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Howard Forest prescribed burn this week Submitted by CAL FIRE MEU

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit personnel plan to conduct a prescribed burn of approximately 100 acres, at CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters, 17501 North Highway 101, just south of Willits this week.

The burn is a multiday process that began Tuesday, April 22, and is scheduled to end on Friday, May 9, 2025. Burning will take place at approximately 10 am to approximately 4 pm. Smoke will be visible in the area.

The Howard Forest burn will be conducted under tight restrictions verv for the personal safety of firefighters and area residents. If there are any indications that the burn cannot be conducted in a safe manner, such as high winds or local fire activity, the burn will be cancelled. CAL FIRE reminds all residents that their safety is of the utmost concern.

On Wednesday, April 16, as announced last week. CAL FIRE MEU started a two-week prescribed burn at the Shamrock Ranch,

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Above, from left: These little greens are finally starting to flourish after a slow beginning. Daphne blooms start to pop out and are already giving off an amazing scent. Purple irises are always the first to bloom here, these almost smell like grapes. Below: The queen of glorious spring scents: Lilacs which – over the course of one recent night, it feels like – exploded into blooms all over this mature bush.





School board honors students of the month

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Addison Alvarado Reporte , willitsweekly@gmail.com

On the evening of April 10, Willits Unified School District held a short regulatory board meeting. Contrasting to last month's meeting full of public discourse, this month's meeting was calm. The board, lacking Superintendent Mark Beebe due to familial matter, honored Sanhedrin High School students of the month, opened the floor to comments from California School the Employees Association, the student representative, board members, and the public, and also read a statement from Superintendent Beebe.

The meeting opened with four students of the month recipients from Sanhedrin. Becky Button, a member of the independent study nominated team, two students from Sanhedrin's K-8 independent study programs. Button nominated a kindergartener, for her exceptional help and attitude, and a sixth grader, for her outstanding academic standing. Yuliya Ritchley, an alternative high

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Over on Page 11

Hwy 101 stop leads to triplets' arrests on guns, bombs charges Submitted by CHP Garberville

On April 15, 2025, the California Highway Patrol Garberville Area stopped a vehicle southbound on Highway 101 south of Piercy, for a traffic violation. The driver was determined to have a suspended license, and the vehicle was impounded.

During the inventory of the vehicle, a bag containing homemade explosives (destructive devices) was located. The Humboldt County Regional Bomb Squad was requested to respond to the scene to secure the explosive materials. The bomb technicians determined the devices were considered destructive devices under California law. Additionally during the inventory, two firearms were located in the vehicle. The two occupants, Andivere Hill and Andizere Hill, both 33, of American Canyon, California, were arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for possession of destructive devices and being prohibited persons in

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Above, from left: Last summer's rainbow chard went strong all winter and is still producing like mad this spring. Apple blossoms are everywhere this year and are huge! These broccoli starts are getting big and were planted just a few weeks ago. Below, left: A little "chaos gardening box" some volunteer hollyhocks, some planted peas and broccoli, some Asian greens, and a handful of seeds from the sorting table to make sure there's also more surprises to come. Below, right: The amazing Tower of Jewels plant is spending its second year pushing up a 4-foot spike of buds just now starting to bloom – can't wait to see the full effect. At bottom, left: Another chaos box - this one containing mums from last year that survived the winter, more Asian greens, snapdragons, and miscellaneous seeds. At bottom, right: The most prolific parsley plant to ever be planted has produced for this household with massive amounts of the tasty herb since planting it last summer, and now is finally starting to flower – now it'll be a treat for the bees and butterflies, too!



Another hazardous waste dump cleaned up along Hwy 101

Submitted by Caltrans District 1

Caltrans District 1 is asking for the public's assistance following a series of illegal hazardous material dumpings along U.S. 101 in Mendocino County.

On Monday, April 21, with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol, the Mendocino County Environmental Health Department, and Redwood Empire Hazmat Incident Response, 19 barrels containing hazardous waste were removed from an embankment south of Leggett near the Empire Rest Area. The cost of the cleanup and disposal of the materials is estimated at \$30,000.

"Luckily, we've avoided any major environmental hazards thus far," said Caltrans District 1 Materials Hazardous Manager Danny Figueiredo. "At the cleanup site on Monday, the materials were only 10 feet away from dropping over a cliff with a drop of about 50 to 75 feet right into the creek. The

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

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Legal services at Senior Center	Herb Garden Planting Party, April 26	12
To the Editor:	To the Editor:	Th
Attorney David Song will be providing free legal services	On Saturday, April 26, we are holding a garden planting	Fri Ve
to Willits Senior Center members. Membership dues are \$40 per person, \$70 per couple.	party at the newly established Grange Garden, on Pine Street. 9.30 to 11.30 am.	Mo
The following is a list of legal documents available.	This is an education and demonstration project for	Tu
1. Last Will and Testament	cultivating herbs for food and medicinal purposes.	We
2. Power of Attorney	The project is run by three other ladies, myself and a few	Th
3. Advance Health Care Directive	volunteers.	Fri Pic
4. Final Disposition Instructions. Your Wishes	We want to get the word out that about this educational	
5. HIPAA Authorization and Waiver	project: we will be offering free classes throughout the summer, and we accept donations to keep the garden	Ac cla
Services offered May 22 and 23, 2025 at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Attorney David Song's office	flourishing.	Me
is 900 East Cypress Street, in Anaheim, California; State	So far we had amazing support from local businesses and	pro
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Appointments are required, and time slots are limited. To	The classes are a combination of hands-on introduction	to
reserve your appointment, sign up in person at the Willits Senior Center or call 707-459-6826 to reserve a time slot.	to various herbs that do well in this area, and then we	Wi
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David Song at 714-334-0766 or dss@songlawoffices. com	Wenning at 707 371 6103	the Me
I can be reached at the Senior Center at 707-459-6826 to	Claudia Wenning, Willits	ou
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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 pm. Drive-through lunches are available from 12 to 2:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501

hursday, April 24: Reuben Sandwich, Pickle, Chips riday, April 25: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry, leggies, Roll

londay, April 28: BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Pickle

uesday, April 29: Spinach Lasagna, Garlic Bread

Vednesday, April 30: Hot Dogs, Chili, Mac & Cheese hursday, May 1: Turkey & Dumplings

riday, May 2: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pasta Salad,

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise lass every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

Ieals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels rogram delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign p call Joliana at 459-6826, who can help fill out the upplication form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed o schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout

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

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with he many activities here at the center, including volunteer Ieals 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.

