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**Submitted by PG&E,
North Bay**

More than 48 of those weather stations and 12 cameras are in Mendocino County. In addition to the existing cameras at Cleland Mountain and Mt. Sanel (which each have two cameras), and in Redwood Valley, there are now cameras also located at Black Oak, Cold Spring Mountain, Eden

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Above, from left: A century plant looks out of place with snow-covered spiked leaves. Tracks made by an early morning scamper by a raccoon (?) are left in the snow. Thin branches were still covered in a blanket of snow. A small snowman was made with the first compactable snowfall early Tuesday. Below: Two Richardson's Canada geese decide to pass on a "polar plunge" this morning.



*Photos by
Maureen
Jennison*

All the Snow

It's been a week of weather for sure in the Willits area, all of which will hopefully add much-needed water to the creeks and rivers and compound the snow pack up in the high hills and mountains. With more rain in the forecast, be sure to be safe out there!

– **Maureen Jennison**



*Photo by
Jazmin Duarte*



At top, left: "What is dis about?!" wonders Roxie, whose Tuesday afternoon snow-frolicking was interrupted by a photo op. At top, right: Downtown Willits was white with snow Tuesday evening. Above: A massive oak tree was one of many trees in the area that fell over Tuesday night – this one squishing the remnants of some old VW bus carcasses. Below, left: The tree fell across the driveway, creating quite the project for the coming days. Below, right: Unlike some trees that split down the middle, or lost branches, this entire tree just uprooted and fell over in one piece.



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"These numbers have decreased considerably from two weeks ago," said Coren. "It gives us a sense that there is a decrease and that's confirmed from statewide data that the huge peak we had after Christmas and New Year's seems to be turning the corner. That was a very severe surge, and we're very hopeful that it will continue to decline."

According to the Mendocino County Public Health dashboard on their Facebook page, the average “daily positive

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Joanne Moore
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At their first meeting of the new year on January 12, Little Lake Fire Protection District Chief Chris Wilkes told the district's board of directors that "2021 is a big year for us, and things are looking really well.

"We'll have our impact fees set in place. We'll be in our new headquarters by the end of the year. We'll have our new type 3 engine that'll support our strike team response – and our local runs – a lot better for us," he said of the upcoming year.

Continuing the positive outlook, he also reported expectations of an "excellent" rating on an important audit and some optimism that local ambulance service is on the road to recovery.

The impact fees he talked about are to be assessed and collected by the city or county and paid to the district when plans for new development within the district's jurisdiction are submitted for approval.

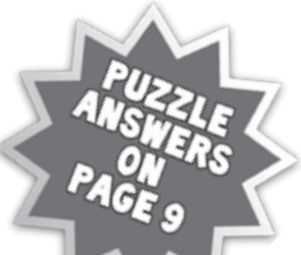
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Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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HOW TO
SUDOKU

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

CHILLY WEATHER WORD SEARCH

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ALTITUDE	CRYSTALLIZATION	HYPOTHERMIA
ARCTIC	DEGREE	MERCURY
BAROMETER	FOG	SNOW
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BLIZZARD	FRONT	VISIBILITY
CLIMATE	FROSTBITE	WINDCHILL
COLD	FROZEN	WINTER

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CLUES ACROSS

- Gather a harvest
- Federal Republic of Germany
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- "The Little Mermaid"
- The common gibbon
- Volcanic island in Fiji
- Mother of Perseus
- Egg cells
- Teams' best pitchers
- Credit associations
- Advance
- Hair styling products
- Benign tumors
- Arriving early
- Called it a career
- ___ Paulo, city
- Avoid with trickery
- Easter egg
- Veterans battleground
- Lack of success
- Thing that causes disgust
- Deep, continuing sound
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- You might put it in a fire
- Partner to 'oohed'
- Actor Idris

CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Amounts of time
- Aboriginal people of Japan
- Popular veggies
- Wedding accessory
- Deep, narrow gorges
- Dry cereal
- Competitions that require speed
- Cain and ___
- Snake sound
- Type of amino acid (abbr.)
- Pattern of notes in Indian music
- Satisfy
- Misfire
- Nearsightedness
- Indicates before

- Slippery
- Plant of the bean family
- One point north of northeast
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Places to hang clothes
- Midwife
- Of she
- S. Korean statesman
- Increase motor speed
- When you hope to get there
- Indicates position
- Where rockers perform
- Substitute
- ___ juris: of one's own right
- Earliest form of modern human in Europe: ___magnon
- Adult female bird
- Do away with
- Lens
- Flattened appendage
- Post or pillar in Greek temple
- A medieval citizen of Hungary
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Sew
- Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
- Swiss river
- Grayish-white
- A way to illustrate
- College basketball superpower
- Midway between south and southeast

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

January 18 to January 24

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **84 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

January 18

1:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

3:26 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.

4:15 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

January 19

8:25 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

8:56 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 500 block of Redwood Avenue.

9:28 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

11:44 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Hillside Drive.

2:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of North Lenore Street.

January 20

9:37 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Redwood Avenue.

9:57 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

11:05 am: FRAILEY, Joshua Ryan (19) of Orland was contacted near the intersection of West Highway 20 and Cropley Lane following a pursuit. He was arrested pursuant to 2800 VC (Disobeying a Peace Officer), 10851 VC (Joyriding), felony charges of evading a peace officer (driving on a highway in the opposite direction of traffic), and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, and on misdemeanor charges of evading a peace officer (reckless driving).

11:10 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

8:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.

9:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

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with other suggestions that the board of supervisors needed to get more input from the City of Willits and the Willits community before moving forward.

Committee member Jenine Miller introduced the old Howard site item. "We wanted to bring this back and have a discussion. The Kemper committee has been tasked with looking at a lot of options.... One of the things we looked at was a viable building that might work as a PHF.

"We probably looked at 12 or 13 different options," Miller continued. "We really came back to wanting to bring it back to the full committee, when all was said and done, that the [Kemper] committee felt the old Howard facility was still a very viable option, and it's something we should consider."

Miller went on to talk about the "stigma out there in the community" about mental health services, and how people say "Yes, we need a PHF, but not in my back yard," Miller said: "If the committee wants a PHF, we have to be realistic about it has to go somewhere."

Committee member Shannon Riley said she was "extremely disappointed and frustrated with the way this item was presented. We have asked for, and we had an expectation of, when we provided staffing for this committee, that we would receive complete staff reports. To have an item like this, to show up with zero supporting documentation is government at its worst: lack of transparency, lack of adequate info, and complete lack of collaboration with our local partners. This

is a discussion that needs to happen, but it's not the correct way to do this. We had an RFP [request for proposals] out for a psychiatric health facility, and responses to that were due on November 30. We have received no info on that; it's not on the agenda; and instead we're asked to go in a total different direction."

Third District representative to the Measure B Committee, Jed Diamond, acknowledged the fear and stigma around mental health issues, but also that important issues have been brought up. "We really need to look at them carefully and fully. The feeling is we've been going over this for many, many months ... and I think we really need to decide if Howard Hospital is viable to use as a psychiatric health facility or not, and if not, lets look at other facilities that can be used."

A letter from Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, posted on the Measure B Committee page on the county website, said he found it "very hard to believe" that potential use of the old Howard Hospital property was "back for discussion" ... "since I have not been contacted over my concerns that I have historically had over EMS and first responder response and the overall impact on emergency services within the Little Lake Fire Protection District."

Wilkes added: "I would strongly suggest this item be tabled until the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the Measure B Committee can receive vital information from all players and make strong decisions based on community wishes, local impact, and especially the impact to emergency services."



Quarantine Creativity

Donna Schindel spends time making delicate flowers and trees with French beading technique

Ever the clever botanical buff, Willits gardener Donna Schindel has found another way to enjoy working with flora, even in the cold months and with the restrictions of quarantine: French beading.

