



# Willits Economic Localization Newsletter

## The WELL Bucket

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July/August, 2019

### Community Events

#### July & August 2019

**July 6 and 7, 9-3pm** - Art in the Plaza kick-off weekend, continuing weekends through September, behind Café 77. See page 3

**July 7, 8am** - North Coast Striders hosts 'Legends of the Redwoods' 5K run/walk, at Office of Education, 2240 Old River Road, Ukiah. Info at [www.striders.org](http://www.striders.org).

**July 13, 9am-1pm** - Free Walk in the Woods with Kate Mari-anchild, at the Laytonville Ecovillage. See page 4

**July 13, 5:30pm**—NCO Caring Kitchen Soiree at Barra of Mendocino (Redwood Valley), see page 8

**July 14, 8am-noon** - Free Back to School Fair at Adventist Howard Hospital, featuring free health screenings, haircuts, backpacks, and more. Info at 456-3591

**July 18, 7pm** - 'Intelligent Trees' presented by Now & Then Films at LL Grange. See page 7

**July 20, 10am – July 21 10am** - Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, at Rec Grove, featuring testimonials, music & food. Info at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

**July 21, noon-4pm** - Richardson Grove celebration, see page 5

**July 22, 6:30pm** - WELL Coordinating Committee meeting at Willits Hub, 630 S. Main St.

**July 23, 7-9pm** - Good Farm Fund Midsummer Feast at Yokayo Ranch, see page 3

**July 28, 8-11am** - Pancake Breakfast at LL Grange

**July 28, 8am-noon** - Back to School Fair, see July 14 item.

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### PAINT THE TOWN GOING STRONG

With the return of suitable weather, WELL's Paint the Town projects have been re-energized. We organized a painting party on Sunday, June 16, at which about a dozen people picked up paint for various hydrant and trash bin projects, as well as putting a sealing coat on the flower K-rail mural. As always, volunteers love doing their creative work, and passers-by grin and thank us for beautifying our town!

One of the latest art works is a redwood forest scene on the trash bin in front of Taco Bell, painted by Laura Corbin, with a sponsorship provided by Baechtel Creek Inn. Another recent project is a quilt design, painted by Willits Sit & Sew volunteers, on the trash bin at the playground at City Park.



*Seven volunteers with Willits Sit & Sew work on the trash bin at City Park playground. Photo by Lani Nagy*



Many more fire hydrants and trash receptacles are still in need of our artistic touch. Please contact Paul at [4paulj@gmail.com](mailto:4paulj@gmail.com) to identify which ones are available, reserve your spot, and, if needed, get approvals from the City or Fire District. We can provide you with paint & supplies. (We also need small plastic containers for decanting paint; you can drop off such donations at the porch of the Hub.)

Donations to keep these efforts going are welcome! In the absence of a grant or major donors, some more ambitious Paint the Town projects are on the back burner for now, including painting bridge crossings, utility boxes, murals, banners, and artwork in empty storefront windows. These are still on our wish-list, however. Let us know if you can help!

*See more Pictures of Paint the Town projects on page 7*

### EMERGENCIES: FIRES & POWER –‘What to Do’

We all know – and feel the anxiety – of fire danger looming. Some things we can do relatively little to affect: the global climate crisis, weather, serendipity... But there are many things we can do personally and locally to reduce risk and be prepared.

In order to avoid starting another destructive fire, PG&E is planning to shut down electric transmission lines whenever and wherever high fire risk conditions

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occur, such as high winds combined with hot & dry weather. (This could happen with relatively little advance notice.) Since the transmission lines virtually all go through high risk areas, all of Willits - and way beyond - could experience a "Public Safety Power Shutoff" (PSPS). And because PG&E will not restore power until all the lines have been checked, these outages could last 48 hours or longer. So, we must prepare not only for fire but for power outages!

City of Willits reports that in the case of a power outage, we will have water and sewer services. City Hall, however, will not be a cooling station, as we will be running on generators that cannot power the A/C. The City has new information on preparedness for power outages on our web page, [www.cityofwillits.org](http://www.cityofwillits.org).

For Brooktrails, see adjoining article.

For all residents, here are some important steps to be prepared:

Sign up for Nixel alerts to receive updates about power outages or other emergency conditions in your area: [www.nixel.com](http://www.nixel.com).