WEC sues county over expanded cannabis limits

Submitted by Willits Environmental Center

answer any question you may have.

April 23 - On Friday, April 18, 2025, the Willits Environmental Center filed a Petition with the Mendocino County Superior Court challenging the action taken by the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on April 8, 2025. In a 3 to 2 vote (Supervisors Haschak and Cline dissenting) the Board of Supervisors approved a reinterpretation of the county's cannabis cultivation ordinance, brought to the board by the Cannabis Department staff, that would result in doubling the area of cannabis cultivation allowed on most cultivation-eligible parcels in the county, including up to 20,000 square feet of mature cannabis for sale.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Senior Center

WEC alleges, "the Board's April 8, 2025 vote to accept staff's reinterpretation unlawfully turns seven years of understanding and implementation of the cannabis ordinance on its head.'

WEC urges the Board of Supervisors to direct the Cannabis Department to abandon the department's unsolicited, and what WEC believes to be an unsubstantiated, reinterpretation of county law.

WEC is joined by several community groups including the Laytonville Area Municipal Advisory Committee and the Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Committee, concerned individuals, and newspaper editors in

this central element of the county's cannabis ordinance could be changed without consideration of the original understanding or implementation of the ordinance, or without public input or environmental review.

Drell alleges that allowing the area of cannabis cultivation to double on eligible parcels throughout the county has the potential to impact neighborhoods, and cause harm to natural resources such as surface and ground water, sensitive species habitat, and aesthetics. But of equal importance to the WEC, according to Drell, is that this significant change to an existing law is being implemented without public engagement or environmental review. "This is an extremely dangerous precedent and must not be allowed to go forward. Otherwise, the rule of law becomes arbitrary, is taken away from the citizenry, and is placed in the hands of back-room dealers," said Drell.

Drell states: "Our elected representatives, whether city, county, state, or federal are the legislators. Staff can make recommendations, but only elected representatives can actually make laws. Furthermore, our supervisors must discuss and propose new laws and amend existing laws in open public meetings about which the public has been given prior notice.

"If the proposed new law or change to an existing law has the potential to cause negative human or

the proposed law (or project) to insignificance," Drell said. According to Drell: "on April 8, in its 3-2 vote to allow staff to implement staff's reinterpretation, the Board of Supervisors failed to resolve any ambiguity, and handed over to unelected staff the supervisors' authority and obligation to make and interpret laws on behalf of the citizenry. WEC alleges this is unlawful."

Drell continues: "WEC is not opposed to thoughtful, citizen- and elected representative-driven changes to the county's cannabis ordinance. However, such changes must be presented to the general public in public hearings, noticed in advance (in newspapers of general circulation), and must be accompanied by the requisite, publicly available environmental review.

WEC objects to what it characterizes as a "backroom, insider-driven change" to the county's cannabis statute, and believes that to allow this change to go unchallenged shakes the foundation of our democracy. "We citizens agree to live by the rule of law. But we have a democracy only so long as we citizens, through our elected representatives, have a direct and meaningful hand in making these laws," says Drell.

WEC alleges that "on April 8, 2025, a majority of the supervisors abrogated that commitment between We The People and our elected supervisors." Drell states,

"WEC is committed to restoring our democratic, open





Above, Irom left: This colorful drawing was created by Swetha Venuturupalli of the Willits Planning Division. This dinosaur was drawn with a Taco Tuesday theme. Marine biology teacher Brianna Zuber drew what she loves. At right, top: Joe Carrio created a religious Easter theme for his street drawing. Below, left: Kimberly DeBoer, Ellen DeRego and Susan Mahoney of the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum came to treat kids to recycled paper projects and recruit members for the Friends. Below, right: Malissa Donegan, Mendocino College outreach coordinator, and Brianna Zuber, biology teacher, represent the college with some biology instructional aids. At right: This drawing, by Claudia, won for Best Overall Art, a depiction of a woman with a baby at her breast. At right, bottom: Kalaya and Dracy work on their various street chalk designs to help celebrate Earth Day.



Photos by Mathew Ca **Clean Canvas**

Artists of all ages adorn the sidewalks of City Park for Earth Day event organized by Caltrans' Clean California Project

"I think Clean Canvas has to do with Earth Day, that and litter education project. This is part of the grant project we keep the Earth clean," said Susan Mahoney of the for the Clean California grant. This is for education, art in Mendocino County Museum. "We should be able to look the park, as well as fulfilling some of the grant obligations out at the clean canvas without litter, making the we have.

BUD SNIDER PARK, WILLIT

Earth beautiful.' Mathew Caine The Clean Canvas willitsweekly@gmail.com event in Bud Snyder

Park on the Saturday before Easter offered ways to make Willits more beautiful by both offering things to make picking up trash easier and by giving kids (and adults) the chance to enhance the sidewalks in the park with colorful Earth Day themed chalk drawings, which were to be judged by members of the City Planning Department and a judge from the Willits Center for the Arts.

One of the booths that resided in the park that day was from Caltrans, which had given Willits a \$2.7 million grant as part of their Clean California Local Grant Program. Preston Allen of Caltrans answered questions in the booth and was ready to award the winners with kits equipped with various clean-up paraphernalia, bags, grabbers, and more.

"I'm here supporting the Clean Canvas event," explained Allen. "Clean Canvas is part of our Clean California Project. They were awarded state funds to do work at several parks and we're just here to support that. They're going to be adding a pavilion.

There are two cycles of grant funding for this program,

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"The winners of the chalk art WILLITS

will be announced at 3 pm,' explained Stack. "We are going to have three categories; Top Artist, People's Choice, which is voting by anyone who came and did some of the art, and the award for the art that most celebrates Earth Day, which is on the 22nd of April. We're here to celebrate on this Easter weekend. We'll snap up people

walking by and have them do some chalk art."

Kids came throughout the afternoon to sit and create either simple or intricate designs on the walkways. Some of the kids were actually adults but felt like kids when they applied the chalk to the sidewalk. All had fun creating the beautiful but temporary art. One striking piece was a depiction of Mother Earth with a baby at her breast. This piece won for Best Overall Art. The Best Depiction of Earth Day was what could be described as a mural with various drawings of naturally growing plants and a butterfly, a turtle, the sun, and some hearts.

