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FEMA takes back **Brooktrails** fire resilience grant

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency cancelled funding has for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program for disaster prevention projects across the country, including in Brooktrails Township.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak reported in his April update that FEMA had put out a memo announcing the "termination" of the BRIC grant program. The change includes a take-back of any already awarded grants from fiscal years 2020-2023 where funds have not been distributed, as well as cancellation of the 2024 program which would have allocated \$750 million in grants.

"Last year, Mendocino \$3.6 County received million from the BRIC grant through FEMA and matching funds from a Prepare CA Match grant," Haschak wrote in his update. "This funding was

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Above, from left: Maggie and Swayze smile with the Easter Bunny during his visit to J.D. Redhouse on Saturday, April 5. One of the little goats present for one of the spring photo sessions says "Happy Easter" to all. Weston holds a bunny almost as big as himself during his spring photo session. Below: The Soroptimists pose with the Bunny in a rainbow of festivity including, from left: Keean McCain (Bunny Helper, new husband, and honorary Soroptimister), Barbara O'Reardon, Marilyn Harden, Vicki Ham, Kitty Norris, and Bunny Helper, Honorary Soroptimist member, and new wife, Keely Ahders. Keely and Keean were wed in Cloverdale on April 13, 2025.

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School during their spring photos.

Bunny-Filled F Three schools and a community event with bunnies, smiles, and springtime cheer

Spring means bunnies, bunnies love to be snuggled, and boy were there

Maureen Jennison Graphics & Photographress

bunnies to be snuggled during several recent photo opportunities and fundraisers earlier this month.

Bunnies

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Council OKs return to **City Park** for farmers market

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The Willits Farmers Market will return to Bud Snyder Park (City Park) on Thursday May 1, after receivina unanimous approval from the city council at the April 9 council meeting. The market will be at the park every Thursday from 3 pm to 5:30 pm, May through October.

market The had previously been at the park for many years until 2016, when the market had to relocate because the city was preparing to cut down the old and deteriorating trees along the perimeter of the park. Since then, the market has met in several other locations, none of them as well-liked as the one at the park. Market director Michael Foley told the city council: "Probably not a month has gone by since we moved from city park that somebody hasn't asked me, When are we gonna go back to the park?"

The market will take up the entire north side of the park along State Street, with vendors backing their trucks up to the curb. That

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Prescribed burns start on Shamrock Ranch

Submitted by CAL FIRE MEU

California The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit is conducting a vegetation prescribed management burn on the Shamrock Ranch, south of Laytonville.

This prescribed burn will treat approximately 1,000-acres of chaparral and understory vegetation within oak woodlands and mixed conifer habitats, creating a mosaic of variously burned vegetation and islands of unburned habitat.

The Shamrock Ranch is in the northern portion Mendocino County, of east of Highway 101, and southeast of the town of Laytonville.

Burning was set to begin on Tuesday, April 15, and to continue intermittently as favorable weather conditions present themselves, but to end no later than Friday, May 9,

Burning will start at approximately 8 am and conclude at approximately 3 pm daily.

This project adds to significant work underway

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Ranch Over on Page 11



The 10th annual Easter Bunny visit to J.D. Redhouse is, as always, a 50/50 fundraiser for the Soroptimist International

of Willits group, and the community came out to support on April 5, earning the club \$350. Three schools

Read the rest of also participated in offering spring





At top, from left: It is always fun to get a true family photo with Erica, Kalan and Nora (and dad Keenan in the suit) during bunny photo sessions. Hailey and JaRosie wanted almost every available animal present for their sibling photo, including two roosters, a goat, and four bunnies. Above, from left: Alan snuggles up on the bunny in his lap. Veteran bunny holder Colter has a chat about Easter plans with the big buns. Heather came dressed in her fancy blue dress to be photographed with the bunnies. Below, left: Louis smiled like a total natural with his animal friends. Below, right: Piper almost got a bunny kiss from the sweet buns in the basket.



Fire board talks new training officer, stipend for engineers

Annie Evarts Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

News from the April 8 board of directors meeting for the Little Lake Fire Protection District included updates on who will be filling former Training Officer Jeff Donaldson's position now that he's taken over as chief for Brooktrails Fire Department. Harry So, Little Lake Fire's engineer captain (engineers drive the fire trucks,) is transitioning into the training officer slot, which will, for the time being, leave the engineer position open.

Little Lake staff told the board they're not in a huge hurry to fill the opening because they're in discussions on how to better structure the new engineer's schedule. Right now, Little Lake's engineer operates from 8 am to 5 pm, typical hours for Little Lake staff. Anything after those hours is unpaid, volunteer work. Restructuring the standard workday hours outside of the normal 8 to 5 could mean more engine driver coverage. When Little Lake does fill the

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you Chamise Cubbison! To the Editor:

Let's all applaud the courage of Chamise Cubbison to stand up for the public against a corrupt District Attorney, David Eyster

We are paying him \$217,380/year plus benefits. In return, he just charged us \$3,600 to pay for a staff banquet in violation of county policy. How many other banquets did he use our money to pay for? Taxpayers demand that the General Fund be personally reimbursed by Eyster for all the banquets he took our money to pay for.

His failed attempt to silence an innocent whistleblower may ultimately cost the county in the range of \$2 million!

From corruption, we move to incompetence. We are paying County Counsel \$200,000/year plus benefits.

If the general public were asked "Do you think it's OK to fire an elected official without due process." the vast majority would say "probably not, it doesn't seem right." Probably all legal aides would say "no." Unfortunately for us, our incompetent County Counsel said no problem.

The lack of judgment by the previous Board of Supervisors to believe this nonsense is shocking and is what will cost us maybe \$2,000,000! Finally, we have allegations of perjury on the witness stand by the CEO and others.

To date, there have been no consequences for anyone (it's not our money, it's the taxpayers'). If this BOS does not stand up to prosecute perjury, fire incompetence, and refund the General Fund, the only ones left to face consequences will be the supervisors who created this financial disaster. Stay tuned to how the BOS assigns consequences.

Dennis Slota, Willits

Don't over-regulate mobile vendors

To the Editor:

Regarding Willits Weekly's March 27 article, "Council discusses new vendor ordinance"

I don't agree with "limiting mobile vendors " especially during the summer tourist season. This is yet another unfair action to restrict businesses with too many regulations. forcing them to close.

This reminds me of the Willits bypass that forced businesses to close! There are only TWO mobile food vendors in Willits, so only a stupid person would believe that TWO mobile food vendors would put restaurants out of business!

City Council should focus on creating business opportunities instead of getting rid of them.

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Thursday, April 17: Pasta Primavera (vegetarian), Garlic Bread,

Green Sala Friday, April 18: Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Veggies, Roll

Monday, April 21: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad Tuesday, April 22: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Veggies, Corn Bread

Wednesday, April 23: Cowboy Burrito (Smoked Pork)

Thursday, April 24: Reuben Sandwich, Pickle, Chips

Friday, April 25: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, Veggies, Roll Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Joliana at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout Willits

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826.