Also sign up for alerts about Public Safety Power Shutoff events by going to [www.prepareforpowerdown.com](http://www.prepareforpowerdown.com), a collaboration between PG&E, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

Have a 3 to 5-day emergency supply of drinking water on hand at home. Also have non-perishable food in stock.

Plan for medical needs, such as medications that may require refrigeration or devices that need power.

Identify backup charging methods for phones and keep hard copies of emergency numbers. Have a battery-operated radio.

Build or restock your emergency kit with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, and cash.

Keep some basic tools, blankets, toiletries and clothing in your car (or handy).

Consider important documents needed in case of evacuation.

Of course residents should also cut down all weeds & brush and have a fire-clear area around their homes. Have enough gas and make plans for emergency evacuation, if needed.

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## BROOKTRAILS WATER ALERT

By Tamara Alaniz, General Manager, BTCSD

As rising temperatures and winds approach, we know that power outages are expected throughout the North Coast under PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff Program (PSPS). In Brooktrails Township, we rely on power to pump treated to our customers. With the ups and downs of the geography here, pumping water between elevations takes a lot of electricity. In order to protect limited water supplies when the power is out, water conservation is critical.

While the Township has made significant investments in generators to help keep the water flowing, we need customers to be extra mindful and conserve water when the power goes out. If a tank goes empty during electricity outages, it takes extra time for gasoline or diesel energy to re-fill them. Conservation goes a long way in Brooktrails to making water available for the up to six days of a planned or unplanned power outage.

The availability of water for fire protection is another important reason to conserve water when the power goes out in Brooktrails. Higher temperatures and winds mean higher fire danger and we rely on a limited water supply to fight fires when needed. Your conserved water during a power outage helps maintain a critical resource when electricity is limited for pumping to fill tanks or when water supplies in the lakes are low.

For more information on how you can conserve water during a power outage in Brooktrails, please contact the Township at 24860 Birch Street or 459-2494.

## GOOD FARM FUND FEAST - July 23 - by Sarah Bodnar

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Midsummer Night's Feast to support local farmers is coming Tues. July 23, 7-9pm at Yokayo Ranch in Ukiah. The Good Farm Fund and the MendoLake Food Hub are proud to offer this event that brings the local food and wine experience together in one spot - from the field to fork.



*Guests at last years Feast at Yokayo Ranch  
Photo by Lauren Steury*

Guests will enjoy more than 20 local, food-forward chefs partnered with Mendocino & Lake County's farms and ranches to collaborate on pairings that deliver the finest flavors of the season. Enjoy an amazing array of tastes designed to excite the palate while showcasing exceptional locally grown produce, grains, fungi, meats and seafood. Local beer, wine, draft kombucha and specialty cocktails will be on hand to add a special touch to the evening.

Set against the backdrop of Yokayo Ranch, a 40-acre hillside ranch built in the 1920's, guests will be delighted by the natural beauty of this spectacular country setting. The evening's program will include jazz guitar by Aaron Bellomo, stories from last year's awardees about how help from our community improved their

farms, and a silent auction.

The night's revelry benefits the hard work of the Good Farm Fund, a local non-profit which awards capacity-building infrastructure grants to small farms throughout Mendocino & Lake Counties. The Good Farm Fund was created as a collective way to support local farmers and increase local food security for all. Since its inception in 2015 the Good Farm Fund has distributed a total of \$101,145 in farm grants, \$13,648 in Market Match support and \$12,092 in disaster relief funds. In 2018, the Good Farm Fund's farm grants funded much needed farming equipment and improvements such as tractors, cold storage, greenhouses and season extension infrastructure, a new livestock trailer, new irrigation systems, and much more.

Tickets for the 5th Annual Summer Midsummer Night's Feast are now available online via Brown Paper Tickets (\$125/ticket). Tickets historically sell out, however if a few lucky tickets are available at the door they will be \$150. For a complete list of farmers and chefs, or to learn more about the Good Farm Fund grant program, please visit our website ([www.goodfarmfund.org](http://www.goodfarmfund.org)), Facebook or Instagram pages. Or you may contact Sarah Bodnar at (707) 684 - 9431 or [sarah.bodnar@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.bodnar@gmail.com).