One youngster drew a dinosaur eating tacos with a caption that read "Taco Tuesday." The creature, Gru,

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denouncing this reinterpretation and the unlawful means by which county law has been changed.

is directly contradicted by the county's own prior comment regarding the proposed law (or project). interpretation of the ordinance since its enactment in 2017.

environmental impacts" Drell continues, ""our legislators must conduct meaningful environmental review, produce WEC believes this reinterpretation is wrong and a public document, and invite and respond to public

WEC board member Ellen Drell expressed alarm that or propose meaningful mitigations to reduce impacts of

"If warranted, the environmental report must either propose changes to eliminate significant negative impacts

process of law-making. "WEC has urged our supervisors to vacate staff's reinterpretation of the cannabis law. They did not. Thus,

on behalf of our members and the many county residents who have expressed concern about cannabis expansion, and the rule of law, WEC has asked the court to intervene.

split HVAC, heat pump water heaters, and

Allen said. "The Willits project is part of cycle two. We have 11 projects across District One, which includes Mendocino County, Lake County, Del Mar County, and Humboldt County. We're fixing the fountain at Babcock Park, funding a mural at the Recreation Grove Park, here, at Bud Snyder Park, we're installing trash bins, signage, and the new pavilion. Then, we're going to be doing some lights and a jellyfish. signage along Main Street. There is going to be a mural on

North Main Street." Connor Stack and Swetha Venuturupalli from the Willits Planning Department organized this event and managed the city booth. "This is something that was started last year by myself and Taylor," said Stack. "It is an art appreciation

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No Hormones, Pastured in Willits, California

adorned another cement panel. Joe Carrio went with a religious theme, including a cross and the caption "He is Risen." Some decided to create a hopscotch grid to enhance the playfulness of the event. A marine biology teacher from Mendocino College, Brianna Zuber, did an underwater scene with seaweed, an anemone, a starfish.

Earth Day, it became integrated into the dialogs with those in the booths who were there to discuss the ways that

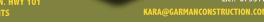
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Earth Day, which began in 1970, is a nationwide program to raise awareness about environmental issues, and since the Clean Canvas event was held just a few days before Willits can become more beautiful and ecologically aware.



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Ukiah Electric Homes Tour, April 26

The public is invited to register for the Ukiah Electric and get information handouts about rebates and more. Home Tour, co-hosted by the City of Ukiah and Climate Included in the self-guided tour: solar systems, Action Mendocino, on Saturday, April 26, 1 to 4 pm. backup batteries, EV chargers, induction stoves, mini-

The tour will include five homes in the City of Ukiah, Regina Heights, and south Ukiah plus one multi-family apartment project, all showcasing solar and all-electric, energy-efficient appliances.

Registration is now open at www. climateactionmendocino.org/events/

Registrants will receive a map of locations and details

Learn from homeowners and pros who are of appliances, solar, and battery back-up for each home

Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

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10:37 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Fort Bragg Road.

4:21 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

7:03 pm: ZAPATA, Daniel Alexander 5:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East San (38) of Laytonville was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was Francisco Avenue. arrested on misdemeanor charges of 10:23 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the 200 block of East Commercial Street

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the 1700 block of South Main Street and 7:23 pm: MATTSON, Cheryl Kathleen (52) of Willits was contacted near the 6:10 am: Officers responded to a report intersection of South Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue. She was arrested of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of on felony charges of failure to appear and on misdemeanor charges of failure to 6:27 am: Officers responded to a report appear after written promise. of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of

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Above, left: April Hunter sings along with her sister, Courtney on the piano, newly installed in the pub. Above, right: Kyle Madrigal, on hiatus from his tour with Charley Crockett, sits in with several of the musicians.



At left: Rufus is a fixture around the oub – it is obligatory to give him a nice pat on the head. Above: Caroline Rehberger celebrates Shanachie Pub's 25th anniversary and catches up with old friends





of a town that it becomes difficult to speak about that city without referring to that entity. In Willits, there is the Skunk Train, the arch, the redwoods, and there is Shanachie Pub, located in the heart of downtown, down a short alleyway, painted bright yellow and decorated

There are entities so ingrained in the personality

Shanachie Anniversary

'The Pub' celebrates 25 years with potluck,

live music, and lots of smiles

with every flag in the world, a motif depicting the international reputation and clientele of this venerable bar.

For 25 years, The Pub, as it is affectionately known, has been home to eclectic selections of craft beer and a venue for many of the emerging and well-known talents at Shanachie, as does Tyler Balthrop who did his own of the local residents and travelling musicians.

It is difficult to talk about Shanachie Pub without a mention of its owner and creator, Pete Swanton, who took a chance on this business due to his love of Irish pubs, creative brews, and traditional and new music.

"Twenty-five years. You gotta be a bit masochistic,' mused Swanton. "You just have to know that you may not get rich but you're going to meet some great people and have a great time. I tell people that it is actually so much more than I could have ever imagined. I dreamt of music and conversation and good beer and wine and cider. That was always my thing.

"When I opened, I knew that I was a really small piece of the pie." Swanton said. "When I looked at all the numbers and did the math in terms of 21 and older and who actually goes out to drink, I realized I was pulling from about four percent of the population potentially, which means it's going to take time, and I had to keep my expenses down and be into it for the long haul. It's worked out just exactly that way. I just can't believe it. It's my baby."

Already a local business owner, Swanton, whose Main Street Music & Video store was a fixture of the Willits downtown, rolled the dice on this new venture, which turned out to be an endearing and popular place to meet old and new friends, hear music, and just feel at home. The weekly Wednesday Open Mic became a place to mine talent for The Pub and other venues, as well as a place for established musicians to try out new material

"Today is 25 years and we're celebrating with food a potluck," continued Swanton. "People always come through when we have our gatherings. People more than step up. It's pretty amazing. There's a lot of talent in this town, artistry of all sorts and we're focusing on the music tonight. You can see art all around the walls, be it photography or sketches, whatever, Steampunk by Malakai. Here we are. Twenty-five years later. It's hard to believe."

Even Hitake Farms Kitchen brought in a striking display of sashimi for the pot luck, which, along with the generous gifts of food, made for a tasty array of treats.

The musical talent, many of the regulars, had the opportunity to showcase their songs and instrumentals with short, sweet 20-minute sets, which enabled Shanachie Pub to have several on stage during the event. Courtney Hunter-Bixler, with her sister, April Hunter, and Tyler Balthrop opened the evening with some sweet harmonies. Next up was Scott Jackisch. Nancy Brown and Aleena who brought energy and harmony. Adam Manus and Jeff Martin play frequently solo set.

