

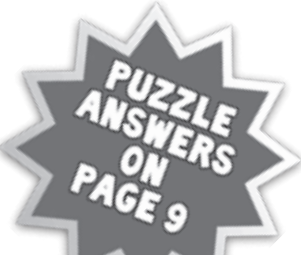




Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

6x6 grid for Sudoku puzzle



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!

DINE OUT WORD SEARCH grid with letters

Word search key: A LA CARTE, APPETIZER, BAR, BEVERAGES, BILL, BREAKFAST, BUS, BYOB, CHEF, COUPON, COURSE, CREDIT, CUISINE, DESSERT, DINER, DINNER, DISCOUNT, EVENING, FAMILY STYLE, GRAND OPENING, HOSTESS, LUNCH, MENU, PARTY, PATRON, PAYMENT, RESERVED, RESTAURANT, REVIEWS, SAMPLE, SERVER, SOCIALIZE, TABLE, TRANSACTION

15x15 grid for crossword puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. \_\_\_ ft: popular genre
4. Curved shape
7. Defunct airline
10. Beverage receptacle
11. Corporate bigwig
12. Belong to he
13. They cover cuts
15. Cost per mille
16. Walk into
19. Power-producing machine
21. Part of one's character perceived by others
23. Emotionally appealed to
24. Protected
25. Wrestling icon Okerlund
26. Thailand's former name
27. Muscle weaknesses
30. Chooses
34. American film studio
35. Expression of satisfaction
36. Mythical winged horse
41. Ballplayers
45. Edible seaweed
46. Chinese politician
47. Tested for fertility
50. Glove worn with medieval armor

- 54. Basaltic lavas
55. Small shoaling fish
56. Surrendered
57. Taxi
58. Potato part
60. Female sheep
61. Trouble or difficulty
62. Put into service
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
65. Type of student

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Frighten
2. Partner to corned beef
3. Parts
4. Agrees to a demand
5. Elected official
6. Navigator's tool
7. Relating to heat
8. Attractive
9. Wealthy US merchant
13. Engine additive
14. A passage with access only at one end
17. Midway between northeast and east

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

March 8 to March 14

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 97 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

March 8

9:52 am: SMITH, Erycka Lynnsheerice (25) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a theft investigation. She was arrested pursuant to 484 PC (Petty Theft) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

3:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

11:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

March 9

5:41 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Spruce Street.

11:09 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 300 block of Coast Street.

2:51 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Court.

3:54 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

4:26 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

March 10

1:14 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 200 block of South Main Street.

March 11

7:41 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

7:51 am: PATTY, Franklin Arthur (55) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of probation.

11:31 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:34 pm: BRACKETT, Kyle Alandale (27) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Robert Drive. He was arrested on felony charges of driving a vehicle or vessel obtained by theft or extortion, and on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order.

6:43 pm: Officers initiated burglary investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

March 12

10:26 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

March 13

12:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

March 14

1:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

Willits Police Department lobby re-opens to the public

Willits Police Department announced on its Facebook page Tuesday, that "with updated information from Mendocino County Public Health reflecting a decrease in positive COVID-19 cases within the community, Chief Fabian Lizarraga has re-opened department lobby access with the following restrictions:

- Face coverings will still be required to enter
• Excluding emergencies, we ask that if you see 5 people inside to please wait until those in the lobby have left before entering to allow for social distancing
Lobby hours resume to 7 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week.

The rest of Ammo | From Page 1

with a search term and had a suspended California driver's license. He was also prohibited from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition.

Sheriff's Dispatch further confirmed Degurse had two felony arrest warrants and four misdemeanor arrest warrants from other counties in California. Degurse was subsequently arrested pursuant to the arrest warrants.

The deputy searched the vehicle and located an ice chest, which contained a large amount of ammunition in various calibers. This resulted in an added charge of being in possession of ammunition by a prohibited person (30305(A)(1) PC).

Degurse was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$72,000 bail.

2021 Tire Amnesty Collection Schedule
All tire amnesty collections run from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Table with 3 columns: DATE, LOCATION, ADDRESS
Collections are subject to cancellation once our collection trailer fills up.
Our collection trailers arrive to all locations completely empty, but due to event popularity they can fill up quickly. Our tire collection events are for residents only, commercial entities may not participate.
Event Limits:
- No rims
- Up to 9 tires per day, per vehicle
- 17" maximum (rim size)
- Tire dealer may not participate.
Funded by CalRecycle



Chocolate Fundraiser
Load up everyone's Easter baskets with See's Candies from the Willits Harrah Senior Center Thrift Shop

Sharing is caring, so the saying goes. The gift of sweets can be a declaration of love or friendship, or a job well done. The subgenre of chocolates is an old and storied tradition, the history of which dates

back hundreds of years to the Aztec and Mayan cultures that discovered uses for the cacao plant and its luscious beans. As for sweets themselves, there are records on papyrus of the sales of sweet treats in the marketplaces as long ago as 1566 B.C.

Carrying on these traditions, the Willits Harrah Senior Center has been offering a variety of the much-loved See's Candies for a few years. They were first sold in the main building and more recently have been relegated to the Thrift Shop due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which necessitated the closing of most of the Senior Center to members and the public.

See's Candies itself has a long and beloved history, having been founded by Charles See, along with his wife, Florence, and his mother, Mary, in Los Angeles in 1921, and has operated continuously since, with a few years hiatus during WWII. The company is now headquartered in San Francisco and maintains its original factory in Los Angeles.