Howard Memorial hosts Volunteer

Open House, April 23

Submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial

There's no better gift than the gift of time. That's why Adventist Health Howard Memorial is looking to recruit more individuals looking to give back to the community. The hospital is hosting a Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, April 23 (Wednesday, April 23 is the correct date)from 9:30 to 11:30 am, in the back of the Roots Restaurant inside the hospital, to allow those interested to learn more about sharing their time and skills as a volunteer.

Held just in time for National Volunteer Week, the open house will feature many of the current volunteers who will share their experiences and the vital support they provide for the hospital's programs and departments.

Volunteers at Adventist Health Howard Memorial work in several critical areas, and the opportunities to serve and build connections are abundant, shares Becky Hope, patient experience manager. "They can play a key role in welcoming our patients and visitors at our entrances, setting the stage for a great experience. At the information desk, volunteers can help to answer questions, provide directions and escort visitors to other areas of the medical center.

"We also have volunteers in our gift shop, the proceeds from which help us purchase additional equipment for the hospital.. For those who love doing clerical tasks, and supporting behind the scenes, there are many departments that can use their skills as well," Hope explains.

Non-traditional volunteer roles are also available, including those who may like to play music in our lobby or restaurant throughout the year, providing comfort and a pleasant distraction for those coming to the hospital for care or to see a loved one.

Also, as part of the hospital's efforts to provide whole-person

Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunrise Service returns to Sherwood Road overlooking Willits again this year!

Community Sunrise Service at the Cross on Sherwood Road on Sunday. April 20 at 6:30 am. Everyone is invited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with singing, prayer, and a Bible message.

Bring a camp chair if you'd like to sit, and dress warmly. Following the service, a hot breakfast will be served in Bruce and Linda's Barn. In the event of rain. service will be held in Bruce and Linda's Barn.

Hope to see you there!

Join us for Holv Week at St. John Lutheran

Church

Submitted by St. John Lutheran Church

You are warmly invited to observe Holy Week with us at St. John Lutheran Church, located at 24 Mill Creek Drive in Willits. We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones as we honor this sacred season together. Come, let us walk this journey of faith and grace as one community.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 13 at 10 am

Join us for our Divine Service as we begin Holy Week, remembering Christ's triumphal entry.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

Participate in a Home Family Devotional. (Request your devotional by emailing connect@stjohnswillits.org)

Good Friday

Friday, April 18 at 6 pm

Gather for a Traditional Good Friday Service to reflect on Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20

Begin the day with an Easter Morning Prayer Service at 7:30 am, followed by a Fellowship Breakfast at 9 am. and conclude with a Divine Service at 10:15 am to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection.

Holy Week services Submitted by Rev. Betsy Bruneau

Holy Week services this year at Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, at the corner of Commercial and Main streets in Willits, are listed below.





Tri-Tip Dinner

Sober Grad sells drive-through meals to raise money for a fun and safe evening for graduating seniors

"If this program can save a kid's life on graduation day, had a kid pass away from drunk driving when I was in it's worth every penny and effort we put into this," said

chance to slack off. Parents and seniors helped to prepare and distribute the meals for four at the latest Sober Grad Drive-Through Dinner.

"This is my second year as president [of Sober Grad]," explained April Lamprich. "It's been going really well. We



t far left: Two hundred dinners were sold at \$65 each to help fund the Sober Grad night at the Willits Charter School gym. At left: As usual, Flowers by Annette provides some color to the dinner bags. Below, left: Senior Makiah Carter, Sober Grad President April Lamprich, and senior Ethan Blum wait for the first wave of hungry diners. Below: The tri-tip cooking crew, made up of Jennifer, Jack and Tanner Drew, along with Andrew Hosford and Kevin Kvasnicka, work long hours to provide the tasty meat for the dinners.





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Willits City Councilmember Gerry Mathew Caine Gonzalez as he worked stuffing Features Writer huge tri tips into their take-out willitsweekly@gmail.com containers. With over 200 dinners to

distribute in a couple of hours, none of the volunteers got a started. That's a great record. I hope to continue it."

which is designed to keep the graduating seniors occupied and off the streets and away from alcohol. "This is for any senior within the Willits Unified School District. We have

Read the rest of

Grads

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school, so this is kind of dear to my heart. I like that we're able to keep them safe and have fun. I explain to these kids that this might be the last time they're all together in one spot. After that night, everybody goes to different places. We haven't lost a kid since 1985, when the program first

Each year there is something new at the all-night festivity,

120 graduating seniors this year. We usually plan on about

Cheryl Abney, Willits



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care, we even offer pet therapy with our wonderful team of Sage Mountainfire and Chipper, her canine companion, who volunteer often to bring another kind of comfort – one that comes from someone with a wet nose and four paws. This dynamic duo make the rounds regularly, from patient rooms, offices and in outpatient clinics, spreading muchneeded, love, energy and smiles along the way.

"We are thankful to our volunteers for their sacrifice of time and skills to serve our community," says Jeff Mock, Adventist Health Howard Memorial Operations Executive. "No matter your skill, age or interest, we have many opportunities for everyone. Our volunteers are a force for good as they live out our mission to inspire health, wholeness and hope throughout our hospital and community.

Aside from the benefits volunteers bring to the hospital, sharing their time also provides many benefits for them. Research has found that volunteering among adults, age 60 and over, provided benefits to physical and mental health. Volunteers also report better physical health than non-volunteers. Research also has shown that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression and anxiety, especially for people 65 and older.

Volunteers at Adventist Health Howard Memorial are accepting new members. More information and applications for the volunteer program will be available during the Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, April 23, from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the back of Roots, located in the hospital.



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Everyone is welcome and the church is completely wheelchair accessible.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6 pm – we remember the last supper and Jesus's mandate to his disciples to love one another as he has loved them.

Good Friday, April 18 – prayers at noon; the church will be open for private prayer and meditation until 2 pm.

Holy Saturday, April 19, 10 am – a short service of prayers.

The Easter Vigil, Saturday April 19, 6 pm - this service is usually held at midnight, but here in Willits where people often live out of town, we do it earlier. It includes kindling new fire to light the Paschal candle, several readings, prayers, and songs, Holy Communion, and the first proclamation of Easter.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 am – our regular service and joyful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, followed by an Easter Egg hunt for children. 707-354-0757



High School Ag Farm where the tri-tip drive-thru dinner takes place.