Lhasa Summer and Sarah Rose sang brilliant harmonies with originals and traditional songs. Kyle Madrigal, a musician of extraordinary talent who is on hiatus from his tour with Charley Crockett, sat in with several of the acts throughout the evening, adding guitar licks and augmenting the already excellent acts. The music continued with Rosebud and Scott Ireland of Bug Guts performing solo numbers and together. Shovel Man (Isaac Frankle), Malakai Schindel, Forrest Glyer, and Mitchell Holman rounded out the entertainment for the event.

Ambria Zenitar, known around town for her work on the silks and her warm and friendly demeanor, is the pub manager, bringing her own personality to the workings of Shanachie Pub. She addressed the crowd with her appreciation of what the bar has meant to her. She stated that it was one of the big reasons she decided to stav in Willits.

happened, the deals that have happened," added Swanton. "You don't have to be on a golf course any more to make a deal. You can do it right here at Shanachie Pub. The first 10 years of the Pub's life, there were 10 marriages that happened, averaged one per year, having met here for the first time. I don't know





Above: The entire crowd attempts to get into one photo outside in the courtyard. Below, left: Pub manager Ambria Zenitar fixes up the sign from the 10th anniversary celebration. Below, right: Ryo Muto, of Hitake Farm Kitchen brought this beautiful array of sashimi and greens. At left, bottom: Forrest Glyer's set includes accompaniment by Kyle Madrigal and Sarah Rose.





Grand opening at new Krispy Krunchy Chicken on South Main Street

At far left: Lhasa Skunk Train nominated for Summers and Sarah Rose USA TODAY 10Best Readers' sing in lovely harmonies much Choice award for to the delight of Best Scenic Train Ride their admirers in the crowd. At

Submitted by Mendocino Railway left: Kati O'Rear. a pub employee,

brought some

for the potluck

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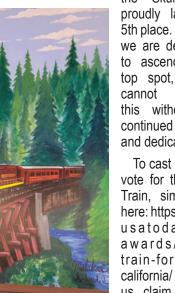
tasty treats

of smiles.

Fort Bragg, April 15 - Mendocino Railway - The Skunk Train is thrilled to announce its nomination for the prestigious USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards in the category of Best Scenic Train Ride.

The USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards is a highly regarded platform that celebrates the finest destinations, attractions, and experiences across the United States. Being nominated is a testament to the Skunk Train's commitment to providing exceptional journeys through some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the country

Voting for the awards opened on April 15 and will continue until Monday, May 12th at 11:59 am EDT. Daily participation is crucial, as voters are permitted one vote per day, per category. Over the years, we have witnessed the remarkable impact of sustained voting efforts. Last year,



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Train Ride in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

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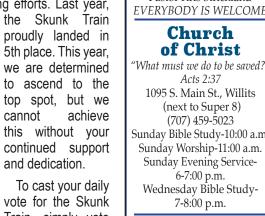
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"You can see the amount of friendships that have

how many divorces happened. We don't celebrate that.'

Shanachie Pub has persevered through a fire that gutted the interior in 2006, a COVID-19 epidemic that kept people from congregating in small areas and created a super-spreader event at Shanachie, and lean times. Despite the rough times, it has become one of the places that people speak about when they speak about Willits.

It was difficult to find an attendee without a smile throughout the evening.

Shanachie Pub is located at 50 South Main Street. Call 459-9194 or visit their Facebook page "Shanachie Willits" for more info.

Submitted by Willits Chamber of Commerce The Willits Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of Krispy Krunchy Chicken at 898 South Main Street located in the Express Mart and Gas Station (next to Taqueria Jalos).





Above: Pete Swanton, owner of Shanachie Pub, and Jakob Foley, owner of Northspur Brewing Co., are friends.







You'll be able to get fresh (never frozen), hand-breaded deep fried chicken from 8 am to 8 pm seven days a week. Fresh chicken, potato wedges, yummy biscuits, and deep fried shrimp are available, just to name a few, plus all the other choices of the minimart.

Express Mart Owner Paul Walia of Santa Rosa stated he was able to employ six more Willits residents and is excited to invest in Willits.

At left: Freshly made and-hand-breaded Krispy Krunchy Chicken and other tasty choices like Honey Butter Fried Shrimp are now available at the Express Mart on South Main Street.

At right: The Krispy Krunchy Chicken crew and friends from the Willits Chamber of Commerce, including Chamber President Lisa Kvasnicka at left, enjoy the grand opening at the Express Mart.



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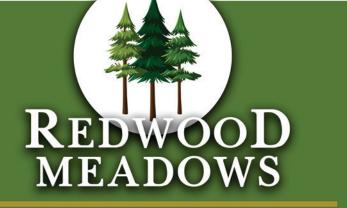
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At top: Lonnie Lopez, winner of the 2025 Arts Champions award in the Artist category, works on a mural. Above, left: Painter Lonnie Lopez of Ukiah is the winner of the 2025 Arts Champions award in the Artist category.

At right, top: The City of Ukiah proclaims April to be California Arts Culture and Creativity Month. At right, above: An artist from part of the Art Explorers program (a progressive studio in Fort Bragg) shows off her work – Art Explorers is the 2025 Arts Organization Honoree chosen by the Arts Council of Mendocino County. At right: Fort Bragg creative agency Braggadoon is the winner of the 2025 Arts Champion award in the business category

Below: Textile artist Lolli Jacobsen is the honoree in the Individual category for the 2025 Arts Champion awards



The Arts Council of Mendocino County announces 2025 Arts Champions

Submitted by the Arts Council of Mendocino County

The board of directors of the Arts Hanna is a central figure in the Fort Bragg Council of Mendocino County is pleased and Mendocino County art and culture scene. Her agency's wide array of creative to announce the 2024 / 2025 Mendocino County Arts Champion Honorees. offerings includes art direction, logo design, archival quality print production and Arts Champions, nominated each year creative signage by community members and selected by

the Arts Council board, are recognized in "Being a graphics shop in a town on the edge of nowhere, Braggadoon has to the following categories: Artist: Lonnie be a little bit of everything for everyone Lopez; Business: Braggadoon; Education: in the community," says Hanna. From Krenov School of Fine Woodworking / business signage to props for local theater Laura Mays; Individual: Lolli Jacobsen; productions, Hanna and Braggadoon truly Arts Organization: Art Explorers. can be said to influence the entire look of