"We've been doing the majority of sales out here in the thrift store," said Senior Center Executive Director Richard Baker, "but occasionally we put an ad in the Willits Weekly and people can call ahead, come and drive by and we will bring the candy out to their car. We'll let them know what we have and see if we can give them what they want. Or they can come here while they are shopping and pick some candy up. So, we have two ways to pick up some candy."

Baker has a group of regulars who come by periodically to pick up the confections for a variety of purposes. "One of them comes and buys five boxes every time for his personal use, every three or four months. He probably eats one piece a day - he's not obese. There's another gentleman and his son who buy them for the nurses who are taking care of his wife at one of the assisted-care facilities. He comes in and

buys about five boxes at a time and gives them out to the staffers."

Knowing how much of the candy to buy from the company is a tricky process. "The money all goes to the operation of the Senior Center. We make a 50 percent profit on the smaller boxes and about 20 percent on the bigger boxes. Every dollar helps as a non-profit, but we have the same prices you would get if you went to Petaluma, at the factory. We don't charge anything above the usual cost.

"We probably bring in about a \$5,000 profit each year on the candy sales and that is slowly growing. My vision was to establish the Senior Center as the place to go to get See's Candy. That is slowly taking place. The pandemic put a big dent on that and people are not coming out as often. We have to be careful about how much we order because we don't want to have stale candy. It's a delicate act to know how much and what kind to order. We also try not to run out and keep everybody happy. We're getting better at it as we go."

All one-pound boxes of assorted, dark, soft center, and nut-n-chews sell for \$24.50. Small boxes of peanut brittle run \$7.50 as is the Easter Bunny Box. Chocolate eggs, Bordeaux eggs, and Scotchmallow eggs are all \$7.

In addition to selling candy, the Willits Senior Center has been instrumental, along with other local medical professionals and organizations, in seeing that seniors and teachers have been able to get the COVID-19 inoculations through a series of pop-up clinics at the center. They also have a relationship with other entities, such as Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital and Baechtel Creek Clinic, filling vacancies from their lists so that none of the vaccines are wasted.

Baker estimates that the center has been responsible for arranging vaccines for over 650 people, mostly seniors, through outreach efforts and the formation of a database to identify those who desire the inoculation and what clinics are occurring.

The Willits Harrah Senior Center's Thrift Shop, located at 1501 Baechtel Road, is open Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Call 459-2176 or visit www.willitsseniorcenter.com for more information.



At top, left: Clothing and toys for the kids are available at the Senior Center Thrift Shop.

At right, from top: See's Candies for Easter and any occasion are available at the Senior Center Thrift Shop.

Harrah Senior Center Executive Director Richard Baker holds a variety of the See's Candies available.

The Senior Center Thrift Shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

At right: A sign inside the Thrift Shop lists the See's Candies prices - although the funds go to a good cause, the prices are commensurate with those you would find elsewhere.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Table with 2 columns: Candy Name, Price
All 1LB BOXES OF CHOCOLATES \$24.50
\*ASSORTED
\*DARK
\*SOFT CENTERS
\*NUT N CHEWS
SMALL PEANUT BRITTLE \$7.50
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## Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County gives thanks and invites all to their upcoming fundraisers

*Submitted by Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County*

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County thanks you for your donations and supporting the needy animals in our community. Thank you for adopting, for fostering, and for being the voice of the voiceless. More than that, thank you for believing in the importance of the human-animal bond.

At HSMC, we do more than rescue animals, we also nurture connections. In our newsletter and on our social media, we are thrilled to share with you many stories of adoption and rescue. It is the human-animal connection that makes this work so needed and deeply rewarding.

Did you know the common theme in all of our stories is YOU? Your donations make it possible to save another litter, and to provide medical care for a needy animal. Donations pay for our utilities to run our shelter. You validate the worthiness of the employees and volunteers in rescue.

Some days we may feel like we are burning our own candle at both ends, but because YOU care too, we keep going. We know we are not

## Critters against litter: Pack out your trash

Trash and debris left behind after a trip to the woods or the river or the beach can be harmful and even fatal to wildlife. It represents a human health hazard, and degrades the natural areas of California. Plan ahead and bring a trash bag in case cans/dumpsters are full. Become part of the solution by packing out your own garbage.

– U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Unit

*Above: Unique furniture items are up for auction in the Humane Society's "Furry Friends Furniture Fundraiser."*

*At right: Kether Sprague smiles with one of the shelter kittens.*

*Photos by Kether Sprague*



alone. And because of you, neither are the animals in our charge.

This year, spring feels like hope. As our nation opens up, we hope to see your face in person again later this year. Until that day, please join us virtually for our upcoming events.

• "Furry Friends Furniture Fundraiser" HSMC's first online virtual auction. Registration opens Monday, March 22. Auction is live Friday, March 26, 2021.

• "Portraits for Pets" Back this spring by popular demand, we will begin our artsy fundraiser April 16, 2021. (Hold on to your pet photos, we are not accepting photos until April 16.)

• It's a "Paw-ty Party" and you are invited! Memorial weekend, May 2021, we will be holding a virtual party and raffle fundraiser.

For additional information on our events, visit our website: <https://mendohumane.org>

Ava loves to stay busy, and enjoys her walks. She has a kooky personality that will put a smile on your face even on the worst days. Ava would prefer to be the queen of your castle and she has sooooo much love to give! She is current on vaccines, is microchipped and spayed. Meaning she is ready to go home with you today!