## CITY OF WILLITS NEWS – by Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, City Manager, and Madge Strong, City Council member

There was a Town Hall meeting with Senator McGuire in Ukiah June 22 regarding the Great Redwood Trail. It was standing room only with many stakeholders voicing their support and questions. City Manager gave a presentation on behalf of the City of Willits and our Trail with Rails section – a 1.6 mile trail from the Hospital to E. Commercial Street. Recreation in California is a \$92 billion industry and is one of the fastest growing segments of our economy. Both our local segment and the larger trail all the way to Eureka will offer tremendous economic opportunities to Willits.

We are getting a bike repair station donated by Walk/Bike Mendocino that will be installed by our public works crew across from City Hall.

We have pruned lots of trees in Rec Grove for safety, and it looks really good. The Great Race event was held here on June 25 – with over 100 classic cars competing, plus scores of other vintage car enthusiasts and hundreds of residents and visitors enjoying the scene. Rec Grove is also the site for the annual Barbecue following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Public Works has also been busy with other projects: Pine Street improvement is out to bid; Watershed slip-out repair is out to bid; North Maple Street is being re-bid. The Pavement Preservation Project has been completed!

The City's 2019-20 Budget was approved by City Council on June 26. It projects an almost \$470,000 shortfall in the General Fund, bringing the reserve in that fund down to about \$1.7 million (or 30% of annual operating expenses). Staff has instituted a partial hiring freeze and also identified some potential for increasing revenue; they will report quarterly to City Council on efforts to address this shortfall.

Community Development Department reports that five cannabis businesses are now operating within the City, and a committee is currently reviewing four applicants for a potential three dispensaries allowed in certain zoning districts. The permit process and compliance has gone smoothly.

We have posted new alerts on our Police Department website regarding not leaving kids or dogs in cars and not allowing dogs to ride in pick-up trucks.

*See Also article on Emergencies: Fire & Power on page 1.*

### WALK IN THE WOODS - July 13

Kate Marianchild, naturalist and author of *Secrets of the Oak Woodlands*, is offering a FREE Walk in the Woods, Saturday, July 13th, from 9am to 1pm at the Laytonville Ecovillage. Come spend a lovely July morning participating in an interpretive nature walk. Kate will help us hone our oak identification skills and deepen our understanding of these iconic trees and the many organisms that interact with them--from fungi and lichens to birds and mammals. To register and for directions, call (707) 984-6536 or email Dan at [laytonville.ecovillage@gmail.com](mailto:laytonville.ecovillage@gmail.com) Please bring binoculars, snacks or lunch, water, sunscreen and a hat.

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## RICHARDSON GROVE VICTORY – Celebrate July 21

Humboldt County Superior Court Judge Kelly Neel ruled in favor of environmental plaintiffs in the latest salvo in the nearly decade-long effort to prevent the widening of Highway 101 through old-growth redwoods at Richardson Grove State Park. As a result, Caltrans is not allowed to alter the proposed project area and would need court approval before moving forward.

Plaintiffs include the Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC), Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), Californians for Alternatives to Toxics, Friends of Del Norte and four private citizens.

In her decision, Judge Neel found that Caltrans avoided public scrutiny by failing to solicit public comment on a significant piece of new information—a report from an arborist hired by Caltrans. Judge Neel highlighted that the public and other agencies were deprived of their right to provide comment and feedback, something “essential” to the law.

“Caltrans has continued to view public opinion and opposition to the Richardson Grove Project as something that they can bulldoze through,” said Tom Wheeler, Executive Director at EPIC. “Four times, courts have returned the project to the agency, finding that their slapdash work violates the law.” A representative from CBD stated, “We urge Caltrans to finally abandon their deeply misguided and destructive plan to widen Highway 101 through Richardson Grove State Park. Our ancient redwood trees are too important to pave over.” More background on the history of this issue is available at the EPIC website: [www.wildcalifornia.org](http://www.wildcalifornia.org).

EPIC will be hosting a celebration of the recent court victories on Sunday July 21st from 12pm-4pm at the Day Use Picnic Area at Richardson Grove State Park near the river. We will discuss recent events and legal updates. Eat, swim, and enjoy the shade of ancient redwoods on a hot July day. Bring your favorite potluck dish, beverages, eating utensils, and invite your friends! Carpools encouraged. This event is open to the public and free but State Park fees are \$8 per car. We have created a Facebook event page for you to invite your friends: [Richardson Grove Rendezvous](#).

### Other Environmental Actions

In addition to the recent court victory and the July 21 celebration regarding Richardson Grove, EPIC and other groups are working on several other regional environmental issues, including:

Opposing a Sierra Pacific Industries ‘Habitat Conservation Plan’ that authorizes “incidental take” of Northern Spotted and California Spotted Owls.