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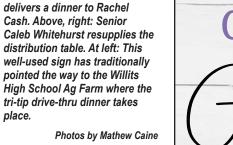
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Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

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Submitted by Big Jake Presents 20 Fort Bragg, California - The muchanticipated "Remember When 25 Skunk Train" returns for its fourth annual celebration on April 19 and 20, promising an unforgettable two-day experience that blends music, healing, culture, and mpassion – all in support of veterans and ildren battling cancer. Hosted along the historic Skunk Train issed. 18. Exclamation that 48. It helps elect politicians **CLUES ACROSS** denotes disgust 51. As fast as can be done 1. Dark blacks 21. Helper 53. Genus of legumes 7. Construct a wall 24. Gift to confine 55. Samoa's capital 26. Up in the air (abbr.) 13. Most inappropriate 56. Monument in Jakarta 27. Treat without respect 14. A type of board 58. Former French coin include: 30. Trims 16. Sacred Hindu syllable 59. Exploiters 32. Slang for lovely 17. Flatterer 60. College sports official 35. City of Angels 19. The Granite State 61. Uninterrupted in time hoopster (abbr.) 20. Tears down 64. Stephen King story for VIP ticket holders. 37. Guitarists' tool 22. China's Chairman 65. Marked by no sound 38. Island nation Silent Auction: Bid on unique items and 23. Former Houston 67. Weathers experiences, with all proceeds benefiting footballer 39. Delivered in 69. Denouncements installments 25. Periods of time 70. More beloved 42. A baglike structure 26. Expressed pleasure 43. Cooking vessel **CLUES DOWN** 28. World alliance 46. Gets in front of

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

April 7 to April 13 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly HOW TO SUDOKU The officers of the Willits Police April 10 Department reported 72 incidents in this Sudoku puzzles are 10:02 pm: Officers conducted a stop in 7-day period. ormatted as a 9x9 grid, the 1700 block of South Main Street and roken down into nine 3x3 Summary of Active Investigations issued a warning. oxes. To solve a sudoku, and Arrests 10:05 pm: Officers conducted a stop in ne numbers 1 through 9 the 800 block of South Main Street and nust fill each row, column April 7 issued a citation nd box. Each number can 5:11 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the ppear only once in each 800 block of South Main Street and issued April 11 ow, column and box. You a citation an figure out the order 8:02 am: Officers conducted a stop in the April 8 which the numbers 800 block of South Main Street and issued 3:02 am: Officers responded to a report vill appear by using the a warning. umeric clues already of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of April 12 rovided in the boxes. The Baechtel Road. nore numbers you name, 6:00 am: Officers conducted a stop in the 5:21 pm: Officers responded to a report ne easier it gets to solve 100 block of South Main Street and issued of suspicious activity in the 800 block of a warning. South Main Street.

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citation.

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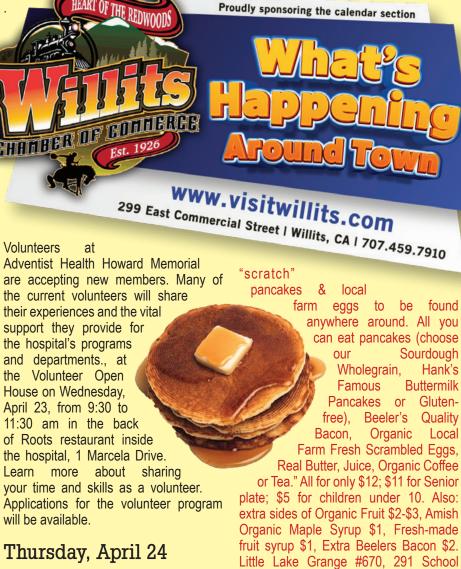
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· Captain's Quarters Bud & Breakfast 420 Easter Egg Hunt: Start your 4/20 morning with a one-of-a-kind cannabis-themed Easter egg hunt and cultural marketplace. • 420 Ride to Glen Blair Junction: On the morning of April 20, guests will board the Skunk Train from Fort Bragg and journey

to Glen Blair Junction, where the Native





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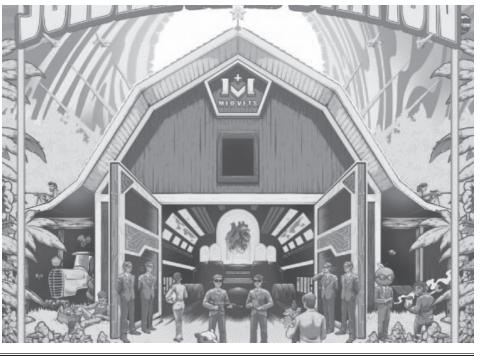
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American ceremony will take place and the day's festivities officially kick off. ilway, this annual fundraiser continues mission to uplift and empower through · Local farm-to-table vendors: Savor e power of community, cannabis, and fresh, locally sourced cuisine from Iture. With a lineup of world-class talent, community food artisans and vendors. mersive experiences, and meaningful · World-class guests: Meet and learn oments, this year's event is not to be from some of the globe's most respected healers, cultivators, breeders, and Headlining this year's celebration is a hashishans - each bringing their wisdom tionally acclaimed artist Brett McFarland, and medicine to the land and the people. erforming with Freedom Riders. The This immersive event is more than a event will also feature a powerful Native celebration - it's a movement rooted in American ceremony and dance at Glen healing, honoring, and giving back. All Blair Junction, led by Joaquin Thunderbird proceeds from the event go directly toward representing several Pomo tribal bands. charitable programs supporting veterans This sacred offering will honor the land, the and children with cancer people, and the healing journey we share. Tickets can be purchased through Highlights of the two-day experience https://eventhi.io/events/420-EventHi skunktrain-11498 or by visiting Celebrity Chef VIP Dinner: Enjoy a four-@420SkunkTrain on Instagram and clicking course infused culinary experience crafted the link in the bio or highlights by a renowned celebrity chef, exclusively Join us for an unforgettable journey of healing, high vibes, and heartfelt giving. Let's ride together-for the land, for the



people, and for the cause

Needed The WCA Y'art Sale is coming! Please consider donating your gently used art supplies to this fun event, to be held this year on May 24 and 25. You can drop off your donations at Willits Center for the Arts during our open hours, Fridays, Saturdays. and Sundays between 11am to 5pm. If you need help transporting your donations please send an email to margi@mcn. org. Be a part of your Art Center and this community-centered fundraiser!

Y'art Sale Donations

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Willits Senior Center **FUND-ing Raffle**

The Willits Senior Center has sent out envelopes for the center's 6th Annual FUNDing Raffle.

The mailing includes a long list of the more than 50 amazing raffle prizes donated by local businesses to support the senior center's essential programs and services, such as our Meals on Wheels program, Senior Transportation, and our Outreach Department.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we're asking you to support us. Proceeds also help us administer the center's free medical equipment and free firewood programs, and facilitate a "Life Changes and Physical Challenges" support group.

The mailer also includes six raffle tickets tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for six. Simply write your name and phone number on the raffle ticket stubs, and mail them back with your check in the included envelope.

If there's anybody who has not received a FUND-ing Raffle envelope with the "Look Inside - Don't miss your chance to win" logo, and who would like to support the senior center please give us a call at 459-6826.

We also have raffle tickets for sale at the Senior Center at 1501 Baechtel Road.



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Above, left: Laurie Baker decorated her table with artwork and Chocolate Surprise, which hide a cherry inside. Above, right: Rick and Lynn Williams spend a lot of time stuffing their chocolate truffles into paper pastry cups for tasting. At far left, below: Willits High School teacher Jennifer Barrett won for Best Chocolate and Best Table. Photos by Mathew Caine

Taste of Chocolate

Willits United Methodist Church hosts chocolate competition to raise money for community outreach program

fudge with walnuts. Last, but not least by any

By the end of the afternoon, about 100 people

had come to taste the chocolaty goodness, within a

O'Reardon and daughter Kati O'Rear.

Last Sunday, the Willits United Methodist Church for all of the beneficial altruistic programs that they support throughout the year. Seven chocolatiers found unique and personal ways to prepare and present their chocolate creations.

and sample all of the sweet Mathew Caine eatures Writer goodness and vote on their litsweekly@gmail.com choice of Best Chocolate and

shaped array of tables, the first they saw was a table decorated as a football field, with a green tablecloth, yard markers and goalposts. This was presented by Willits High School instructor Jennifer Barrett. Her entry was a Mississippi Mud Pie.