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](mailto:catteam@hsmc.org) and, for dogs, you may email [dogteam@hsmc.org](mailto:dogteam@hsmc.org). Visit [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or the "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, visit [www.mendohumane.org](http://www.mendohumane.org) to learn more.

### Loyal Shiro

Shiro, a 4-year-old Australian / Spitz shepherd, likes to play with toys and is very smart. He is a moderately high-drive dog like most herding breeds and likes activity



### Herb Walks with Beth Riedel

Herb Walks led by Beth Riedel, AHG, NC are starting again soon for the 2021 season.

"Come discover the world beneath our feet. We'll discuss some of our local wildflowers, edible and medicinal herbs, as we explore different spots and focus on the plants in our shared world, learning how useful they are to our common wellbeing."

**Walks are from 10 am to noon:**

- Saturday, March 27
- Saturday, April 24
- Sunday, May 23
- Saturday, June 5

Locations vary. Cost: \$25 (two walks for \$45). For more information and to register call Beth at: 459-1810. Early registration is advised as class size is limited.

*Beth Riedel, AHG, NC, a professional herbalist and nutritional counselor, has led herb walks and taught herbal classes for over 20 years.*

## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

### Quirky Ava

Meet captivating Ava. This admiring gal is 3 years old and a Belgian Malinois / German shepherd looking for her forever home. To anyone with Malinois experience, this is your dream girl!



on his terms. This 55-pound boy likes his walks but his insecurities keep him from being a dog-park dog. He bonds heavily with a particular person and sometimes a particular dog – he is IN LOVE with the dog Snow Kitty at the Milo Sanctuary, and would follow him anywhere. Shiro is wary of strangers but is very loyal to his people, and for this reason, he can be protective. He needs a very predictable, low-stimuli home to be successful. Training and building Shiro's confidence would be key to have him flourish.

To find out more about Shiro, who is currently living at the Milo Foundation Sanctuary in Willits, or to view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://www.milofoundation.org) or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please

complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

### Frisky Rocco

Rocco is a happy, wiggly and goofy guy. He's fun to watch while playing with toys and being frisky. Rocco, who is a 2-year-old mixed-breed dog, has had some training and knows "sit." At 88 pounds, Mr. R is a big boy but not jumpy or hard to handle. We love those big silly dogs, and Rocco is certainly one of them!

For more about Rocco or 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.mendoanimalsshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalsshelter.com). For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.

MENDOCINO COUNTY HERB GUILD

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Local community health clinics distribute COVID-19 vaccine

Submitted by Alliance for Rural Community Health

Earlier this year, the Biden Administration announced a new partnership with Federally Qualified Health Centers to distribute COVID-19 vaccines. A recent White House briefing reported that “given the critical role that these providers play in their communities, President Biden will launch a new program to ensure that FQHCs can directly access vaccine supply where needed. At the same time, the administration will encourage jurisdictions to engage and work closely with health centers in their community vaccination planning.”

In Mendocino County, FQHCs include community health centers such as Anderson Valley Health Center in Boonville, Long Valley Health Center in Laytonville, MCHC Health Centers in Ukiah and Willits, Mendocino Coast Clinics in Fort Bragg, and Redwood Coast Medical Services in Gualala. Nationally, FQHCs serve more than 30 million patients each year – one in 11 people nationwide. Locally, FQHCs and affiliated community health centers such as Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic in Willits, serve about two-thirds of people in Mendocino County, providing everything from medical care to behavioral health services, dental care, and some specialty services.

During the pandemic, FQHCs have been a crucial resource in delivering COVID testing and vaccines because these community health centers have trusting relationships with

patients throughout the county, including in the most remote parts of our county.

In partnership with Mendocino County Public Health and Adventist Health, local community health clinics have administered more than 20,000 vaccines to Mendocino County residents.

Mendocino Coast Clinics Executive Director Lucresha Renteria said, “As soon as we receive notice that vaccine doses are coming our way, we jump into action and schedule vaccination clinics in line with the county’s vaccine distribution plan. We often have very short notice, but that doesn’t stop us from doing everything we can to get as many people vaccinated as possible.”

Mendocino County’s vaccine distribution plan can be found online at [www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations). The county is currently vaccinating people in the first two phases of the plan, which includes health care workers, people 65 and older, and people in essential job sectors such as education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture. In addition, people of any age with proof of the following medical conditions – those that increase vulnerability to COVID-19 – are eligible for vaccination:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease (stage 4)
- Oxygen-dependent COPD
- Diabetes (hemoglobin A1c > 7.5 percent)
- Heart disease (heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy)
- Immunocompromised state due to disease or medications
- Pregnancy
- Severe obesity (BMI > 40kg/m2)
- Sickle cell disease
- Physical or mental disabilities that increase risk of severe COVID or would cause problems caring for them if they contracted the virus.

Mendocino County’s access to vaccines is limited, and community health clinics can only distribute what they receive. Renteria is hopeful that with additional federal funding to increase vaccine production and distribution, local supplies will increase. Until then, she encourages people to continue to follow safety measures such as masking and social distancing.

Alliance for Rural Community Health is a collaboration of six community health centers in Mendocino County. Our purpose is to develop and expand collaborative ways of addressing community health care issues in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Learn more at [www.ruralcommunityhealth.org](http://www.ruralcommunityhealth.org).



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Willits Educational Foundation

## Limited Reopening

Mendocino County has moved to the Red tier!

Therefore, according to our reopening policy, we will begin reopening to patrons on a **limited basis** on March 29th, 2021.

However, if Mendocino County is moved back into the Purple tier these plans will be delayed.