Lobbying successfully at the Regional Water Board to impose tighter constraints on Humboldt Redwood Company’s timber operations in the Upper Elk River watershed.

Urging full clean-up of the former GP Mill Site in Ft. Bragg before parcels are sold and developed. (The Mill Pond on the site is identified as the most polluted area; its failing dam endangers surrounding areas.)

Opposing the Navy’s Sonar Testing off the Pacific Northwest coastline. This effort is in solidarity with the 10-tribe Inter-Tribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council, SEIJ (Social, Environmental, Indigenous Justice), and many other groups and individuals who submitted comments and spoke at recent ‘Open Houses’ sponsored by the Navy.

## SOLAR PROJECT IN LITTLE LAKE VALLEY!

In early May, Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) broke ground on their first local project in Mendocino County. Located in unincorporated Willits just east of town, the solar-powered facility is projected to produce 1.44 MW, enough electricity to power 260 homes, due to be completed in late August.

78% of the project’s work is contracted to the local workforce. The facility utilized state-of-the-art PV power production technologies including the PERC PV panel, the auto online string diagnosis and most sophisticated monitoring tech.

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## TOWN HALL WITH SUPERVISOR HASCHAK - by Madge Strong

Six months into his term representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> District on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (BOS), John Haschak has hit the ground running. He reported on current issues and answered numerous audience questions at a Town Hall on June 27 at Little Lake Grange, sponsored by the Willits Chapter of AAUW (Amer. Assoc. of University Women).

A short audio report on the Town Hall is available in the KZYX news archive of June 28, and the full video will be available on You Tube from Willits Community Access TV. Below is a synopsis of a few highlights:

**Cannabis:** The BOS has adopted a policy, with an immediate moratorium, barring GMO strains of cannabis. John is working to make the County's process friendly to small growers; he opposes increasing grow sizes and also opposes rangeland conversions to cannabis grows.

**Emergency Preparedness:** John has met with Sherwood Firewise Council, Sheriff, County Dept. of Transportation and other key players in helping develop plans and routes for access and egress in the Sherwood corridor. This may include improvement of Sherwood Road north to (& its intersection at) Highway 101, a possible spur road from the airport, and emergency use of the Willits Creek right-of-way across private properties. He is also looking into a new agreement to assure adequate ambulance service to north County.

**Harris Quarry:** In a recent action to fast-track the permit process, John was advised to recuse himself due to a potential conflict, in that his home is approx. 1 mile from the project. Having reviewed the rules, however, John does not believe he has any conflict and plans to weigh in with the concerns of his constituents when the project comes back to the BOS.

**Measure V:** This initiative measure declaring intentionally killed trees (e.g. hack'n'squirt) a public nuisance passed with a 63% vote in November 2016, but hasn't been enforced awaiting – for nearly two years – an opinion from the State Attorney General. Meanwhile, hundreds of tons of herbicides have continued to be applied in Mendocino's private forest lands. The BOS unanimously supported a letter requesting the AG release his opinion. Audience members urged that the BOS not wait much longer!

**Other Issues:** John set up a scholarship fund in lieu of taking the raise in BOS salary; he opposes further management raises until all employees are considered; he supports more career development opportunities; he questions outside contracts if staff can accomplish the work; he supports a potential Public Bank (working with neighboring counties); he'll look into staffing & maintenance issues at the Library and Museum; he'll continue monitoring Measure B plans for mental health facilities; and more. (Unfortunately, space constraints limit our coverage!)

John intends to do Town Halls quarterly, in Willits and possibly other towns; plan to attend the next one in October!

### NOT-SO-SIMPLE LIVING - July 26-28

Not-So-Simple is back! The Not-So-Simple Living Fair, a weekend of hands-on workshops and demonstrations celebrating rural living and homesteading skills is July 26th, 27th, and 28th at the Groundswell Community and Retreat Center near Boonville. Get your tickets now to our newly envisioned gathering. Space is limited and we expect to sell out soon. Tickets are only available online at: <http://notsosimple.info/2017/05/buy-tickets/>

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## ERRP News: Helping BLM Clean Up & Field Trips

The Eel River Recovery Project (ERRP) has been working with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Arcata Office since 2013 on improving access to Wilderness Areas in the South Fork Eel River watershed and cleaning up areas despoiled by trespass marijuana grows. On June 4 ERRP conducted another volunteer-assisted clean-up of a trespass grow in northern Mendocino County.