"Jennifer Barrett was the overall winner for both ner chocolate and her table decorations. She had a football theme and the rest of us had Easter themes. People love football," said Delores Pedersen, Willits city clerk and a participating chocolatier who brought no-bake chocolate cookies.

Williams, who offered chocolate truffles. "It's like a mini pie with chocolate on it," said Williams. At the

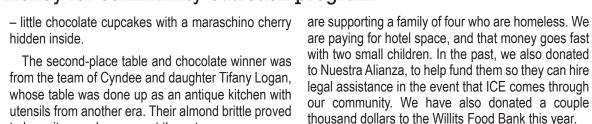
Next to Barrett was the team of Lynn and Rick

head of the horseshoe, Laurie Baker had some artwork to sell along with her "Chocolate Surprise"

few calories of a sugar coma, but probably worth it. Overall, the event was well received and made some money for the church, and everyone who attended had a great time.

"We didn't make a ton of money, but we were actually very pleased at the turnout and the amount of money we were able to make. It was absolutely worth doing. Several people said, 'I'm so glad you didn't have any more chocolate because I couldn't have eaten any more chocolate," recounted organizer and participant Lynn Williams.

"The big push is to be able to fund our community outreach," explained Williams. "At the moment, we



"We feel that feeding people is really important," Williams said. "We keep gift cards to grocery stores in the event that someone is stranded without money. If means. was the Berry Surprise Chocolate Cake, someone is stuck in the community without gasoline, with blackberries and strawberries from Barbara they can call us, and our pastor will meet them at the gas station and gift them a tank full of gas. As a church, we decided that we wanted to focus our

energy on supporting our community at large." The church has several spaces to rent to nonprofit organizations. They host several AA, Alanon, Narcotics Anonymous groups. "They haven't been able to afford the rents in other locations. We are trying really hard to support those groups because we feel they are very critical. They pay / donate whatever they can afford. In the winter, what they donate doesn't even cover the electricity or the heat," said Williams.

Although the church is dedicated to inclusivity, welcoming all types of people and all walks of life, this was an event not for diabetics, with the exception of the stevia-sweetened truffles of Lynn and Rick Williams.

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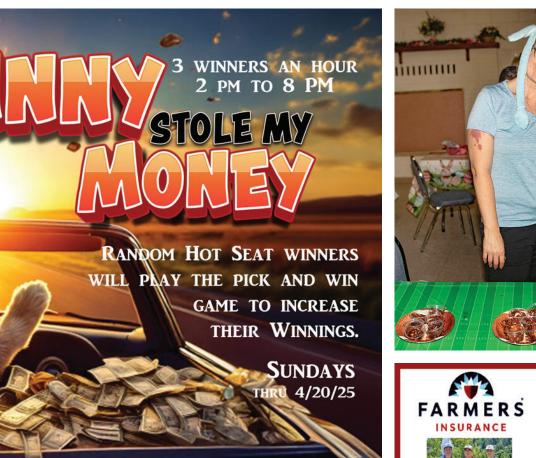
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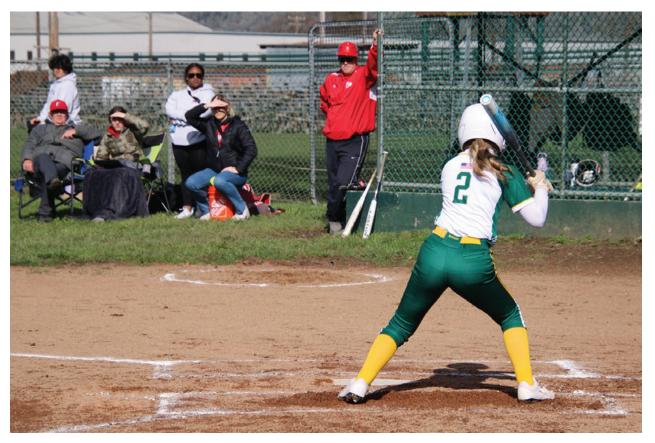


put on a Taste of Chocolate event to raise money hidden inside. The second-place table and chocolate winner was from the team of Cyndee and daughter Tifany Logan, whose table was done up as an antique kitchen with utensils from another era. Their almond brittle proved People paid \$5 to come in to be quite popular amongst the voters. Next to them was Carolyn Dowdy with her creamy

Best Decorated Table

As the attendees entered into the horseshoe-

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Above: Lead-off hitter Mia Chavez steps up to the plate. Below, from left: Amsatou Ndoye hits the ball to her opponent in a tennis match. Corey Rockey warms up on the mound. Salisa Leon prepares a serve to her opponent. At bottom: The softball team poses for a photo after their 12-2 win against Potter Valley: from left, Mia Chavez, Chloe Wright, Ava Dockins-Kline, Abigail Sherf, Gloria Gutierrez, Ava Holmen, Emily Garness, Alexandra Ramos, Lisa Arkelian and Jocelyn Galvan.

Photos By Ava Dockins





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COMMUNITY SPORTS NEWS

Wolverines baseball team crushes Roseland Collegiate Prep 32-0; softball steps up with incredible pitching and defense;

Oltjenburns places first in 200 meter and long jump

Willits Wolverines spring sports continue to thrive as the teams flourish in league games and meets. With spring break this week, there will be a bit of a pause, but the Wolverines will be back in full force in no time. Let's go Wolverines!

Willits Wolverines varsity Sheri Dockins baseball starts league games willitsweekly@gmail.cor bringing in the heat

Willits Wolverines varsity baseball held two exciting games last week. The first was an edge-of-your-seat, nail-biter against Credo from Santa Rosa. This game was head-to-head all the way into overtime. Twelve intense innings brought a final score of 8-8.

"Jakoby Kirby and Jordan Shull both pitched extremely well, six innings each," said Head Coach Shawn DeFranco. "Rickey Ramirez showed huge heart, catching behind the plate all 12 innings. He has made a large impact on every game he has played this year. Kai Schwebs made a couple remarkable plays in left field to keep us on it."

The second game was an away game in Santa Rosa against Roseland Collegiate Prep. "The Wolverines' bats were on fire, outscoring their opponent 32-0!" raved DeFranco. "I'm extremely proud to add multiple boys who worked really hard to get back on the field. So, now we're able to have a JV team. Don't miss our two home games this Tuesday and Friday at WHS Dave Kline Field at 4 pm!"

No doubt this team is ready to trail blaze the season with a ton of athleticism and heart. They are giving it all out there on the field each and every day at practice and each game. They are surrounded by dedicated coaches and Coach Kline has even been seen down there quite a few times. Some passions never die.

"The boys are working hard at practice, and they're getting better at every game," said Coach Kline.

Wolverines varsity softball team steps up to the plate

The Wolverines varsity softball team traveled to the beautiful little town of Tomales to play a dynamic and close game last week. These ladies were pumped up, supporting each other and chanting the entire game. Tomales had an iron-clad pitcher, and while the Wolverines were defeated by just two points, they gave them a run for their money with Arkelian's pitching speed and the girls' solid defense.