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### NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District ("District"), of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the Willits Unified School District High School Parking Lot Improvement Project ("Project") up to, but not later than, 2:00 p.m., on April 8, 2021, and will thereafter publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the office of the Willits Unified School District, 1277 Blosser Lane, Willits, California, 95490.

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 Engineer, 335 South Main Street, Willits, California, County of Mendocino, California, and digital sets on USB drive may be obtained by licensed contractors upon payment of a nonrefundable deposit of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per set.

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.

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 worker 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 for 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. This project is subject to prevailing wage requirements and bidder and its subcontractors are required to pay all workers employed for the performance of this project no less than the a applicable prevailing wage rate for each such worker. If this project is for a public works project over \$25,000 or for a maintenance project over \$15,000, bidder acknowledges that the project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations in accordance with California Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1770 et seq.

11. Each bidder shall possess at the time the bid is awarded the following classification(s) of California State Contractor's license: Class A.

12. By approving these bid documents for the Project, the Governing Board finds that the Project is substantially complex and unique and therefore requires a retention amount of 5%.

13. [X] Bidders' Conference. A mandatory bidders' conference will be held at Willits High School on April 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Project site. Failure to attend the conference will result in the disqualification of the bid of the non-attending bidder.

\_\_\_ No Bidders' Conference.

Willits Unified School District

Signed By: Mark Westerburg

DATED: March 15, 2021

PUBLICATION DATES: March 18 and 25, 2021

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for COVID-19 when it is your turn. Do not turn down a vaccine unless for medical reason.

"Continue to avoid large gatherings," continued Coren, "and please remain masked while in public. The biggest thing anyone can do to keep others around them safe is to continue to get tested for COVID-19 at least once per month. This helps our county open up further, and it ensures that you are not asymptotically spreading the virus to others. Those who have been vaccinated should still get tested monthly, since you can still spread the virus even if vaccinated."

COVID-19 precaution status of business sectors as mandated by the state (as of 3/14/21):

Grocery stores: May now admit 100-percent capacity.

Retail: May now admit a max of 50-percent capacity.

Shopping centers: May now admit a max of 50-percent capacity.

Museums: May now have indoor activities with a max of 25-percent capacity.

Places of worship: May continue to have indoor activities with a max of 25-percent capacity.

Movie theaters: May now have indoor activities with a max of either 100 people OR 25-percent capacity, whichever is fewer.

Gyms: May now have indoor activities with a max of 10-percent capacity.

Restaurants including wineries, breweries and distilleries serving meals: May now have indoor activities with a max of 100 people OR 25-percent capacity, whichever is fewer.

Wineries, breweries, distilleries (where no meal is provided): May continue to operate outdoors with the following modifications: Patrons must make reservations and sit at tables, staying for a max of 90 minutes, and all serving of alcoholic beverages must end at 8 pm.

Bars (where no meal is provided): Must remain closed.

Long-term care facilities: May restart in-person visits, while carefully maintaining specific COVID-19 precautions, such as COVID-19 screenings for both residents and visitors, facial covering usage, etc. This will likely take a few days to put in place. Please contact the facility before going in person and review the state's guidance concerning Long-Term Facilities here: [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-22.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-22.aspx).

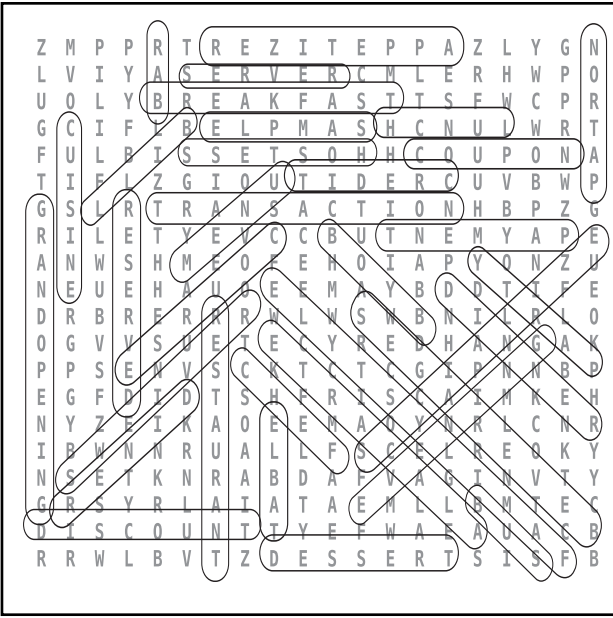
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have one visitor at a time in the hospitals. "Having family support is so important to the healing process, and we're grateful for the community support that made this possible," said Judson Howe, president of Adventist Health services in Mendocino County.

All visitors will be screened for symptoms upon entry and asked to wear a mask for the entirety of their visitation period.

"We thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we care for our community and protect our patients and team members," Howe said.



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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

Willits Senior Center Outreach Worker. Preference Bilingual. Assist Seniors in Obtaining Services. \$13.50 Hour. 32 Hours Weekly. This is a "learn as you earn" entry-level position. Call: 459-6826.

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Clarence Wilson Gray Jr.

October 29, 1939 – February 27, 2021

Clarence Wilson Gray Jr. passed away February 27, 2021, at his home surrounded by family. He was born October 29, 1939 to Clarence and Ruth Gray in Sands Spring, Oklahoma. When he was a child his family moved to Ashland, Wisconsin.

He attended school and graduated from Ashland High School in 1957. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 19, 1957. He served our country for 3 years. He always laughed about the fact that he joined to see the world, but never left Camp Pendleton.