In 2015 and 2016, ERRP marshalled volunteer energy to clean up ten trespass grows on BLM land with cooperation from the California Conservation Corps, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Mendocino Sherriff's Association. Volunteer coordination and planning was funded by Rose Foundation California Wildlands grants and a new Wildlands grant is similarly underwriting this year's clean up. In general, trespass marijuana grows have been decreasing, but some problem areas remain. The ERRP Wilderness Committee was formed to cope with trespass grows, but also shares a vision with BLM of improving access to Wilderness Areas and fostering more use by recreational enthusiasts.

Dives to census pikeminnow on the lower South Fork Eel River will be in July. Call Pat Higgins to volunteer for dives at 707 223-7200. Also see [www.eelriverrecovery.org](http://www.eelriverrecovery.org) or follow ERRP on Facebook.



*ERRP Canoe trip on Lower South Fork Eel River in June - Photo by Eric Stockwell.*

## FILM 'INTELLIGENT TREES' – July 18

The Now and Then Film Series presents *Intelligent Trees at the Little Lake Grange*, 291 School St. at 7pm on Thurs. July 18.

Trees are so much more than rows of wood waiting to be turned into furniture, buildings or firewood, or organisms producing oxygen or cleaning the air for us. They are individual beings that have feelings, know friendship have a common language and look after each other. This documentary explores the various ways that trees communicate with each other—from a forester's observations as well as through the microscope of a scientist. **The film centers around the groundbreaking scientific discoveries that Suzanne Simard has been making in the Canadian Wilderness since the 1990s and that seem to be valid for all natural forests around the world!**

See Trailer at: <https://www.intelligent-trees.com/>

Come at 6:30 to see our Trailers & Short films; also to enjoy our heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter. Your Donation of \$5 to \$20 will be used to support our film series.

## More Photos of Paint the Town!



*Left: Laura Corben painting trash bin at Taco Bell, sponsored by Baechtel Creek Inn. Above: Volunteers at the June 16 Painting Party. Photo by Mina Mendez Guerin*

## WELL Coordinating Committee Summary - June 10, 2019

Note that the meeting of May 13 was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**Hub Issues:** The rummage sale was a lot of work, a lot of fun, and shoppers got bargains & were very happy. Thanks to all who volunteered! Despite all-day rain, it raised over \$2,000 after expenses, offsetting the shortfall of rent (from WELL and the Environmental Center) for several months. CoCom approved upping WELL's rent to \$200/month beginning in July. However, either more folks sharing the space or more fundraising will still be needed this year. *Contact Ellen Drell at 459-2643 if you know an individual or group who'd like to locate at the Hub!*

**Member Renewals & Outreach:** We're following up on almost 40 members from 2018 who were not yet renewed for 2019. Meanwhile, we want to bring in new members! NOTE: At our table at Hometown Celebration on June 21, we gave out many flyers & newsletters, sunflower and calendula seeds, and got enthusiastic comments on our Paint the Town display, but only one new member so far! *Please help us spread the word!*

**Paint the Town:** We organized a painting party on Sunday, June 16, at which about a dozen people picked up paint for various hydrant and trash bin projects and putting a sealing coat on the flower K-rail mural. (See separate article.)

**Program Ideas:** We want to continue education programs on our mission of local sustainability. Some ideas to pursue are:

- A program with film and guest speakers on things people can do locally to address the climate crisis.
- A program on how to manage land to be more productive and fire-safe.
- Another brown bag lunch with suggestions for improving our local economy, e.g. planting the woodchip sidewalk strips.

**Next CoCom Meeting:** Rescheduled to Mon. July 22, 6:30 at the Willits Hub.

## NCO CARING KITCHEN SOIREE - July 13 – by Tarney Sheldon

Be a part of our Caring Community and join us for a Summer Soiree, Sat. July 13, 5:30pm at Barra of Mendocino. NCOs Caring Kitchen Project is celebrating its 2nd anniversary with a farm-to-table dinner. Food lovers, community supporters, families touched by cancer, volunteers, and YOU are invited to attend!