The technique dates back to the 1500s. It had a resurgence in the Victorian era when beaded wreaths would be made for everlasting funeral arrangements, then again in the 1960s and 1970s, and now again, thanks to the help of tutorials on the internet.

"I received a bouquet of beaded flowers from a friend some years ago," explained Schindel. "I decided to look up some tutorials online and learn to make them."

After trying to learn from several Russian and Czech tutorials, Schindel finally came across some English versions which allowed her to get instructional words to go with the visuals as she learned.

"I started just making fanciful flowers," said Schindel. "A lot of the Russian and traditional patterns focus on wreaths, but I was having fun making up flowers as I learned."

Schindel's husband, Greg, started creating handmade wooden display bases out of native woods to showcase her work.

"Greg has been making the bases out of redwood, manzanita, madrone, and black walnut pieces," said Schindel. "I started thinking how nice it would be to start making natural native flowers to accompany them."

Schindel then started focusing on making some poppies, sorrel, lupine and ferns — the latter of which she said was quite the undertaking.

"It was so repetitive!" laughed Schindel.

Her most enjoyable project? The trees of life which are made from the same twisted wire, seed beads, and a metal hoop.

"Each one is getting better and better," said Schindel. "I feel like you learn a bit each time and they get better!"

Schindel started only about a year ago and things went to the back burner when the summer gardening season started. Now, with the cold weather and restrictions of quarantine, Schindel is back at it, and currently awaiting a new large shipment of wire in the mail.

"I have so many ideas and feel so inspired once I've started back up," said Schindel. "I can't wait for that wire to get here so I can start!"

— Maureen Jennison



At top, from left: Trees of life and fanciful blooms made by Donna Schindel. Above: Schindel sits at her French beading work station. At left: A candle holder wreath features purple flowers. Below, from left: The special spinning bowl Schindel uses to easily thread seed beads onto wire. A fern made out of beads fools a bee. Tools of the trade for French beading.

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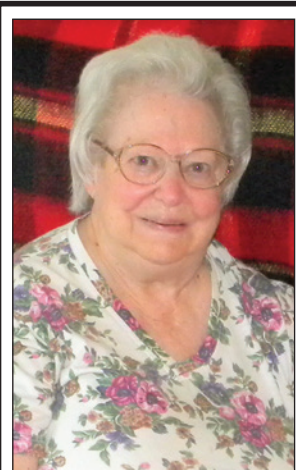
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Viola Mary Lyon

April 22, 1930 – December 31, 2020

On the misty morning of December 31, 2020 an angel returned home. Viola Mary Lyon was 90 years old.

Our wonderful, dearly loved mother, Vi, was a lifelong Willits native. Born on April 22, 1930 to parents Arnold and Mary Keiser, she was raised on the family ranch in Willits. Here she lived the wonderful stories that she would share with her children and grandchildren. Tales of a young girl working and living the ranch-life.

Although ranch-living was not easy, Vi would cherish her upbringing and share her many skills of a bygone era with her children and grandchildren. The family ranch was her piece of heaven on earth, and she was overjoyed to return to live on the property with her husband in the 1990's. In 1948 Viola graduated from Willits High School. She would continue on to graduate from dental assistant school and to work at Willits Hospital.

It was while waiting to catch the school bus, that Vi would meet the love of her life, Skeeter. A logger from out of town, with sparkling Irish eyes, a mischievous grin and fun-loving spirit, Skeeter captured Vi's heart from the start. Upon his return from a military deployment, they were married at the St. Anthony's Church, in Willits. Vi and Skeeter had four children and remained lovingly married for 62 years until Skeeter's passing in 2011.

Vi's devoted Christian faith was woven throughout her mothering of her children. She was lovingly present for them, meeting their needs and providing prayers every step of the way. A living example of virtue, Vi was a role model for her children and grandchildren.