Once he was discharged from the Marine Corps he moved to California to look to his future. On July 4, 1961 he met the love of his life, Sheila. He asked her to marry him on their second date. She told him he was crazy as they barely knew each other. She asked him to give her 30 days. He gave her the 30 days and asked her to marry him again. This time she wholeheartedly said yes.

They were married on December 30, 1961. They went on to have 3 children. He was their hero and the best Daddy, Grandpa and Great Grandpa any kid could have. They had an amazing life together. They were best friends and had a marriage that anyone would want. She was his rock, eyes and biggest cheerleader. He was lost without her when she passed just 9 months before him.

He held many jobs while in Southern California, but he always dreamed of being a Police Officer. He wanted to help the community and become a part of something bigger. In 1969 he began the Police Academy. Once he completed the academy he knew that he had found his life-long profession.

He was immediately hired by Lakeport Police Department. He worked for them for a period of time and then went to work at Lake County Sheriff's Department. In August of 1973 he was hired at Willits Police Department.

The family made the move from Lake County to Willits. He threw himself into the community and his work. He made many life-long friends and was respected by everyone, even those that he may have had to arrest. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1974 and was well-loved by the men and women that worked with him.

He decided to go back to school. He worked full-time and attended night school in San Francisco achieving his Master's Degree of Public Administration in 1984. Mom held down the fort and was so very proud of him accomplishing his dreams.

In 1989 he was bitten by a tick while searching for a child near Brookside School. He became ill and had many health issues associated with it. It took quite a while to even get it diagnosed. In the end he had to medically retire from the Police Department.

He did not take that sitting down. He started his own Private Investigator business. He assisted attorneys with cases, interviewing and investigating and also served civil papers. He loved being his own boss, and after a while Mom joined him in the business. They had a great time driving all over working cases or serving papers. They loved being together every day and working together.

After 12 years they decided to close down the business and completely retire. They both battled health issues, but were always up for a road trip. They traveled to Red Bluff and South Lake Tahoe to see family or would just take rides.

The Lyme disease affected him the rest of his life. He was in constant pain, but you would never know. He never complained or let people know how bad it was.

He is preceded in death by the love of his life, Sheila, and Parents Clarence Sr. and Ruth Gray. He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Charles, Robert, Betsy and Nancy.

He is survived by his children, Christie Weberski (Chip) of South Lake Tahoe, California, Julie Packard of Red Bluff, California, and Patrick Gray of Willits, California. His Grandchildren, Beth, Keith, Kellie, Shannon, Lynzie, Bella and Madeline. His Step-Grandchildren, Jennifer, Debbie and Melissa. His GreatGrandchildren, Wyatt, Brett, Bryce and baby Williams. Also surviving him are his Sisters in Law, Ciely of Santa Rosa and Kathleen of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He is also survived by numerous Nieces and Nephews.

There will be a graveside service for Dad and Mom on Friday, March 19 at 1 pm at Little Lake Cemetery. There will be a procession leaving from the mortuary promptly at 12:15 pm.

Fly high Dad, you and Mom are finally together dancing in heaven. God knew how much you missed her and wanted to be with her. You will always be our hero, and we will miss you and Mom forever.



Above: The bus brought kids eager to get back to being with their friends. Above, right: Friendly staff greet children and parents warmly.

At right: Shawna Jeavons hands out assignments to her returning class.

At right, below, left: This second-grade teacher displays her joy at being back to work and getting to be with her students. At right, below, right: Marian Lohne, vice-principal at Willits High School, came to Brookside to help the flow of students to the proper gates and rooms.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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to "normal" after a long year of distance learning. The teachers expected the day to be "patiently great." Patience was needed to perform the intake of students, adhering to the necessities of the pandemic and rules created by the state, the county, and the teachers union.

The processing of the arrival of the students was discussed and rehearsed prior to this day so that everything would move as swiftly and efficiently as possible. Even with practice, "tensions were high," according to Marian Lohne, vice principal at Willits High School, who was assisting the intake at Brookside School's Gate 1.

All the staff wanted the day to be as fluid as possible and show the kids that they were welcome and that "normal" was returning.

"We had rehearsals of the drop-off procedures for the staff," explained Brookside principal Kathleen Crossman. "We thought there was a possibility of delays in the process. We had meetings where we got together outside the school. We got cars to drive through.

"We had to change some of our plans based on the ideas that we generated while we were practicing," Crossman explained. "We've made several tries at the different plans. We'll keep changing as we find what works. It's a matter of following the guidelines that have been set for our schools in order to come back and while we meet those guidelines, we are accommodating the families that come through. We have only one entrance for the cars so we had to modify the guidelines that were set for schools with multiple ways in."

Brookside Registrar Erika Buzzard thought the day "went really good, a little slow, but for our first day we've got classrooms full of kiddos. We're excited. We finished at 8:23. We were trying to have all the kids in class by 8:15, so not bad for the first day. We have some little kinks here and there to fix up.

"Overall," Buzzard said, "the parents were excited to get their kids back in school. We have another load of kindergarten kids coming in at 11:30. We had so many this year, we had to split them up."

"It's great to have kids back on site," said Mark Westerburg, superintendent of the Willits Unified School District. "Blosser's open today as well, and sixth grade at Baechtel. This is Phase One. Next week we're hoping to open Sherwood School, Sanhedrin, and seventh- and eighth-graders at Baechtel. We're going to open the high school the following week, first with ninth and 10th grades, which will bring us to Spring Break. When they return from the break, we will add 11th and 12th grades. We have to phase it back in, because we have to get everybody into masks and 6 feet apart.