On Friday the Wolverines had an exhilarating home game against Potter Valley. These girls were lit up on that field with batting and plays. Arkelian was pitching with intention! The Wolverines rousted Potter Valley for the victorv

"It was nice to be at home and play in front of our home crowd," said Head Coach Ray Britton. "After a tough loss on the road to Tomales, we seemed to bounce back. It took



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WW530

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CAROL DENISE ALESHIRE has filed Case Number 25CV01855 with the Mendocino County Superior Court as a Petition for a Decree

Changing Name from CAROL DENISE ALESHIRE to CAROLE DENISE ALESHIRE THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this

matter appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person(s) objecting to the petition for name change must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection(s) at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard, and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

To object to the petition by remote appearance, go to the court's website at www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov in advance of the hearing.

Date of hearing: May 2, 2025, Time: 9:30 a.m., in Dept. E. The address of the court is 100 N. State St., Ukiah, CA 95482

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing

Publication Dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

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CITY OF WILLITS **SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

PROJECT NO. 2024-03 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled:

CITY OF WILLITS **SERVICES & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT** PROJECT PLANS

Willits Community Enhancement Project -

Project No. 2024-03

This project includes the installation of Base Bid items and one Bid Alternative item group. The Base Bid items include the purchase and construction of 21 solar lights and their foundations and the purchase and installation of an over the street banner pole system. The project will include the in-kind replacement or reuse of any sidewalk or permeable payer disturbed during construction. The construction of 10.5 to14 feet deep cast-in-drilled-hole pier foundations for the solar lights and over-the-road banner system are included in this project. All Base Bid improvements will be located in downtown Willits, Ca. Should the project budget allow, Bid Alternative 1 may become part of the project and consists of the procurement and installation of two additional solar lights to be located in Willits Babcock Park along Hwy 20.

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &

The work described in specifications books entitled: CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET For:

> Willits Community Enhancement Project -Project No. 2024-03

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2 p.m., May 1, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council

Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$376,600.

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each plant is given extra love and attention, and it shines through the finished flower.'

Mendo

The invite-only private event the next day, Sunday, May 4, at the Willits Grange, 291 School Street=, from 2:15 to 8 pm, will feature booths with farmers displaying their finest flowers (no sales - only looks and smells), local crafts, delicious stoner snacks and meals, and displays about the history of cannabis in Mendocino County. The Awards Ceremony will be at 4:20 pm for the Top

5 licensed farmers of full sun, full season flowers grown in Mendocino County, plus a special award to the Top Breeder.

The Awards Ceremony will include Ma Sherry Glaser, Mendocino's own Cannabis Comedy Queen. Plus there will be an outside Smokers Lounge.

Invitation and tickets for the event, \$20, for ages 21 and over, may be purchased online at https:// mendocinoproducersguild.org/buy-tickets-for-the-mendocup/

Vendor spaces are full, but there are still spaces available for farmer Cup applications: https:// mendocinoproducersguild.org/buy-tickets-for-the-mendocup/

Info: info@mendocinoproducersguild.org

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a couple of innings to get rolling, but the game ended well. We had to move some players around and play in different positions. The team adapted well, and played a good solid game.

"Moving forward will be interesting," said Britton. "We are going into Tuesday's match a little short-handed with it being spring break and some players are missing. I'm kind of excited to bring up some JV players to fill in the spots."

Willits Wolverines tennis holds strong with tenacious energy

The Wolverines tennis team played Cloverdale on Tuesday and Anderson Valley on Friday. While they didn't win their matches, they played admirably and entertained the crowds. "The kids played hard, and I was proud of them," said Head Coach Kristi Kellar.

Willits Wolverines track keeps a steady pace to excellence

On Wednesday April 9, Wolverines track athletes loaded in the vans to venture over to Lower Lake for a track meet. Each athlete improved, and continues to improve, at each meet so far this season.

They are a small but very determined group of kids with big goals in mind. Cruz Oltjenburns continues to prove his ability by placing first place once again in the 200 meter with 24.83 seconds, second place in the 100 meter with 12.37 seconds, and first place in the long jump with 14 feet 9 ½ inches. Nikolas Bloyd also showed great improvement while getting a PR in discus throwing 41.4 feet.

Schedules for spring sports can be found on the "Wolverines Den" page on Facebook. See you all at the games and meets! Keep up the excellent work Willits High School athletics! Your community is proud of you!

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by Sept. 1, 2025. Room For Rent Room for 1 person for Inscripción rent. Must work and abierta en have references. No Brookside pets. No drugs. In town. inscripción para \$650 / month. Info: 354-La TK / Kindergarten de 0287. Brookside Elementary va está abierta. Para registrarse, vaya a www. **RV/Trailer Space** willitsunified.com. for Rent Space for RV's and Trailers – starts at \$500 Do you need per month, includes food? water & garbage. Close Willits Food Bank to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 972-344 Railroad Avenue, Willits, CA 95490. Open 4696. See at http://www. Wednesdays & Fridays, oaknvine.net/tp 1-4:30 - Bring an I.D. (707) 459-3333 Spring Cleanup Weedeating and vard-For Rent work. Spring cleanup. Rental units available. Willits, Brooktrails, Lay-3 bedroom, 2 bath SFH tonville, Redwood Valley, in Brooktrails. Lincoln Ukiah. Call Will at (707) Realty 707-459-4599 841-6606 Free Food for All Ads here are Pop-Ups \$15 for 30 Food Mendocino Network presents food words pop-ups with free food for all: In Willits, every for 2 weeks! 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10 to 11:30 am at Email us 1250 Blosser Lane. In your ad by Laytonville, every 4th Thursday, 12 to 1 pm

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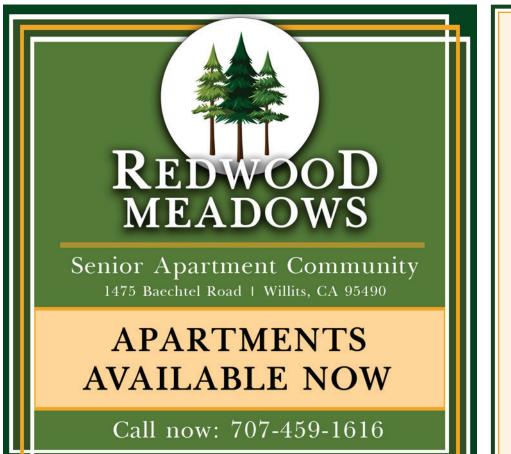
1st annual Mendo Cup, May 4

Hosted by the Mendocino Producers Guild, this inaugural event on May 4 at the Willits Grange, celebrates local Mendocino cannabis farmers, our deep-rooted community, and the annual sacred sungrown harvest.

Awards will be presented for licensed, organic, sungrown flowers. Judging will take place May 3 in Laytonville. "We have assembled an awesome group of judges including some of the best breeders, growers, ganjiers and more from California," said the Producers Guild

"This event is an opportunity to put the spotlight on the amazing flowers grown with organic methods and sustainable practices by OG farmers in our county for decades. Our farms may be small, but that means

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85 percent attendance. This is for the seniors at Willits High School, the Willits Charter School, Sanhedrin, La Vita, and independent study," Lamprich continued. "Sober Grad fundraises all year to be able to throw them a graduation party. This year we have a mechanical bull. We have a jump house obstacle course. We have the CHP come with their drunk goggles and they do the drunk goggle course.