She found peace and expression in reading and writing, and she shared this in reading to her children and grandchildren. Memories of her gentle voice, patiently reading through the pages, will be cherished by her loved ones forever. Vi would go on to write a book of poetry, sharing poems from her heart of her life and her love of 'The Lord.

She could regularly be found outside tending to her garden, caring for her beautiful flowers, and listening to the birds. Her love of birds, owls in particular, could be seen throughout her house in her collection of figurines and artwork.

We have been blessed to have such a loving, devoted mother, grandmother, sister, wife, and friend. Vi's joyous spirit lives on in our hearts, and we find comfort in knowing we will be together again.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Skeeter. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Jim and Lori Bozzo, Lorn Lyon, Lyle and Becky Lyon, and Lon Lyon; her grandchildren, Jaime Cole, Johanna Layne, Matt Bozzo, Josh Lyon, Kayla Lyon, Brian Stout, and Garrett Lyon; 11 great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Leonora Myers and Rose Rue.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date.



OBITUARY |

David Knudsen

David Eugene "Dave" Knudsen, 68, of Willits, California, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2021 at the home of longtime friend B. Gail Hillier in Portland, Oregon after battling cancer for several months.



Born in Astoria, Oregon to Gene and Alice Knudsen on April 29, 1952, the family moved to Portland, Oregon in 1956. He started a career as a small appliance repair man in Portland. He eventually earned his living doing general maintenance and handyman work as an independent contractor in the maintenance field.

David loved to sing and toured throughout the Pacific Northwest with several choirs over the years, including Carlin Diamond's professional touring choir *Novation*. Upon moving to Willits in 2011 he joined the Emdal Choir. He also worked as a live audio engineer. He was a member of the Willits Grange and was often hired to do sound for musical guests and events there. Dave loved being a part of the Willits community and making his home there.

David is survived by his siblings Joel Knudsen and Vicki Wallingford, half-brother Tim Riddle, niece Alison, nephew Ryan, and great-nieces Tatum and Parker. Additionally, he is survived by his stepdad Roger Rounseville, three stepbrothers, two step-nieces, and numerous cousins. He remained on good terms with ex-wife Lori, her children, Josh and Katie (whom he helped raise), as well as her extended family. He was "Grandpa Dave" to step-granddaughter Kaylin and recently welcomed the family's newest arrival, Hannah, Katie's daughter. David was preceded in death by his son, Anthony.

David was an inquiring soul and always sought a higher level of consciousness. He loved people and was a member of several social and spiritual groups over the years including A Course in Miracles in Willits. The family wishes to extend gratitude to his many friends who kept a steady stream of cards and good wishes coming his way while he was in Portland for treatment.

Due to COVID-19, there will be limited funeral arrangements in Portland. Notification of anticipated memorials in the near future in both Portland and Willits will be published/sent.

OBITUARY |

Audrey Southwick

Audrey Beneita Southwick, aged 83, passed away January 20, 2021. Audrey was born April 28, 1937 in Framingham, Massachusetts; she moved to Willits at the age of 9 years old. Audrey attended Willits School District schools and raised her five children in Willits, making her a resident of Willits for 75 years.

Audrey was a huge advocate of animals from a very young age. She worked as a humane officer to ensure the safety of all animals she came in contact with; she was the founder of an organization called TEARS. TEARS supported animals that had been abandoned, abused or neglected. Audrey also groomed and boarded and fostered animals in need.

Audrey was a participant, for many years, in the Fourth of July festivities, whether through her children or her personally; she was a big part of the horse community as well. Her passion was her involvement in her community.

Audrey is survived by her four children, Vicki (Bill) Lane, Sunni Wood, Rodney Wood, Shelly Southwick (Glen Barker); 13 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; as well as her beloved Cici dog and Booty, her mini horse.