"We're back. That's good news!"

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Above: Rachel Cash helps to direct traffic on back-to-school morning Wednesday at Brookside. Below: Registrar Erika Buzzard helps guide the walk-up kids to their rooms. Further below: The arrivals to school were spaced out for organization and distancing. At bottom: A staff member takes a student's temperature as soon as he leaves the car.



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hearing from teachers, they changed that to Wednesday, March 17.

"I believe I speak ... for the bulk of the board. We need to get kids back into school as early as we reasonably can," said President Alex Bowlds. "And we would like to see them back in school on Monday [March 15]."

Which meant two days and the weekend to get ready.

Teachers and school administrators made it clear that they needed more time.

Grades "three through five teachers that I'm hearing from are saying they need more than two days to get their curriculums and their classrooms ready, and to change teaching style again to be back in the classroom," Willits Teachers Association president Tessa Ford told the board.

"Every teacher that's going back, K-6 at least, I guarantee they're going to be there on the weekend," said high school teacher and WTA negotiator Brian Bowles. "There's no way they're not going to be.... It's like the beginning of school all over again.

"I think that the reality of the nuts and bolts of starting will need at least two days to get started out on top of the weekend, so they can work professionally," he said.

"I have some concerns about the logistics, because kids are going to be moved. There's going to be rosters changing.... And I don't even know what all the protocols are.... There needs to be some staff training," said Blosser Lane principal Nancy Runberg. "Wednesday might be a better day for Blosser."

"I agree.... The scheduling thing is the concern," said Brookside principal Kathy Crossman. And "we still have some ... logistical ... things to take care of on site."

"We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge our principals and our WTA and our teachers that simply say they need a little bit more time," agreed Bowlds.

In the end, Superintendent Mark Westerberg brought the discussion to a close with a proposal to open up on Wednesday, March 17.

"Let's take Monday and Tuesday with no kids, no Zooming, none of that stuff. Let's get back on site ... ready to do business on Wednesday," he said. "Our staff needs to come back in, get in place, get their rooms ready, get people rocking and rolling, get schedules set, your dojo ready, and let's go."

So much for Brookside, Blosser, and sixth grade at Baechtel Grove. What about the rest of the district's students?

Next up, according to the district website—is March 22 for the seventh and eighth grades at Baechtel Grove, Sanhedrin High School, and – maybe – Sherwood School, though Westerburg could not guarantee that date for Sherwood at the meeting.

"I'm not sure I can pull Sherwood on the 22nd," he said. "Sherwood has unique issues with only three buildings, three teachers.

"I'm going to be up there setting up tents so we have outside spaces," he continued. "I have to make sure I have some administrative coverage there.... We're in the middle of transitioning between a secretary on leave and somebody I'm stealing from Brookside.... We have some issues I haven't worked through.

"It doesn't mean we haven't talked, and we're not ready. I think all three teachers have a pretty good idea of what we're going to do," he said. "But I have to be their administrator and the superintendent at the same time," he explained. "I've got to make sure we can open up downtown before I can take care of Sherwood."

As for the high school, ninth and 10th grade will be going back on March 28, according to the website.

"I know people want juniors and seniors to come back in," said Westerburg. "But I think we should wait until April 12, the Monday after spring break [for them]."

Independent study students will return to the classroom "as we have openings," he said. "Independent study has 60 kids, and they're at all different grade levels.

"There are seven third-graders [in independent study]. I don't know if I have seven spots in third grade. I might only have three. I might have 10. I don't know yet," he continued. "We've got to get back in place to make that happen."

Westerburg had estimated last month that the percentage of elementary students whose parents would choose to return them to the classroom would

mirror Fort Bragg's experience of about 50/50.

This, however, is not what the parents of Willits' students want.

"Our numbers that we got from parents.... We thought originally it was going to be 50/50," he said. "That is certainly not the case. For example, there's only six sixth-graders who are going to stay on distance learning. They want to be back."

"I think it's important that the public know that [there are] these mind-boggling rules that we have to follow just to open up, just to get kids in class," said California School Employees Association president Dan Green. "They go throughout the entire structure of the school district.

"Not only do they affect the teachers in the class – they affect how the kids get to school, how the kids get home from school, how transportation can run, how many people can be in vans and buses," he went on. "All of these things are going to be altered and different from the norm that anybody is used to.

"So the learning curve is all aspects of school ... not just getting the kid back in the classroom," he finished. "Patience is going to be needed on all those fronts."

And, Westerburg noted: "All of this is based on, we continue to progress the way we are trending ... red moving towards yellow. If we go deep purple, the brakes get put on ... back into distance learning."

### Facilities, budget in good shape

Assuming trends continue and all goes as scheduled, some of the classrooms being returned to will look a whole lot better than the last time kids were in them; fixing and repairing has been proceeding at a furious pace at the empty buildings.

"One thing that COVID has really helped us with. Our facilities are in as good a shape as they have ever been," said Westerburg.

"If you go to Baechtel ... I want you to look at the attention to detail in cleaning, gardens, painting, everything," he continued, citing campus supervisor Haidee Hajik in particular for her contributions.

"She is phenomenal. She's killing it, painting and fixing things ... everything at that building," he said.

"On top of that is the bond issue [passed in last November's election] helping us to do things," Westerburg continued. "There's a new hallway in the high school main building. There's new carpet in the office. There's new carpet in the band room. The high school is going to have new windows at the main building. We did all the heating and cooling. The high school parking lot is going to get done. The turn-around's going to get done. The road back to the main building's going to get done. We're looking at all of our other buildings ... fixing all the roofs ... including the high school ... all done probably by June."