"We are going to hold Sober Grad at the new auditorium building. This year, the seniors picked Movie Night as their theme. We are going to have popcorn and movies and games, carnival games. We're still about six or seven weeks out. We do it on the night of graduation, June 5. The doors open at 9 pm and it goes until 6 the next morning.

"Every student that attends the party, at the end of the night, gets a \$100 bill from Sober Grad. We also give about \$500 in scholarships on Senior Scholarship Night. Last year, it was just under \$20,000 we gave in prizes and cash. We get the money from donations and our raffle baskets, our tri-tip dinner. We have at least one fundraiser each month of the year.

"We have another fundraiser coming up. It's called Comedy for a Cause, which is held in Ukiah at the Conference Center. It is a comedy show that was put on last year. They invited us to come and be a part of it. It's put on through Bern Productions.

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"He invited us to come down and be a part of that again this year. We usually have about five students come down who sell raffle tickets. A bunch of companies buy VIP Annette

tables, and it brought in a pretty good chunk of money for us last year. I believe it's going to be on May 17 this year. "We do a spring raffle basket, a fall raffle basket. We usually do Roots of Motive Power events. We sell cotton candy at the football games. We got invited this year to sell cotton candy at a dance at Blosser [Lane Elementary School]. We ended up making around \$600. We do our best to try and raise as much as we can to make sure they have a fun night."

Of course, an undertaking as huge as preparing and distributing 200 dinners would be impossible without the valuable help of volunteers.

"I want to give a special shout-out to Jennifer Drew, Jack Drew, Tanner Drew, Andrew Hosford and Kevin Kvasnicka for their fantastic grilling of tri tips," said Lamprich. "A big thank you to Windi Kvasnicka for taking the lead on this event and for her unwavering willingness to help."

The tri tip (large enough for a family of four hungry people) is purchased at a reasonable price. Cookies (four in the bag) were created and donated by Madison Bouthillier with the materials donated by Jaime Bouthillier. Cattleman's Restaurant donated the baked potatoes. Mariposa Market provided the salad.

Loose Caboose gave the salad containers and butter cups. The butter and sour cream came from The Munchery. And as she has done for several years, the lovely roses that were included in the package were donated by Flowers by

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'Flow'

The Story: This is an Oscar-winning! full-length animated feature made in Latvia. Imagine a Thailand jungle filled here and about with small statues of cats. Towering over everything: a gigantic cyclopean stone statue of a cat. Also, empty stone temples and palaces. There are no

people, not anywhere.

We meet the heroine:

Flow. She's meowing.

She's a lonely kitty cat.

And she's being chased

by a pack of dogs.

and



Dan Essman

There's a stampede deer running from a rising tide of water. It must be a tsunami! There are no human beings None! Only Flow and other animals running, swimming

searching for food and searching for safety among the flooded ruins of an ancient abandoned city. All everything is mystery, and challenge, and struggle

to survive. We the movie goers soon learn that Flow is a very brave kitty cat. And much tougher than she first looks!

My Thoughts: It's a good story. There are no explanations. The filmmakers expect us to see and understand what's going on, and provide no voiceover, no backstory. That's unusual. Most movie makers tell us what to think and what to feel. In fact, as a standard principle of modern screenplay writing, we the audience are usually told (three times) what to feel just in case we're not getting it. Cuz we're dummies.

That noted: this a great movie. It's incredibly beautiful, touching, spiritual and mysterious, and ultimately uplifting. "Flow" is amazing. In fact: it blew my mind! And left me speechless... Hooray for Latvia!!!

Parents: A great movie. A beautiful movie. It celebrates courage and sharing and helping others regardless of species. There are no explanations telling children what to think, but the events themselves are simple enough, thrilling, and clearly shown. Do yourselves a big favor: Wath it with them!

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



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At top, left: Ryann snuggled one of her own bunnies alongside two provided goats and a rooster for her spring photo. At top, right: Violet smiled big at J.D. Redhouse with the big bunny in her lap, and the Easter Bunny, too. Above, left: It was a silly sister trio photo for Mariah, Kassidy and Ellalee who also took some serious ones, and coaxed mom and dad in for a photo, too. Above, right: Daisy even wore an Easter bonnet to complete her ensemble for her spring photo. At left: Maggie was so excited to hold the bunny and smile big for her photo, maybe becoming bunny farmer is in her future! Below, left: Siblings Paisley and Ryder smiled for a sisterand-brother photo, holding mother-and-son rabbits for their spring photo. Below, right: Hudson was a picture perfect model to hold his sweet brown bunny, and the little goat was even on board to pose perfectly, too!

Photos by Maureen Jennison



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photo and bunny sessions to their students including Shanel Valley in Hopland, and Imagination Station and Sherwood School here in Willits.

Shanel students enjoyed a farm experience with two goats and two roosters also available for snuggling. Some students even brought some of their own bunnies to add to the mix of snuggling fun. The main group of bunnies were brought by Soroptimist member Heidi Ahders, and her daughter, Keelv. of Ahders Acres, who bring the bunnies to the J.D. Redhouse event each year. Imagination Station and Sherwood School students were able to choose from the Ahders Acres bunnies to hold or smile alongside in a nearby basket - some felt almost as big as the kids themselves!

Fishery Council proposes limited Chinook take for residential anglers

Posted by California Department of Fish and Wildlife

in California.

On April 15, the Pacific Fishery Management Council acted to recommend limited fishing opportunities for California's recreational ocean salmon fisheries through the end of 2025. This decision will allow for the first recreational salmon fishing in California since 2022. The PFMC also recommended a repeat year of closure for California's commercial salmon fisheries, the third year in a row. Salmon stocks in California continue to be impacted from ongoing issues associated with multi-year drought and climate disruption, including poor in-river spawning and migration conditions, severe wildfires, harmful algal blooms, ocean forage shifts, impacts to habitat and thiamine deficiency. The low ocean abundance forecasts and low 2024 returns led the PFMC to recommend very limited fishing for California's

recreational ocean salmon fisheries and continued closure for commercial fishing to help salmon populations rebound from these difficulties. "After years of full closure for salmon fishing, the opportunity for limited recreational salmon fishing brings hope. We know, however, that this news brings little relief for California's commercial salmon fisheries." said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. "Salmon populations are still recovering from severe drought and other climate challenges and have not yet

benefitted from our consecutive years of wet winters and other actions taken to boost populations. I'm deeply appreciative for the partnership of the fishing community in does not exceed the harvest guidelines.

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block of State Street will be closed to all traffic except vendors and residents. Vendors will not park on the residential side of State Street.

While no one at the meeting voiced any opposition to the farmers market, council member Bruce Burton brought up an issue he has raised at prior council meetings: Farmers market vendors competing with local businesses. Burton was specifically concerned about vendors who sell crafts and other non-food products: "I think it's a little unfair to our downtown businesses.³

Market director Foley responded that the farmers market is "set up as a farmers association. There are some markets like the Fort Bragg market that don't allow crafts vendors at all. We try to have crafts vendors make up no more than 25% of the vendors, and it's been lower than that. And these are very small startup businesses."