Audrey is preceded in death by her son, Chase Southwick, her great-grandson, John Luther Leach III, and her parents, Doris Jarvis and Aubrey Leard.

There will be a viewing Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 9 am at Anker-Lucier Mortuary and a private ceremony at Little Lake Cemetery on January 31, 2021, and a Celebration of Life on April 24, 2021 at the Rec Grove for all that loved her and were her friends.

A special thank you to the amazing ladies who helped make her last years as comfortable as possible for her, as well as Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

Counter-clockwise from right: Andrew Hosford of Sparetime Supply takes a selfie with a new friend. Lucy King was brave enough to pick up a crab. Lines of waiting customers are a common sight during the day. Joe Bratt and Dickey Weinkie show off their crabs. Rotarians place the live crabs into the boiling pot for 15 minutes. Holly Madrigal and Andrew Hosford arrange the cooked crabs on the screen. Customers in line watch the Rotarians clean and arrange the crabs.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Rotary Crab Sale

Willits Rotary Club sells 2,000 pounds of crab in record time while raising money for high school scholarship fund

"Yesterday was a resounding success!" Jason Korte, current president of the Willits Rotary Club, stated in an email to the other members. "If by chance you haven't heard or I forgot to text you last night and you signed up for a Saturday shift, stay home." Indeed, the entire shipment of live crabs, all 2,000 pounds, was cooked and sold by 4:30 pm on Friday, the first day of the usual two-day annual sale of crabs.

"Thanks to the hard work and dedication of this group," said Korte, "we quite possibly sold our crab faster than any other year in recent memory. Favorable conditions were certainly on our side with the much-delayed crab season, and a community starving for something to come out and support." The fishing and distribution of crabs this year was delayed due to several factors, including whale migrations and fishermen striking for higher prices among them.

The crabs almost literally flew off the screened tables as hungry Willits citizens waited patiently for the fresh-out-of-the-pot crustaceans to be cooked and washed, and sometimes torn apart and cleaned (for an extra fee).

A day that began in a cold rain for those Rotarians who arrived early to set up the cooking vats, tables and tents, turned into clear skies and cool but pleasant temperatures. The atmosphere was celebratory and collegial as the crab aficionados, masked and distanced, interacted with the Rotarians and each other while waiting, relishing the chance to get out of their homes and

enjoy some human contact.

The annual Willits Rotary Crab Sale has been going on for so many years that none of the current Rotarians could remember when it began. It has become a staple and much-anticipated event in the Willits sphere. Many residents look forward to the event, making a family dinner with the crab. Along with some warm garlic butter, crusty French bread, and perhaps a beer or two, they create a feast at which they disassemble the newly deceased crabs, digging the meat out of the legs and claws, and enjoying the delicacy once a year.

In addition to the visceral enjoyment of the seafood, the Willitsians can also revel in the knowledge that they are contributing to the education and well-being of graduating high school seniors, as all of the net profits of the \$20-per-crab transactions go to the scholarship fund that is awarded to deserving graduates each year.

The crab sale is usually created in tandem with a crab feed and auction at the Willits Community Center, when it is possible to gather in large groups and crab is plentiful. This year, however, the crab sale had to be a standalone event. The sale was held at the Rexall parking lot, thanks to the generosity of the owners, Pete Swanton and Steve Marston.

The crabs, in the past, have been obtained from Caito Fisheries of Fort Bragg. This year, the club was having trouble trying to get a commitment at a good price from

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Edie Ceccarelli is turning
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Come celebrate from 1-1:30 pm on Friday, February 5 during a drive-by parade!

Parade Route:
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How to celebrate:
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Kashia stories online

On Thursday, February 4, from 7 to 8:30 pm, the Grace Hudson Museum will present an evening of traditional storytelling to be enjoyed in your own home. Master storyteller Eric Wilder tells traditional Kashia stories that incorporate his own illustrations. Wilder is a Kashia Tribal Member and a visual artist.