He went on: "Our maintenance folks have actually put two science rooms into place at Baechtel. We have science labs, science tables – the sinks work, the drains work, the power works in the room. We have real science rooms there.

"And we're now tearing apart the high school science rooms and doing the same thing," he added.

And, it's not just district buildings that are looking good. The district's current fiscal condition is looking pretty good too.

Director of fiscal services Nikki Agenbroad presented and described the district's 2020/21 second interim budget report, and Westerburg provided a summary.

"One of the things that Nikki is going to do is show you our current position. She will be the first to tell you ... we know where we're at today. We don't know where we're going to be at the end of June," he said. "There are multiple things happening with a stimulus that just got passed.

"There's a lot of wild cards still left out, but what I want you to know is the good news.... We were very fiscally responsible back last year when we set this year's budget. We made the right reductions. We made the right changes to put us in a good position, and so our financial position on this is even better than we projected at the start.

"Again, we don't know where we're going with some other financial pieces, but we are not off-kilter at all. We're better than we thought we were going to be a little bit," he said. "We're not worried at all. We're in a good financial position as a district."

## Vernal Equinox drive-thru Seed Sale at WHS

Willits High School Interact Club will hold a Vernal Equinox Seed Sale on March 17 and 18, from 3 to 5 pm, at a drive-thru sale at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Celebrate the Spring Season with some new seeds for \$3 to \$5. Keep your eye on the "Willits High School Interact Club" page on Facebook for a full list of available seeds.

The WHS Interact Club is raising money to place water bottle refill stations around town free for the community to use! "Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities."

## Sheriff's Youth Activities League Karate Program starts March 18

Mendocino County Sheriff's Youth Activities League Karate Program is starting back up at the Willits Body Works Gym on March 18. Sign up at the class. \$10 yearly SAL insurance per child. Space limited. Enter thru rear doors of building. Need more info, contact Mike Tobin Sensei, cell 354-0565.

- Lil Dragons/Pre-Skills (small child) ages 4 years up to 7 years old; classes Thursday night at 6 pm to 6:30 pm. Space limited to 15.
- Youth/Teen ages 7 years to 17 years old; classes, Thursday at 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm and Tuesday at 7 pm to 7:45 pm. Space limited to 12.
- Intermediate/Advanced Class begins after Youth/Teen classes by invitation.

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Williams, was very productive. "Despite the necessity of the meeting being remotely held via Zoom," Williams said, "all board members and the staff were able to discuss important plans for the future."

Brooktrails Township General Manager Tamara Alaniz agreed that it was a very successful planning meeting, saying: "The board was able to provide good direction to the staff on emerging issues that we are going to be dealing with this year, so I thank you all for that."

The big agenda item of the March 9 evening meeting was consideration of Ordinance 162 – amending Ordinance 76, the district's Utilities Code relating to procedures for temporary disconnection of utility services for nonpayment of utility charges.

Pertinent background information provided by the Brooktrails staff: The Water Shutoff Protection Act was enacted in 2019 and established requirements for water disconnection policies applicable to all public water suppliers. The district staff has been implementing the deadlines and notification procedures identified in the act since it was effective on February 1, 2020. Ordinance 162 is an amendment to Ordinance 76 that will codify these requirements into the district's Utilities Code.

Ordinance 162 was introduced on February

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requires a special candidate. Kristin Nevedal is that candidate, and we are fortunate that she accepted the charge. Her extensive experience in cannabis policy, advocacy, and compliance makes her uniquely

qualified to hit the ground running in managing the cannabis program and resolving our permitting backlog," says Supervisor Williams, who continued by suggesting Nevedal's hiring is among the county's most important in 2021.

"Having such a competent person in this role will allow the Department of Planning and Building to function more effectively and work on other deferred countywide needs," he concludes.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak notes, "Kristin has an excellent history of cannabis experience at state, regional and local levels. Her ability to work with stakeholders and governmental entities will serve Mendocino County well."

Nevedal's cannabis resume encompasses local, state and academic experience. She was co-director for the Humboldt Institute of Interdisciplinary Cannabis Research and an associate faculty member for the Humboldt

## Upgrades to highway motorist aid call boxes

**Submitted by Mendocino Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies**

As the local agency responsible for maintaining the Call Box Program in Mendocino County, the Mendocino Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies is currently working to facilitate a necessary system-wide upgrade.

The majority of call boxes in Mendocino County operate on cellular service, and the service provider has recently transitioned from 3G to 4G network technology. Unfortunately, the internal radios of the call boxes were designed to work with the former 3G service. As a result, many boxes have become inoperable until their hardware can be upgraded for compatibility with the newer cellular signal.

Staff is working closely with the provider and technicians to upgrade the radios. However, progress has been delayed by the limited availability of the new radios and statewide demand. While working through this upgrade process, staff continues to monitor and place call boxes in out-of-service status until they begin operating correctly.

Mendocino SAFE appreciates the patience of all travelers during this transition and upgrade.

To report a call box not working properly, please call 707-463-1859.

23, 2021 with a motion to bring it to a public hearing on March 9. There being no one in attendance at the public hearing, the board proceeded with a roll call vote which was unanimous and the ordinance was adopted, becoming effective 30 days after adoption.