A major concern brought up at the meeting is a shortage of parking. The last time the market was at the park, parking was often a challenge. Market customers would park anywhere they could squeeze in, sometimes including neighbors' driveways. It was more of a nuisance than a serious problem, and people cooperated.

expiring, vs. equipment that still has some life left. The challenge However, the parking situation around the park is much is to not be forced to spend many thousands of dollars in one fell different today than in 2016. There is a new firehouse that,

rebuilding these impacted populations and The minimum size limit is 20 inches total now and into the future. in fighting together for the future of salmon length. The daily bag limit is two Chinook salmon per day. No more than two daily bag

limits may be possessed when on land. On "A third year without fishing is a serious a vessel in ocean waters, no person shall blow to California's commercial salmon possess or bring ashore more than one fleet," said George Bradshaw, president of daily bag limit. Retention of coho (silver) the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's salmon is prohibited in all ocean fisheries Association. "We were optimistic about off California. a return to salmon fishing for California's fleet, but the reality is, the low abundance

"California's recreational anglers welcome and return estimates will not provide the the opportunity to get back on the water," said PFMC member Marc Gorelnik. "The economic impact we need. The risk of fishing this depleted population is simply not number of open days is exceedingly limited worth the reward." in order to achieve negligible impacts on

Klamath River Chinook salmon." It is anticipated that the National Marine Fisheries Service will take regulatory action Salmon are significantly important to enact the fishing alternative, effective in to California. They provide important mid-May. In addition, the California Fish commercial, recreational, economic, intrinsic and cultural benefits to fishing and Game Commission will discuss inland salmon fisheries at its April 16-17 meeting communities, California Native American in Sacramento and is expected to take final tribes, and the state. California is action at its May 14 teleconference meeting. taking significant and meaningful steps to rebuild salmon stocks The 2025 recreational ocean salmon across California. In March 2025, season dates for the California coast are as follows:

The rest of

a \$100 stipend.

Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, For ocean waters between the Oregon/ California state line and the U.S/Mexico border, the season will open June 7-8, with a 7.000 Chinook summer harvest guideline. If the limit is not attained in those two original plan released in January days, the fishery will open again July 5-6. 2024. In the Progress Report, Additional dates are available in late July CDFW announced that of the 71 and August for use until the summer harvest action items outlined in the Salmon guideline is attained. Strategy, nearly 70 percent are The short windows of open fishing already underway, with another followed by a period of closure are designed 26 percent of action items already to allow for careful tracking and estimation completed. These actions provide of catch by CDFW to ensure the fishery

From page 1 Board

position, likely in July, they'll select from one of their volunteer

The board also heard about the potential for a stipend program

concept for volunteer firefighters who sign up to be on engine

call while Training Officer So goes through duty officer training.

The duty officer is typically the first to respond to an emergency

Fire Chief Eric Alvarez and Deputy Chief, John Thomen are

the current duty officers. They work in alternating shifts of seven

days on, seven days off. Adding So to the lineup would mean

Alvarez and Thomen get a little more time off from what can be

a very mentally and physically taxing responsibility. Volunteers

who sign up to be on engine call so that So can shadow either

Alvares or Thomen during their duty officer shifts would receive

Following staffing conversations, the board was given news

on the procurement of a few, not brand-new, but new enough.

SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) tanks. Updating

expensive equipment is a constant challenge for the Little Lake

crew. As the state of California adjusts its equipment mandates

for fire departments, small organizations like Little Lake often

find themselves playing a game of Tetris with equipment that's

firefighters who has gone through engineer training.

call dispatched to Little Lake Fire.

tangible benefits for California's salmon populations and habitats

The rest of Ranch CDFW released the California throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels reduction goals Drier Future: Progress Report at directed by the California Fire Plan and the California

https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler. Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track ashx?DocumentID=231003&inline the progress being made, both in your community an update to Gov. Gavin Newsom's and throughout California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/ natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction

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for the first phase of a multi-phase, \$50 million project to create defensible space, reduce hazardous fuels, and retrofit homes with ignition-resistant materials to address wildfire hazards in the Brooktrails/Sherwood Corridor.

"This initiative was crucial for improving the county's wildfire preparedness and resilience,' Haschak wrote, "especially given that this area is considered one of the highest priorities in the state."

The memo, posted on the FEMA website on April 4, is entitled, "FEMA Ends Wasteful, Politicized Grant Program, Returning Agency to Core Mission of Helping Americans Recovering from Natural Disasters." The subhead is: "Under Secretary Noem, DHS is eliminating waste, fraud and abuse."

A FEMA spokesman is guoted in the memo as follows: "The BRIC program was yet another example of a wasteful and ineffective FEMA program. It was more concerned with political agendas than helping Americans affected by natural disasters. Under Secretary Noem's leadership, we are committed to ensuring that Americans in crisis can get the help and resources they need."

Secretary Noem has been quoted this year more than once about her plans to get rid of the federal disaster agency, including during a televised March 24 cabinet meeting where she said: "and we're going to eliminate FEMA."

A fall-run Chinook salmon in the Feather River in October 2024. California Department

576-3429.

of Water Resources From page 1

Photo by Xavier

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More information is available on the

Anglers are advised to check for updated

information when planning a salmon fishing

trip. Season dates, bag/possession limit

information, and gear restrictions can be

found on CDFW's Ocean Salmon web

page https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/

Regulations/Salmon or by calling the CDFW

Ocean Salmon Regulations Hotline at (707)

Pacific Fishery Management Council's

website: www.pcouncil.org/





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Thank you to everyone who attended, snuggled, waited. and smiled! Easter Bunny photos, the 10th annual year!, can all be seen here: https:// photographress.zenfolio. com/easterbunnyphotos

due to its size and design, resulted in a loss of severa parking spaces on the west side of the park.

Of more impact is the Northspur Brewery, located a block west of the park, that was not in business in 2016 Northspur, which has become a popular destination particularly on late afternoons and early evenings, has no off-street parking. The brewery's customers often fill the parking spaces on State Street and Humboldt Street, the same parking spaces that farmers market customers will be trying to claim.

The city hopes to alleviate the parking shortage by encouraging market customers to park in the City Hall parking lot on Commercial Street across from the park, and in the Skunk Train parking lot across from the train depot. People can easily walk from the north end of the Skunk parking lot, which is actually a city-owned lot, up State Street one block to the market. Both parking lots are free and open to the public.

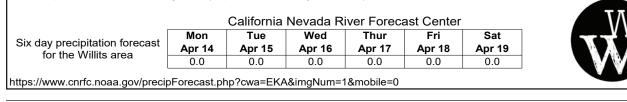
A different traffic problem was raised by Linda Burns of the Imagination Station preschool on Marin Street across from the east end of the park. Burns is concerned that motorists will drive too fast and too carelessly past the preschool, endangering children and parents leaving the school. Burns asked if the Willits police could be present during market days to encourage drivers to slow down.

Interim Police Chief Michael Parish responded that the police couldn't guarantee regular on-site presence, but out. pointed out that the police station is right across the street and could respond immediately if there is a problem.