Lonnie Lopez has lived in Ukiah since the town. 1976. His preferred medium is oil paints, Krenov School of Fine Woodworking and occasionally watercolors. He uses is the honoree in the Education Category. acrylics when he's painting murals, and also loves to draw with charcoal or pastel. In the late 1970s, James Krenov had Lopez is self-taught, with portraits being his become guite known in the woodworking favorite subject, and landscapes a close world, mainly for his books, but also for his teaching. Originally trained in Sweden at second.

the Malmsten School, he traveled to various He has been doing professional work parts of the US, including Mendocino since the mid-1990s, from illustration County to share his knowledge and skills to jobs to creating wine labels, to private a growing audience. commissions, to large scale mural jobs. For the better part of the last seven years woodworkers convinced the College of he has been teaching art for Ukiah Unified the Redwoods to start a fine woodworking School District, and recently the Mendocino program in Fort Bragg under Krenov's County Office of Education. Lopez tries to

inspire his students to embrace their own creative powers and enjoy the process of making beautiful things by hand. He believes the arts are essential to children's well-being, and feels very privileged to be in the position to guide them as their teacher. In his free time, Lopez has been working

on medium-to-larger-scale oil paintings and drawings of Native American culture, and generally Western-themed work. He plans on having a show when he has enough pieces completed. Find more of his work at lonnielopezart.com

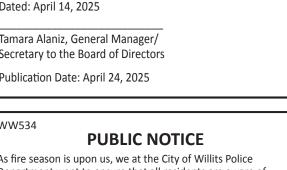
Braggadoon, honoree in the Business Category, is celebrating 20 years of creative collaboration with local artists. organizations, and small businesses on the Mendocino Coast and beyond. What started as a small signs and graphics studio founded by Alan Ferguson in 2005, has grown into a full-service creative agency, employing many local artists who are dedicated to fine craftsmanship.

Current owner Kiersten Hanna relocated to the coast from Redwood Valley in 2013 to take on the business when Ferguson died suddenly. Hanna recalls: "It was a huge leap of faith, but the community was extremely supportive, and the need for the services which Braggadoon provided was so great, it was worth the long days and nights teaching myself all of the things Alan couldn't.'

Braggadoon, Hanna acts as liaison

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The Base Bid items include Information on remote access to the meeting will be the purchase and construction of 21 solar lights and their foundations and the purchase and installation of an over provided on the meeting agenda at its publishing. At or the street banner pole system. The project will include the prior to this time, any interested person, including all Re in-kind replacement or reuse of any sidewalk or permeable people owning property in Brooktrails Township Community paver disturbed during construction. The construction of Services District, may appear personally or submit a written 10.5 to14 feet deep cast-in-drilled-hole pier foundations presentation on any matter relating to the proposed Fiscal for the solar lights and over-the-road banner system are Year 2025-26 Budget. included in this project. All Base Bid improvements will be located in downtown Willits, Ca. 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City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California Dated: April 14, 2025 The work described in specifications books entitled: CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS Tamara Alaniz, General Manager/ CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET Secretary to the Board of Directors CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET Publication Date: April 24, 2025 For: Willits Community Enhancement Project -Project No. 2024-03 IN WW532 City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California **BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP** will be received by a designated representative, of the City **COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT** of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2 p.m., May 1, 2025, at which time they will be NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Brooktrails Township Community Services District will Commercial Street, Willits, California. conduct a Public Hearing on revisions to the Fire Protection THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: and Emergency Response Services Assessment. \$376,600. The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time The Public Hearing will be held in person and remotely on this contract is awarded. Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Information Key Dates: on remote access to the meeting will be provided on the • Non-Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting: April 16, 2025 meeting agenda at its time of publishing. 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World premiere of 'Serenity House'

opens May 2 at Willits **Community Theatre**

Submitted by WCT

The long-awaited world premiere of "Serenity House" opens Friday. May 2 at the Willits Community Theatre. An original play written and directed by Schuvler Marcier, the production is set in a group home for individuals navigating addiction and mental health recovery. "Serenity House' t deeply compassionate exploration truggles, and small triumphs that



As owner and creative director of

strong presence in the woodworking world ever since. Krenov continued to build furniture while teaching until he retired in 2002. His work and his students have been featured in numerous galleries and exhibitions throughout the country as this school has

gained a reputation of being one of the top woodworking schools in the U.S. In 2016 the school transferred

administrations and became part of Mendocino College, renamed the Krenov School. A recent article in the Mendocino Voice features the school: https:// mendovoice.com/2025/04/for-the-love-ofwood-krenov-school-forges-passionatefurniture-makers/

In the late 1970s, a local group of

quidance. The woodshop was soon

designed and built according to his

specifications and the curriculum was

developed based on his teaching. The

first year began in the fall of 1981 under

the title College of the Redwoods Fine

Woodworking Program, and has had a

Krenov School Program Director Laura Mays is also honored. Mays assumed the role of director and lead instructor beginning in August 2011. She was a member of the classes of 2002 and 2003, the last class that Krenov taught and the first without him. Her well-developed views on the importance of craft assure a continuation of qualities that distinguish the work of the Krenov School's Fine Woodworking students. Mays' work

can be seen at http://yaffemays.com/. Lolli Jacobsen, honoree in the Individual

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Mental Health Clinician I/II \$62,337 - \$87,630 Real Property Appraiser I \$59,779 - \$72,654 Staff Assistant II \$37,440 - \$43,347 For a complete list of current openings and to apply: www.mendocinocounty.gov/jobs EOE	Marc Komer Legal Document Assistant An Affordable Non-Attorney Service (707) 459-2775Image: Comparison of the service245 South Humboldt St., Suite B, Willits BY APPOINTMENT ONLYBy Appoint direction.								powerful new work, but a moment of artistic catharsis and community celebration. "Serenity House" shows May 2 through 18 with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door and online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. Season sponsors for WCT are NC Financial Group, Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Penserra, KZYX Radio, KLLG Radio, Jerry Drew Painting, Julia Morgan Redwood Grove, and Big Fish Construction.						
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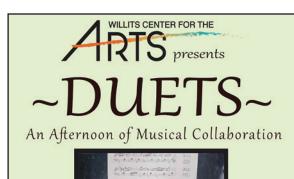
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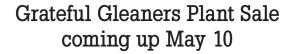
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Submitted by Karen Gridley, Grateful Gleaners

In uncertain times, the best thing to do is plant your two feet firmly on the ground and continue to do what you love. If that happens to include gardening, then you are in luck.