To join, go to www.gracehudsonmuseum.org and scroll down to the event description, which will provide a link to the Go To Meeting platform.

At left: Illustration by master traditional storyteller Eric Wilder.



Chocolates and roses for Valentine's Day

The Willits Senior Center is offering a great Valentine's Day bundle for your sweetheart, with a 1 pound box of See's Candy (choice of assortments) and a dozen romantic red roses. Price is \$49.99 – please pre-order before January 31. To order and make arrangements for pick up, call the Senior Center at 459-6826.

WCS Winter Fund Drive well underway

The Willits Community Services Winter Fund Drive signboard is up on the corner of Main Street and East Commercial. As of the last sign update, WCS has raised over \$12,000 of their \$35,000 goal for 2021.

"The Winter Fund Drive kicked off at the Thanksgiving Drive Thru Dinner with donations, starting the giving season that will stretch into February 2021," said WCS Director Ruthanne Volz in a letter to the Willits community earlier this month. "That money is essential to keeping the lights on and the food bank operating during 2021. Our deepest gratitude to those who have mailed in or dropped off their donations, and to those who plan to donate during January."

Donation checks may be sent to Willits Community Services, 229 E San Francisco Ave Willits, CA 95490, to help the Willits Food Bank to continue to safely serve at-risk families and individuals who are hungry or food insecure in the Willits community."

Questions? Call the WCS office at 459-3333.



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home



Mild Mikey

Mikey is a neutered male 2-year-old gray tabby cat with short hair. Mikey is shy with people and doesn't move much, but he sure does appreciate some head scratches. If you take the time to win over this caution young man, he will reward you with lots of love.

To see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendocinoshelter.com. For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.

Lovely Layla

Layla is back and looking for another shot at love. She is now a little over a year old and weighs 69 pounds. You may remember her as a puppy. She was one of the Anatolian shepherd litters at the HSMC. Layla's previous home, sadly, did not work out. That's OK, this housebroken pooch that socializes well with other dogs is sure to find another home, preferably one that is familiar with the breed.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering. For information or any questions, call 707-485-0123 or, for cats, you may email catteam@hsmc.org and, for dogs, you may email dogteam@hsmc.org. Visit "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, and visit www.mendocinohumanesociety.com to learn more.



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Case No. SCUKCVPB 21-27477

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Larry Myron Haven, aka Larry Myron Haven, Sr.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Larry Haven, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Larry Haven, Jr. be appointed as Personal Representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing of personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone (707) 459-5551.
Publication Dates: 01/21, 01/28, 02/04/2021

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District, of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the WHS Main Building Classroom Replacement HVAC South Wing up to, but not later than, 10:00 am, on February 8, 2021, and will thereafter publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the office of the Superintendent, California.

2. Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Superintendent, 1277 Blosser Lane, County of Mendocino, California. Documents are also available online at www.willitsunified.com.

3. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California as a surety, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will execute the Contract Documents and will provide the required payment and performance bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract.

4. The successful bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code pertaining to payment of the generally prevailing rate of wages and apprenticeships or other training programs. The Department of Industrial Relations has made available the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of work needed to execute the Contract, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes. Copies of these prevailing rates are available to any interested party upon request and are online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine any rate change.

5. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one half.

6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted.

7. Pursuant to Public Contract Code §4104, each bid shall include the name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who shall perform work or service or fabricate or install work for the contractor in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the bid price. The bid shall describe the type of the work to be performed by each listed subcontractor.

8. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids except as provided by Public Contract Code §55100 et seq. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

9. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids. This bid is not subject to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise requirements.

10. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industrial Relations at the time of bid opening and at all relevant times. Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the commencement of any work.

11. Each bidder shall possess at the time the bid is awarded the following classification(s) of California State Contractor's license: **C10, C20 and C38**

12. (Optional) The Governing Board has found that the Project is substantially complex and therefore requires a retention amount of 5%.