The police chief did commit to having an officer at the park on opening day, May 1, to raise awareness of the safety issues. Chief Parish was quite agreeable stating: "If the market is that busy, that's really cool. That's a good problem to have."

Little Lake Valley rainfall totals (inches)										
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	weekly	since	
location	Apr 07	Apr 08	Apr 09	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	total	01Oct24	
Northbrook Way	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	80.64	
Brooktrails Dr @ Sherwood Rd	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	74.13	
Valley Rd	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	55.75	
Canyon Rd	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	51.35	
Pine Mountain	0.18	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	53.09	
South Main @ East Oak	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20	73.09	
average	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	64.68	

data compiled from weatherunderground (https://www.wunderground.com)



swoop. Spreading out the purchases of turnout gear and SCBAs avoids the heavy burden of all equipment expiring at the same time and coming due for replacement at the same time.

Little Lake's Administrative Assistant Michelle is always on the hunt for equipment grants, as is every other fire department in the state. Currently, Schnitzius has her sights set on a grant for a fire safety educational bounce house for children that she says would be an asset to the whole county.

Schnitzius also put in for a radio grant through the Volunteer Fire Capacity grant program to help pay for radio equipment reaching its expiration date. Schnitzius said grants are awarded either on a lottery system, or by need.

One of the complications she faces when seeking grant money is that Little Lake's budget needs to reflect every dollar the department may or may not bring in for the year. Potential income, though it may never be realized, is presented on Little Lake's bottom line to organizations offering grants and tends to shadow the reality of the department's actual need, as Litte Lake covers 300 square miles and is one of the largest fire districts in

Northern California.

Lastly, the board heard plans to freshen up the department's website. Right now, the fire district's website www.littlelakefire. org does a good job of covering all the basics. The community can get information on how to apply for burn permits and other related information, but the site doesn't adequately depict or shape the story of what the department does year in and year

Schnitzius said an annual report, hosted on the website, "would be a way for the community to get to know us." The report would detail all the major fires Little for the year, Little Lake's involvement community events, and it would of at the men and women who are, o to emergency calls in our communi

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"A weak system early in the week yielded an average of just under 0.2" of precipitation across the Little Lake Valley," Tim Hanna writes.

"There is no precipitation in the six-day forecast, and it's likely we will see little rain between now and the end of this month. If we are lucky, perhaps we'll get another inch or two in May, but we've received the bulk of our rainfall for this season.

No Hormones, Pastured in Willits, California

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An April 4 Politico story that first reported what was then an internal memo had another quote from FEMA describing BRIC as: "another example of a wasteful and ineffective FEMA program. It was more concerned with climate change than helping Americans effected by natural disasters."

According to the Politico story, "BRIC has distributed \$5 billion in grants since it began in 2020 during the first Trump administration, FEMA records show. The grants typically pay 75 percent of a project's cost and have given some projects as much as \$50 million.

"The program was so popular that FEMA had to reject nearly 2,000 applicants seeking \$13 billion in BRIC grants," the Politico story continues. "The agency itself touts BRIC for helping states, localities and native tribes 'reduce their hazard risk;' and 'build capacity and capability."

A report by the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies titled "FEMA ends resilience funding program, leaving projects in limbo," described the BRIC program, established by Congress through the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018, as "a pre-disaster grant program that allows grantees to implement hazard mitigation projects to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from future disasters.

"The intention of the program was to fund diverse hazard mitigation projects with a focus on holistic program, along with other sistance program grants, ant programs that provide event disasters through ment improvements.

Daniel McBride

Daniel Llewllyn McBride was born October 20, 1947, to Troy William McBride and Imogene Joy Jones/Smith in Eureka, and passed away peacefully in the presence

of his family and in the comforts of his long-time home on February 3, 2025, in Willits.

Dan Lived a life of commitment and praiseworthy adherence to his love of family, God, hard work, and dedication to his hobbies and the community.

Notable tenures in Dan's unwavering commitments include loving marriage to his



wife, Laura, of 58 years, being an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1968, in-house electrician at Louisiana Pacific for 35 years, Speedway racing at Lakeport and Ukiah for 18 years, and dedication to the members of his community throughout his lifetime.

Dan had an influential impact on all those he encountered in life, as Dan approached life as a coach, a mentor, a friend, and an advocate of our Heavenly Father. In addition to his dedications and commitments, Dan accrued awards in the arts, dog training, undefeated Pop Waner football, two Baseball Championships in the SR League, one 1991 WHS football North Coast Section Class A Champions, and one 1993 WHS football NCL I Champions, Honorary Frontier Days Grand Marshall, and numerous wins and trophies in car racing.

Dan is preceded in this earthly death by his distant brother Keith McBride (1954-2018), his distant son Christopher Keeton (1966-1999), his sister Donna Yokum (1952-2006), his dad Troy McBride (1915-1995), and his mom Imogene Smith (1927-2016).

Dan is survived by and leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Laura McAllister/McBride, his sister Elizabeth Dias/Huber, his sister Dorothy Yokum/Dunlap, his brother Johnny Yokum, his son Michael McBride, his daughter Kristina Tyrrell/McBride, his daughter Lynda Putnam/McBride and his grandchildren Ashlie Hulman, Michael McBride, Haley Tyrrell, Danin Tyrrell, Maxavier Putnam, and Jackson Putnam.

Dan "Danny" McBride lived his life to abundance and impressed upon us the same so that we shall carry his abundance with us all our days.

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Mellow Lola

Lola can be a little shy when meeting new people, but she warms up after a few treats. Once she is comfortable with you, she will want to be by your side all the time. Lola was mellow indoors and walked well on leash. She lived with other dogs in her last home, but Lola will still needs to meet other potential canine friends before going to a new home.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from 9:30 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays (closed for lunch each day from 1 to 1:30 pm). Make sure to prefill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com. Call 707-463-4427 for more information.



Compact Leroy

Leroy is a cute cattle dog mix who weighs around 35 pounds. Compact and sturdy, and a slightly longer coat, Leroy is ready for an active lifestyle and some work! He loves to learn.

Cattle dogs are usually best suited for homes with an adult or couple, but they are likely to bond closest with the pack leader, and Leroy falls into that category, he wants to be someone's everything! Leroy is playful and loving. This charmer will need daily activity, going with you in the car, running, hiking, etc.

Leroy can be wary of strangers in his home, especially once he's bonded with his person. For this reason, until trained, kids in the home should be older teens. He would do best in a quiet environment where he can get lots of exercise and daily enrichment. Leroy is an excellent hiking or running companion, he has good recall, and is good off-leash in the country – and he loves water!

To learn more about Leroy, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www. milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The

sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.

Swimming Broder

Looking for a swimming partner? How about a medium sized best friend? Meet Broder! Broder is a sweet dude and a very nice size! He won't get too big, and he is ready to start meeting new people. He hopes to find his family soon!

Broder has done well in playgroups here on site and has loved hanging out with staff and volunteers. Broder is a pro at fetch and is a super-star swimmer in our kiddie pools! Make sure to keep his kiddie pool filled up or you could find him attempting to swim in his water bucket! Broder is fully sponsored and ready to pack his bags to head home with you! Come meet this super cool guy anytime during open hours.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and on www. petfinder.com.







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