First of all, because the good earth surrounds us, and is solid and renewable. With our participation, ongoing care and water and sun, we can produce food to eat, beauty for our own renewal, and a wonderful lively habitat for bees, butterflies and birds. If nothing else, you can plant a single tub on your deck with your favorite tomato and some basil.

The second reason you are in luck is that the Grateful Gleaners plan to hold their annual fundraising plant sale on Saturday, May 10 from 10 am until 3 pm, one block north of the Post Office right off of Humbolt Street on Tuttle Lane.

Plan to come and enjoy this popular and fun community event which offers a wide selection of vegetable, herb, and annual flower starts as well as perennial flowers, trees, fruits, herbs and seeds. And all of this is available in a park-like setting and at a reasonable price.

Stay tuned for a more detailed article in an upcoming Willits Weekly

Grateful Gleaners **PLANT SALE**



Ladies, Take Charge



Below: Dancers perform diverse works at Mendocino College's 2025 Spring Dance Festival. Photos by Thomas Delgado



Experience the magic of Mendocino College's Spring Dance Festival, May 1 to 4

Submitted by Mendocino College

storytelling through dance.

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Student and dancer Shianne Robertson

Get ready to be inspired, moved, and Goddesses" was described by Robertson mesmerized! The Mendocino College as "a very carefree piece" where one can Spring Dance Festival 2025 is set to ignite "leave your worries at the door and get lost in the clouds." the stage with original choreography,

live music, and visual arts in a powerful The festival's Artistic Director Eryn celebration of expression and community. Schon-Brunner choreographed the piece Directed by Eryn Schon-Brunner, this year's "Caught in the Clouds", a solo created for festival runs May 1 to 4 and carries the Rocio Ramos based on the feeling of being theme: "Experience the Magic." lost in a moment and having to wind your

Featuring dynamic works by Mendocino way out of it. Projected images of cumulus College students, alumni, faculty, and guest clouds and fog enfold Remos as she artists, the festival highlights the diversity of finds her path through to the dramatic live artistic voices and honors the importance of piano piece, "Black Earth," played by Lars Brunner. Director Schon-Brunner smiles as she says "The dance highlights the beauty This year's show is thoughtfully structured

that can emerge from the struggle to find a in two acts: Act One features diverse dance way through. styles in a family-friendly setting – uplifting and accessible to all ages. Act Two is Musicians Lars Brunner and Cassius designed for a mature audience (13+), Mayhugh on piano will add to the ambiance

as student choreographers delve into of the evening powerful, unfiltered themes including abuse The Scholarship Gala is on Friday, May sexuality, strobe lighting, the supernatural, 2 at 6:30 pm and boasts a festive pre-show and more. This format was developed celebration. Enjoy local wine provided by in close collaboration with student Campovida and Frey Vineyards, along with choreographers, reflecting their desire to hors d'oeuvres prepared by the talented engage authentically with the world around Mendocino College Culinary students. them – free from censorship, and rich in At 7:30 pm, the performance begins and meaning and personal expression. includes a special moment honoring our The evening will begin with a world 2025 scholarship recipients: Jennifer premiere by choreographer Kirsten Turner, Loyola and Hannah Hinrichs (Dance Club set to Vivaldi's "Spring." This radiant ballet Scholarships), and Shianne Robertson (Kayla Grace Chesser Scholarship). These features returning students from Turner's Intermediate Ballet class and captures the awards are made possible through private joy and vitality of spring bulbs breaking donations, Dance Club concession sales, through the cold earth to reach for the light and proceeds from the Gala. We thank our generous community for championing the a perfect opening to a weekend filled with future of dance.

Tickets are \$15 for all performances,

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Boy on bike, 6, injured after Ukiah crash with truck in Ukiah Submitted by CIHP, Ukiah Area Office

Ukiah - On Friday, April 18, 2025, at approximately 6:16 pm, the California Highway Patrol Ukiah Area Office responded to a major injury vehicle vs bicycle crash that occurred at the intersection of Chablis Drive and Sauteme Place

A 2006 Toyota pickup truck was traveling west on Chablis Drive when a 6-year-old boy riding a bicycle entered the direct path of the Toyota. The vehicle and bicycle collided, resulting in major injuries to the 6-year-old boy.

The boy was airlifted to UC Davis Medical Center where he is currently being treated. Alcohol and/or drugs impairment is not believed to be a factor to this crash.

This is an ongoing investigation conducted by CHP Officer W. Todd, ID 23122. Anyone with information about this incident can call the Ukiah CHP Area Office at (707) 467-4420.

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creek has fresh running water, with fish, and that would have been disastrous.

The string of incidents began in November with illegal dumping occurring twice in Hopland, again last month in Laytonville near the Shamrock Ranch, and most recently south of Leggett

"The evidence collected indicates that the materials found at all four sites originated from the Bay Area, possibly from an old construction or roof insulation company in Livermore." Figueiredo emphasized that the expense of each cleanup is substantial.

If anyone has information or has seen any suspicious activity regarding the dumping of barrels of commercial hazardous waste along U.S. 101 in Mendocino County, please contact the CHP at 707-932-6100.

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the textile programs at the Mendocino Art Center off and on over 30 years.

In 1976 she and Elaine Lackey began the Mendocino Art Center Textile Apprenticeship Program – a combination school and apprenticeship in weaving, fabric printing and The rest of dyeing. Lolli simultaneously taught weaving, fabric printing and dyeing, textile history, textile science, and art and craft marketing classes at MAC, College of the Redwoods, Mendocino College, and to various guilds and groups. Her small business, Mendocino Textiles, produced custom hand-printed textiles for shops, galleries, exhibits, as well as other businesses and individuals until the studio burned down in 2017.