13. Bidders' Conference. A mandatory bidders' conference will be held at Willits High School, 299 North Main St. on February 1, 2021 at 9:00am. For the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Project site. Failure to attend the conference may result in the disqualification of the bid of the non-attending bidder.

Willits Unified School District
By: Terry McEntee
DATED: 1/19/21
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Willits Food Bank Open
Willits Community Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, following COVID-19 safety provisions, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, with an increase in numbers served. The front office at 229 E San Francisco Ave is closed to the public, but the back door area is open for food distribution on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333; financial donations to WCS can be mailed to 229 E. San Francisco, Willits CA 95490.

Help Wanted
Cabinetmaker position in Willits. Call Jim at 415 302 5511.

Help Wanted
Willits Weekly needs another part-time news reporter as we start a new year. News training or experience preferred. Any retired journalists interested in a local beat with as few as 2 stories a month? Email a letter of interest or a resume to willitsweekly@gmail.com.

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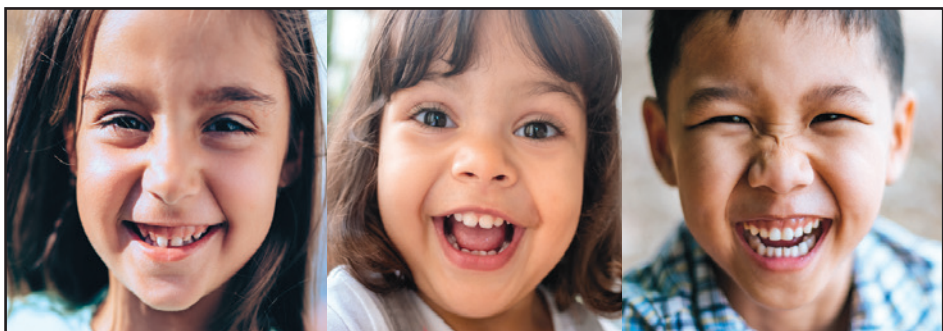
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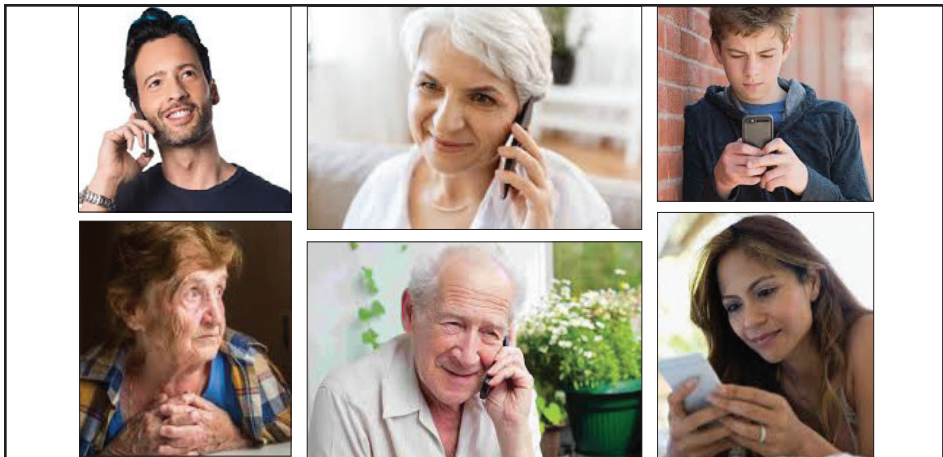
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Perhaps you are someone who would like to help others during these tough times. CTC provides volunteers an opportunity to help folks feeling lonely. CTC is a service you could offer without leaving your home.



