a permit is issued, the permittee may renew the permit upon submission of a renewal application and payment of a renewal fee."

Language requiring that, for tenants in common, each permittee must have a separate dwelling unit was removed from the ordinance. Language allowing any permitted cultivator to file a notice of non-cultivation once every five-year period was added to the ordinance.

More than a page of text describing what kinds of criminal activity will disqualify a cultivator from obtaining a permit to cultivate was added to the ordinance. The new language states an application shall be denied if a person has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection (b) (4) of Section 26057 of the California Business and Professions Code; or if the person had been convicted of a crime in some other state or country, which, if committed in California, would have constituted a crime under that section.

Crimes noted in Section 26057 (b) (4) include violent felony, serious felony, fraud, deceit, embezzlement or use of a minor in transporting, carrying, selling or preparing cannabis for sale.

The new section states applicants shall not receive a

expansion of Ukiah Valley's Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit.

New president Wells shared: "Gwen's vision for innovation and passion for the underserved has already paved the way. It is a great foundation for us as we open a new chapter for growth and collaboration across the county. By having one leadership team county-wide, we'll be even stronger. I am looking forward to deepening our relationships with our community partners so we can continue this journey of transforming the health of our community."

"While I will miss working with Gwen Matthews as we have done so collaboratively over the years," said Camille Schraeder, Adventist Health Howard Memorial Community board member and CEO of Redwood Community Services. "I am excited to see Adventist Health unify in Mendocino County. Bringing the care, service and guidance under one voice and under Jason Wells' direction, I am confident this will address the critical needs of our county while expanding services to address homelessness, mental health, medical care and other community needs," Schraeder said.

The community is invited for an open house to meet the new combined leadership team. The open houses will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 5:30 pm in the Glenn Miller Conference Room at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley and on Wednesday, February 6 at 5:30 pm in Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial. At these events, community members and leaders can ask questions and share feedback on how the hospitals can best serve both communities.

permit if he or she either had been convicted or worked as an employee of a person who had been convicted, of two felonies for violations of California Health and Safety Code Section 11358, which includes environmental crimes listed under California Fish and Game codes 1602, 5650 or 5652.

Section 1602 refers to illegal water diversion, Section 5650 to water pollution, and Section 5652 refers to dumping garbage or leaving polluting materials within 150 feet of a waterway.

The new language also states that growers will be debarred from receiving a permit if they have been convicted of a felony offense, after January 1, 2018, for violations of California Health and Safety Code sections 11358 (illegal cultivation of cannabis), 11359 (possession of cannabis for sale), or 11360 (illegal transporting of cannabis, including bringing cannabis in from out of state), or has been convicted at any time of crimes listed under sections 11366, 11366(5) (b) or 11366 (5) (a) of the same code.

These crimes include Section 11366, maintaining a physical space for unlawfully selling, giving away or using any controlled substance; Section 11366(5) (a) maintaining a physical space to manufacture cannabis products; and Section 11366(5) (b), property owners who knowingly allow a physical space to be fortified to resist the entry by law enforcement, so that either they, a renter or a lessee may profit from the sale of heroin, LSD, amphetamine, methamphetamine, cocaine or cocaine-derived products.

This section was added to conform to state language regarding prior criminal activity and incorporated recommendations submitted to the board of supervisors by District Attorney David Eyster.

During discussion regarding the ordinance changes, supervisors debated the requirement that any cannabis cultivation site shall not be visible from a publicly travelled roadway.

Mendocino County Planner Jesse Davis told the board he was troubled by the regulation, because in a hilly county like Mendocino it was impossible to guarantee that all cannabis grows would not be visible from all publicly travelled roadways.

After some back and forth, Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey said she thought the requirement should be removed from the ordinance. First District Supervisor Carre Brown agreed with Croskey.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde dissented from that view, and Second District Supervisor John McCowen agreed with Gjerde at first. The board seemed deadlocked, and board Chairwoman Croskey told Davis the item would have to be brought back for further consideration next year.

But McCowen changed his mind and agreed with Croskey and Brown. So, the requirement that no cannabis cultivation sites may be visible from a publicly travelled roadway was removed.



Former postmaster George Sirizzotti, center, at his 100th birthday at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, with his old friends Paul Ubelhart, left and John Figg-Hoblyn.



Stuffing Stockings

Willits Frontier Days Juniors Club takes on task to give stockings to kids in need this holiday

Christmas should include stockings, too, was the general consensus of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors Club members who decided to make sure that each recipient of the Willits Children's Christmas Program would also receive a stocking stuffed full of goodies this holiday.

While the club did spend some of their own hard-earned money to fill the stockings (they raised over \$600 from the Santa Photo fundraiser on Friday, December 7 at J.D. Redhouse and their horseshoe sales!), several generous donations came in to help the kids with the job.

The Time Bandit donated 250 empty stockings; Dr. Alfred Kerr D.D.S. donated 250 toothbrushes; Grocery Outlet donated \$300 worth of items; and the Willits Frontier Days Beer Crew donated \$200 towards filling the stockings.

Stocking contents include toothbrushes and paste, crayons, coloring and reading books, stuffed animals, little games, gloves, hats and more. Stockings will be delivered with the gifts from Santa on Christmas Eve.

— Maureen Moore

Clockwise from below, left: Willits Frontier Days Juniors and helpers sit around the table decorating horseshoes for sale at the Santa photo event, including, sitting from left: Katie Spackman, Carrie Lambert, Natalie Spackman, and Brian Spackman, and standing behind: Elana Arkelian, left, and her sister, Lisa Arkelian. Dr. Alfred Kerr stands with Morgan Riley, left, Danielle Barry, and Claire Brackett, right, along with the 250 donated toothbrushes from Dr. Kerr's dental office. Claire Brackett and Morgan Riley stuff stockings for the Willits Christmas Children's Program. Grocery Outlet crew members pose with the \$300 worth of stocking donations gifted from the store. Willits Frontier Days Juniors stand with the decorated horseshoes and rope wreaths they made to sell at the Santa Photo event.

Below: Natalie and Brian Spackman hold one of the horseshoe ornaments he made for the sale. At bottom: Danielle Barry, Claire Brackett and Morgan Riley drop off stuffed stockings at the Willits Christmas Children's Program at the old Howard Hospital site.



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