The evening will begin at 5:30pm under the shade trees on the patio with hors d'oeuvres provided by local restaurateurs and caterers, wine by Barra of Mendocino, and music by Fair Wind. Guests will enjoy a farm-to-table in Barra's dining room featuring Caring Kitchen's signature recipes, live and silent auction events led by beloved auctioneer Rachel Britten, heartwarming stories told by teen and adult volunteers, and fabulous desserts.

All proceeds and contributions help sustain and grow the Caring Kitchen's ability to nourish cancer patients in our community of inland Mendocino County. Tickets are \$65 per person, available at: <https://caringkitchenbpt.me>. We extend a HUGE Thank You to our event sponsors: North Coast Opportunities, United Way of the Wine Country, and Barra of Mendocino.

[NCOs Caring Kitchen Project](#) is a [Ceres Community Project](#) affiliate, providing nutritious meals delivered to the homes of families struggling with the challenges of cancer. The meals are prepared by volunteer teen chefs-in-training under the guidance of the Caring Kitchen Project's chef, and draw from primarily plant-based recipes originally created by the Ceres Community Project in Sebastopol, CA.

**Note to Home gardeners:** You might also 'grow a row' for the Caring Kitchen project and donate your extra produce for their healthy meals.

For further info, to reserve a whole table, or donate your garden surplus, please contact: Tarney Sheldon at 462-1950 or [tsheldon@ncoinc.org](mailto:tsheldon@ncoinc.org)



## MORE ART IN WILLITS!

Adding to ongoing shows at the Willits Center for the Arts and the colorful creations of WELL's Paint the Town projects, Willits is rich in other artwork. Two initiatives increase our renown as an art mecca, worth getting off the Bypass to come visit and stay!

### ART IN THE PLAZA

For a second year, Willits is host to Art in the Plaza, behind Café 77. It opens Sat. July 6 and continues every weekend through September. 'Under the Umbrellas' is a sweet escape from the summer sun, featuring the work of local artists for viewing and purchase. Works range from painting to jewelry to hand-sculpted fountains. Visit [www.artintheplaza.com](http://www.artintheplaza.com) for more info.



### SCULPTURE GARDEN

The Willits Center for the Arts is adding a Sculpture Garden in its back yard. Starting with a sculpture by Laytonville artist Loren Madsen, curator Gary Martin expects five or six more sculptures to be installed soon, which will then rotate every three months. Martin also is hoping to eventually place sculptures in City Park as well as artistic benches. Artists interested in participating should submit their designs to the WCA.

## START UP MENDOCINO COMPETITION - Gala August 25



**Tickets on Sale Now**  
[www.westcenter.org](http://www.westcenter.org)



Startup Mendocino, a pitch competition and gala with a \$10,000 grand prize, is brought to you by the John and Sandra Mayfield Family Economic Development Fund of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, the Adventist Hospital, the West Business Development Center, and other sponsors.

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, five entrepreneurs will compete before a live audience who will cast their votes and decide who wins. Tickets are on sale now for this fun community event and the \$10 admission price includes family-friendly entertainment, local wine, beer, refreshments and food.

Jason Wells, President of Adventist Health Howard Memorial and Adventist Health Ukiah Valley, says, "We're proud to be part of this innovative program. Studies have shown that health is determined in part by access to social and economic opportunities, specifically the resources and supports available in our homes and neighborhoods. Much like hospitals, small businesses are vital to our communities, providing much needed jobs and services. We are thrilled to help make Mendocino County a healthier, thriving place to live."

Get in on the ground floor of Mendocino County's entrepreneurial revolution and make your voice heard. Tickets are on sale now at: <http://www.westcenter.org>

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**July 26-28** - Not-So-Simple Living Gathering near Boonville, see page 6

**Aug. 25, 8-11am** - Pancake Breakfast at LL Grange

**Aug. 25, 3-7pm** - Start Up Mendocino Competition at Mendocino College Theater, see page 9

**KLLG SEEKS NEW PROGRAMMERS!**

KLLG, our hometown radio station operating out of Little Lake Grange, is looking for new shows of all sorts: children's readings, book reviews, interviews, news shows, commentary, shows about health and fitness, recreational activities and hobbies, and of course music. If you have ideas for programs contact [solar@kllg.org](mailto:solar@kllg.org). For PSA's announcing your events, send to Pat Collins at [4551sophie@gmail.com](mailto:4551sophie@gmail.com).

**Ongoing:**

**Thursday Farmers Market, 3-6pm** at Mendocino Ave., just off Main Street (No Farmers Market July 4)

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