She has been a member and held board positions in the Mendocino Coast Handweaver's Guild (president, programs); the Surface Design Association (Regional Representative, California Representative); Weave A Real Peace (development work in Nicaragua); and Pacific Textile Arts (president, vice president, classes, programs, and gallery coordinator). Her website is http://lolli.mcn.org/

Arts Organization Honoree, Art Explorers, Inc., is a creative arts program and progressive studio in Fort Bragg, serving neurodivergent and physically disabled adult artists in Mendocino County for the past 25 years. Art

Mendo National Forest firewood permits now Jared Huffman

on sale Submitted by U.S. Forest Service

Willows - The Mendocino National Forest is now selling personal-use firewood permits as of April 21. The permit costs \$2 per cord with a in the 119th Congress. minimum purchase required of \$20 for 10 cords. The maximum number of cords that can be purchased is 12 cords per

household. Permits are valid through December 31, 2025. Visitors can purchase a permit at Forest Service district offices in Willows, on them

Stonyford, Upper Lake or Covelo (78150 Covelo Road) It is illegal to remove firewood from the forest without a valid permit. All firewood removed from the forest must

be dead and already on the ground. The maximum length for a piece of wood to be removed is 6 feet. Firewood collected within Lake and

Mendocino counties is subject to state and federal guarantines to limit the spread of the sudden oak death pathogen

education across the country. Firewood taken from these counties can only be transported into other promotes public policy sudden oak death quarantined counties, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Marin, Monterrey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara,

Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity. More information may be requested through Laura Leidner at laura.leidner@ usda.gov.

For more information about the Mendocino National Forest, visit www. fs.usda.gov/mendocino



school teacher, nominated high school senior, Jana McDonald for her academic accomplishments, and finishing her graduation requirements early. Lastly, our nominations concluded with independent study high school teacher Jesse Rees, who was not present to make the announcement, for her nomination, high school student Asher Vincent. Button explained that these students

are receiving a certification of recognition and a certificate for an ice cream sundae, "because when you work hard, you deserve the ice cream, the sprinkles, and the chocolate sauce.

After the short celebration of these students, the board began with their

Huffman returns as co-chair of Marine Sanctuary caucus

Submitted by the Office of Rep. underwater parks. Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank, protect critical ocean ecosystems and April 22 – Today, the National Marine conserve wildlife. Sanctuary Foundation announced that Rep. Jared Huffman (CA-02, a "So I am proud to welcome Democrat) and Rep. Jack Bergman my colleague, Congressman (MI-01,a Republican) will co-Bergman, to join me in relaunching chair the bipartisan Congressional this bipartisan caucus to raise National Marine Sanctuary Caucus awareness of sanctuaries and prioritize sanctuary issues on behalf of coastal communities and our Members of the bipartisan nation.' National Marine Sanctuary Caucus are champions of a network of "From the freshwater shores of the underwater parks in the ocean Great Lakes to our nation's saltwater and Great Lakes, and the coastal coastlines, productive maritime communities that steward and rely economies rely on fishing, tourism, recreation, and scientific research, said Rep. Bergman. The caucus serves as a strong voice among their peers in Congress "In Michigan's First District, the - working to raise awareness and Thunder Bay National Marine strengthen commitment to the

Sanctuary stands as a strong National Marine Sanctuary System. example of how conservation and The caucus will highlight the education can go hand-in-hand to National Marine Sanctuary System's support these industries.

importance to local economies and "This caucus builds on that jobs, and public private partnerships foundation," Berman continued in conservation, maritime heritage, "promoting opportunities to outdoor tourism and recreation, and experience and appreciate our unique marine environments

The caucus supports and By engaging both lawmakers that and constituents in the importance conserves our nation's most of protecting these habitats, we're iconic natural and cultural marine helping to ensure that future resources for all Americans; raises generations can continue to awareness and understanding of enjoy and benefit from the natural national marine sanctuaries and resources that define our way of life.'

shares their successes as models for marine conservation worldwide; "We welcome Rep. Jack Bergman supports continued and robust and returning co-chair Rep. Jared funding for marine sanctuaries; and Huffman to their leadership of the builds a coalition of champions for House National Marine Sanctuary our national marine sanctuaries and Caucus, and we thank the entire our coastal communities.

caucus for their commitment to these special waters valued by all "National Marine Sanctuaries are Americans. not only treasured areas that protect "We look forward to working

natural, historical, and cultural places across our oceans and lakes, but with the caucus leaders to protect they also are essential to our coastal and restore our most treasured economies," said Rep. Huffman. habitat and heritage in our ocean and Great Lakes and catalyzing "Sanctuaries can take on any more opportunities for the coastal number of breathtaking natural communities who rely on national features, from kelp forests to rocky marine sanctuaries," said Joel and coral reefs and so much more - and I am honored to have not one. Johnson, president and CEO of

the National Marine Sanctuary but two national marine sanctuaries in my district. Our spectacular Foundation

The rest of From page 1 Arrests

possessions of a firearm.

The CHP Northern Division Investigative Services Unit responded to and took over the investigation. A search warrant was obtained for an America Canyon residence related to the two vehicle occupants, and the CHP SWAT Team and Hazardous Device Disposal Team served the search warrant. During the course of the search, five firearms including one revolver, two rifles, two shotguns (including one short-barreled shotgun), several hundred rounds of ammunition, a high-capacity magazine, illegal fireworks, and additional material for making more destructive devices were seized. On April 18, 2025, the Northern Division ISU, the CHP SWAT Team. Humboldt County Sheriff's Department SWAT Team, the Garberville CHP Area, and CAL FIRE law enforcement served an additional search warrant on Steelhead Road in Alderpoint. During the search warrant, several pounds of material for making explosive devices were located. Due to the presence of explosive material, the CHP Hazardous Device Disposal Unit and HCSO Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit conducted two controlled detonations.



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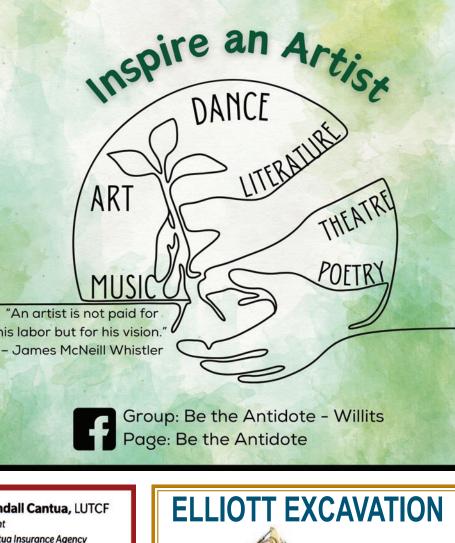
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also has two exciting pieces featured in including the Gala. Available at the door, the festival: a compelling group piece and at Mendocino Book Company (cash/check a dynamic solo. Speaking about her solo, only), or online at www.artsmendocino.org. Shianne teased, "You won't believe the Performances will be held at the tricks up my sleeves," promising a fun Mendocino College Center Theater, 1000 and unforgettable viewing experience. Hensley Creek Road, in Ukiah. For more Robertson's second piece entitled "Disco information, call (707) 468-3079.