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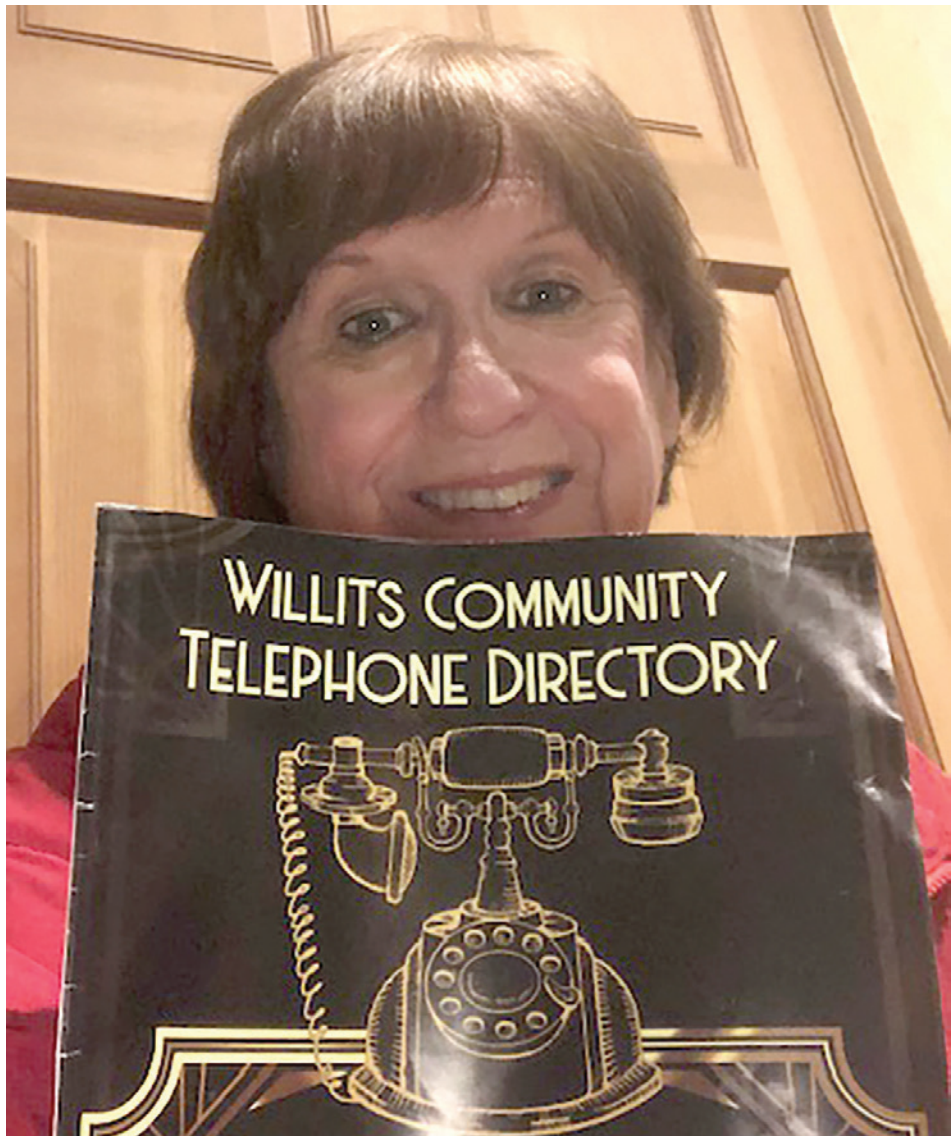
Deadline approaches fast for 2021 Soroptimist phone book!

Soroptimist International Soroptimist members are working on putting together the 2021 edition of the Willits Community Telephone Directory, to be distributed in March. Do you need to update, remove or add a phone number? Email willitsphonebook@gmail.com. Cell phone numbers are welcome.

Those interested in advertising in or sponsoring the phone book, which is a fundraiser to support the Willits Soroptimist Club and its mission to support women and girls, including awards programs, scholarships, and donations, can also email willitsphonebook@gmail.com.

The deadline for ads and changes is January 31.

Below: Soroptimist International of Willits President Barbara O'Reardon poses with last year's 2020 edition of the Willits Community Telephone Directory.



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