The physical utility bills – regular and late notices – notify customers about 20 days before disconnection, well within the five-day minimum established in the act. General Manager Alaniz provided the draft written policy on the water disconnection procedure, which identifies the due process options for customers and clarifies the deadlines for disconnection beyond a 60-day delinquency. The policy is now posted on the website after the adoption of the ordinance.

The district has already established a process for alternative payment plans on accounts with past-due utilities; adhering to the 60-day delinquency threshold; upholding a \$500 minimum before imposing an accrual lien on any property with unpaid utility bills; and the district works with individual customers on a case-by-case basis to resolve unpaid utility bills.

Before the meeting adjourned for the evening, the board voted to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$225,555.69 with Director Tony Orth making the motion for approval, seconded by Director Ed Horrick.

State University Sociology Department. She worked concurrently as a social science research director and founder for the Center for the Study of Cannabis and Social Policy in Seattle, Washington.

Within the cannabis community, Nevedal is known for her work with the Bureau of Cannabis Control as a gubernatorial appointee on several subcommittees. She is the founder of the International Cannabis Advisory Farmers Association, has been an education director for the Emerald Cup, and the co-founder and vice president of the Humboldt Growers Association.

"I'm excited to be working with the county in its effort to develop and implement a meaningful cannabis regulatory program. I want to thank the Board of Supervisors for their support and confidence. I'm deeply humbled by the opportunity," says Nevedal.

"I look forward to working with the board, county staff, and the cannabis community to address concerns and inefficiencies, improve outcomes, and ensure we can achieve a successful path forward," she concludes.

“Shake It Loose” concert series  
available for viewing online at Willits  
Community Theatre website

Submitted by Steve Hellman, for WCT

Longtime Skunk Train performer Greg Schindel headlines an impressive list of local musicians offering up their taped solo acts for viewing at the Willits Community Theatre website. As part of the concert series titled “Shake It Loose,” Schindel’s lively guitar and vocal renditions highlight six of his original compositions, all currently available for streaming at: [www.wctperformingartscenter.org/calendar](http://www.wctperformingartscenter.org/calendar).

Second in line for release this Friday, March 18 are Ukiah actress and singer Blare Elliott’s seven vocal favorites from a bevy of Broadway hit musicals, including “Hamilton” and “Cabaret.” In the coming weeks, “Shake It Loose” will also present a duet performance of free-form jazz from local musicians Kyle Madrigal and bassist Lincoln Andrews, and a solo show featuring Delta blues by “Shovelman” Isaac Frankle.

Famed for his witty and engaging rail-line minstrel act, Schindel says he’s delighted to switch gears and present his own personal material through the WCT online venue. While a return to his live performances remains in the future, he says, “I’m always the showoff, and sharing is really the whole thing.”

Schindel’s song list includes slices of the heartfelt, the comic, and the witty, with titles: “Praise Something Greater,” “No More Goodbyes,” “Country Girl,” “The Man in the Country,” “Senile Faded Flower Children,” “Broken Hearts On the Mend,” and “One Two Three.”

Elliott confides that it has been a whole year since her role in a production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at Mendocino College was cancelled due to the onset of the pandemic. Ever since she has longed for a way to express herself creatively and the chance to do so couldn’t have come sooner. She particularly enjoys performing “Burn” from “Hamilton,” a rollercoaster song about a wife’s reaction to her husband’s cheating. “It rides on a wave of emotion,” she says. She also performs “Maybe This Time” from “Cabaret” about a dancer who – always a loser at love – maybe this time found someone.

Elliott’s added numbers are “Shy” from “Once Upon a Mattress,” “When Words Fail” from “Shrek the Musical,” “What Baking Can Do” from “Waitress,” “Fight for Me” from “Heathers the Musical,” and “I’d Rather Be Me” from “Mean Girls the Musical.”

The “Shake It Loose” concert series represents the latest effort by WCT to provide streaming entertainment by local artists for local home audiences. The theater’s free-for-viewing catalog also currently includes several plays and radio dramas.

WCT Production Manager Mike A’Dair says of “Shake It Loose,” “Willits is such a talented community and for this recorded production we have gathered some of the most talented musicians in our area. I am really grateful to them for sharing their artistry with our viewers.”

All shows are available at: [www.wctperformingartscenter.org/calendar](http://www.wctperformingartscenter.org/calendar)



Above: Ukiah actress and singer Blare Elliott performs seven Broadway favorites in the “Shake It Loose” concert series.

Below: Greg Schindel, well-known for singing aboard the Skunk Train, performs a set of his original compositions in the concert series “Shake It Loose,” available for free on the Willits Community Theatre website.



Restaurant Week  
all month in Fort Bragg

Welcome to Fort Bragg Restaurant Week. In 2021, the food-lover’s festivities look a little different, but taste just as delicious. For starters, this year’s Restaurant Week lasts a full month, from March 1 through March 31. Also, in the spirit of social distancing, Fort Bragg restaurants are presenting special offerings to-go and for outside dining.

Participating restaurants include:

A Sweet Affair; Cafe One; Casa del Sol; Cliff House; Cowlick’s Ice Cream; D’ Aurelios; David’s Deli; Los Gallitos; Mayan Fusion; Mendocino Cookie Company; North Coast Brewing; Noyo Fish Company; Noyo Harbor Inn; Noyo River Grill; Overtime Brewery; Princess Seafood; Purple Rose Mexican Restaurant; Silver’s at the Wharf; Taka’s Grill; and Vinny’s Pizza

To learn more about Restaurant Week, and see specials menus from individual restaurants, visit <https://fortbraggfood.com/>

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