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is a universal right – without rules, restrictions, or cultural boundaries. Their studio is an inclusive space that upholds this belief and their philosophy is rooted in a total respect for individuals and their communities, and in the foundation that all people have a unique artistic voice that deserves to be heard. Art Explorers facilitates the connections between the

studio artists and the greater Mendocino County arts community through a guest artist program, field trips, and the exhibition and sale of artwork in the studio gallery, online, and at local galleries and businesses.

With the current Medicaid cuts, Art Explorers is relying on community support now more than ever to keep their doors open. One-time donations, monthly sponsorship, and inkind donations are ways in which you can support the studio and the community of artists they serve. Find more information on their website: https://www.artexplorers.org/ sponsorship.

For more information about the Mendocino County Art Champion Awards and other Arts Council of Mendocino County programs and services, see www.artsmendocino. org or email director@artsmendocino.org.



Explorers believes that creative thought and expression regular order of comments. Firstly, the CSEA representative brought awareness to April as "Autism Awareness Month." She expressed that April is a time to celebrate the unique strengths of individuals on the autism spectrum while simultaneously, "raising awareness about

the challenges they may face." The CSEA rep thanked and highlighted the work of special education professionals for their support to the students of WUSD.

Next, the board read aloud a heartfelt statement from Superintendent Beebe. In his statement he expressed: "It is the mark of a strong district to absorb the occasional absence of any one individual. We have talented, passionate, and quite capable people in Willits Unified [and] as I say every Friday, thank you for all you do daily."

Beebe's statement also reported that the district is still working with the state and county on grant funding, The rest of budget issues, and the current various challenges with the federal government.

Apologizing for his absence, he Beebe emphasized that health should be of primary importance.

Board members then summarized their past month's involvement on site at the WUSD campuses.

During public comment, a mother disappointed that her son was disciplined for a "I love hot moms' T-shirt, suggested it was the school's responsibility to police female students' attire, instead of reprimanding her son, placing the blame on the young girls' fashion choices, and the district's dress code for allowing them

WUSD has experienced a long recent few months, and is working tirelessly to continue functioning as a well-oiled machine despite budget cuts, federal funding, and work on improving the district. As spring is fully in swing, board trustees wished everyone in the district a wonderful spring and look forward to more WUSD campus events as the year comes to a close.

In addition to the explosive material, an assault rifle, two pistols, and numerous rounds of ammunition were seized. One arrest was made, of Andironere Hill, 33, of Alderpoint, for possession of a destructive device, possession of an assault weapon, and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

According to the CHP press release, all three Hill brothers have bailed out of custody.

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south of Laytonville and east of Highway 101, planned to treat approximately 1.000 acres.

> This critical fuels reduction project supports wildfire resilience in the region and contributes to broader efforts across the state to reduce wildfire risk.

> Personnel from CAL FIRE, the California Conservation Corps, and the California National Guard collaborated on this Shamrock Ranch operation, showcasing the strength of interagency partnerships in achieving California's wildfire preparedness goals

Crews were able to train on controlled firing techniques and strategies to be more effective during emergency incidents. These prescribed burns offer a great training opportunity for personnel to be an efficient suppression force when it matters most.

You can see photos and a video of the Shamrock Ranch burn, posted April 17, on the CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit page on Facebook.

Both the Howard Forest and Shamrock Ranch burn projects add to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.

To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at https://www.fire. ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction.

For information on how to create Defensible Space, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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Enthusiastic Chance

If you are hoping to adopt an active boy, look no further than Chance! Chance thinks he is a lap dog but he is an amazing running companion. On walks, Chance greets all of our neighbors with tail wags, shouts and murmurs of enthusiasm! He is house-trained, a great sleeper through the night, and doesn't chew on furniture! He has been very calm, patient and loving with children as well!

Chance would do well in a single-pet household that can give him lots of affection, exercise and a steady routine. He seems to be territorial about sharing his indoor space with other dogs, even though he is super friendly when out on walks. He has great endurance for walking and running. He is laughably terrible at playing fetch but still loves to run around and play.

Chance is quick to learn and has picked up a new trick in just a few days with us. He



would be a champ with a little obedience training. Chance is eager to please, loves praise, and is very treat motivated. He has big-puppy energy and a big, loving heart. We really hope he lands a home soon with a yard, perhaps a playmate. Come meet Chance and fall in love!

To learn more about Chance, 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 b e f o r e requesting

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an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-4900.

Beautiful Cassie

Cassie has a very sweet, playful side when she feels comfortable, but can be nervous and unsure with new experiences or people. Cassie is a young adolescent who will benefit from a guardian who can get her out and about, letting her experience new environments and meet new people. Cassie came from a hoarding situation, and unfortunately, did not get much socialization with people. She lived with several dogs.

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 pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com. Call 707-463-4427 for more information.

Outgoing Nimble

Nimble is an athletic cat who is quick on her toes. She enjoys staying active and keeps herself busy with toys of all kinds. She is always happy to meet new people and will call you from across the room so you have no chance of forgetting that she is there.

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.



naturopathic doctor and certified midwife. Keean is pursuing a career in programming and game development.

Keely and Keean are excited to embark on this journey together and are deeply grateful for the warm wishes and support from everyone who has shared in their happiness.

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Keely Ahders and Keean McCain

Together with their families, Keely Ahders, daughter of Heidi and Roger Ahders of Willits, and Keean McCain, son of Brianne and Ed McCain of Ukiah, joyfully announce their marriage.

The couple exchanged vows on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at Mountain House Estates, surrounded by the love and support of their family and friends.

Keely wore a stunning strapless wedding dress with a sweetheart neckline, corset back, and a long chapel-length skirt with pleats and hidden pockets.

Continuing a cherished family tradition, her mother hand-made

the dress alongside Keely, adding a heartfelt, personal touch to her creation. On the dance floor, the French bustle of the dress created the enchanting effect of floating on air.

Keean looked equally elegant in a gray suit, complemented by a handmade satin burgundy vest and tie crafted from the material of Keely's dress, symbolizing their union in the most unique and meaningful way.

The newlyweds will reside in Ukiah until July, when they begin the next chapter of their lives in Portland, Oregon. Keely will attend NUNM in person, pursuing her dream of becoming a

