

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 multi-day 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 very tight restrictions 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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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: 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.



Garden Delights ... Already!

Even though Mother's Day weekend is our traditional plant date for regular summer starts, some hearty-hold overs from last year, some scrappy volunteers, and some miscellaneous victors from some small, off-season "survive or die" planting sessions over the last few months have yielded a great head start on my 2025 garden, and it's really, really rad! Tomatoes, zucchinis, basil, zinnias, cosmos, and sunflowers: See you soon!

– Maureen Jennison

At left: One of the very first Cecile Brunner rose buds on a very happy bush also smells absolutely divine. Below, from left: Pole bean starts that will hopefully provide tasty bushels of beans soon. Lamb's Ear, planted last year, thrived over the winter! Baby pears starting to form on this branch that was just recently covered in blossoms.



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!



School board honors students of the month

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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 the California School 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 team, nominated 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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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 Hazardous Materials 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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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 pub – 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.

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SHERWOOD VALLEY CASINO

Shanachie Anniversary

‘The Pub’ celebrates 25 years with potluck, live music, and lots of smiles

There are entities so ingrained in the personality 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 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 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 at Shanachie, as does Tyler Balthrop who did his own 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 Frankie), Malakai Schindel, Forrest Glycer, 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 stay in Willits.

“You can see the amount of friendships that have 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 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.



At far left: Lhasa Summers and Sarah Rose sing in lovely harmonies much to the delight of their admirers in the crowd. At left: Kati O'Rear, a pub employee, brought some tasty treats for the potluck along with tons of smiles.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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



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

Grand opening at new Krispy Krunchy Chicken on South Main Street

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).

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 Wallia 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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Skunk Train nominated for USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice award for Best Scenic Train Ride

Submitted by Mendocino Railway

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, the Skunk Train proudly landed in 5th place. This year, we are determined to ascend to the top spot, but we cannot achieve this without your continued support and dedication.

To cast your daily vote for the Skunk Train, simply vote here: <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/skunk-train-fort-bragg-california/> and help us claim the title of the Best Scenic Train Ride in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our passengers, supporters, and enthusiasts for your unwavering loyalty and enthusiasm. Together, let us embark on this journey to showcase the unparalleled magic of the Skunk Train to the world.

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train, located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County, is a heritage railroad that has been operating both freight and passenger service since 1885. Initially used to move redwood logs to the Mendocino Coast sawmills from the rugged back country, the Skunk Train has become a beloved institution touted as one of the “10 Best Rail Tours in the Country” (USA TODAY), and a “Top 10 Family Activity in California” (National Geographic Traveler). The Skunk Train journey covers 40 miles of scenic delights and 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm – minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded its arrival. Operating year-round, this multi-generational experience welcomes passengers to bring along their families and even their dog, ensuring a memorable and inclusive adventure.



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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.



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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 Council of Mendocino County is pleased to announce the 2024 / 2025 Mendocino County Arts Champion Honorees.

Arts Champions, nominated each year by community members and selected by the Arts Council board, are recognized in the following categories: Artist: **Lonnie Lopez**; Business: **Braggadoon**; Education: **Krenov School of Fine Woodworking / Laura Mays**; Individual: **Lolli Jacobsen**; Arts Organization: **Art Explorers**.

Lonnie Lopez has lived in Ukiah since 1976. His preferred medium is oil paints, and occasionally watercolors. He uses acrylics when he's painting murals, and also loves to draw with charcoal or pastel. Lopez is self-taught, with portraits being his favorite subject, and landscapes a close second.

He has been doing professional work since the mid-1990s, from illustration jobs to creating wine labels, to private commissions, to large scale mural jobs. For the better part of the last seven years he has been teaching art for Ukiah Unified School District, and recently the Mendocino 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."

As owner and creative director of Braggadoon, Hanna acts as liaison between her clients and creative staff. Her background in fine art photography, museum curatorship, and graphic design, gives her the creative means to help her clients bring their vision to fruition. Art direction, logo design, and archival quality art printmaking are just some of the tricks she has up her sleeve.

Hanna is a central figure in the Fort Bragg and Mendocino County art and culture scene. Her agency's wide array of creative offerings includes art direction, logo design, archival quality print production and creative signage.

"Being a graphics shop in a town on the edge of nowhere, Braggadoon has to be a little bit of everything for everyone in the community," says Hanna. From business signage to props for local theater productions, Hanna and Braggadoon truly can be said to influence the entire look of the town.

Krenov School of Fine Woodworking is the honoree in the Education Category.

In the late 1970s, James Krenov had become quite known in the woodworking world, mainly for his books, but also for his teaching. Originally trained in Sweden at the Malmsten School, he traveled to various parts of the US, including Mendocino County to share his knowledge and skills to a growing audience.

In the late 1970s, a local group of woodworkers convinced the College of the Redwoods to start a fine woodworking program in Fort Bragg under Krenov's guidance. 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 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://mendocinove.com/2025/04/for-the-love-of-wood-krenov-school-forges-passionate-furniture-makers/>

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 Category, learned to weave and print fabrics in Copenhagen, Denmark in the late 1960s. She moved to Mendocino in 1973 to teach weekend textile classes at the Mendocino Art Center and has coordinated

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LEGAL NOTICES

WW533
BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District will conduct a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Financial Plan for Services (The Budget).
The Public Hearing will be held in person and remotely (hybrid meeting) at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Information on remote access to the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda at its publishing. At or prior to this time, any interested person, including all people owning property in Brooktrails Township Community Services District, may appear personally or submit a written presentation on any matter relating to the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.
When approved by the Board of Directors, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget will be effective on July 1, 2025. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review during normal business hours at the Township Office, 24860 Birch Street, Willits, California 95490 or by request from btcsd@btcsd.org.
Dated: April 14, 2025
Tamara Alaniz, General Manager/
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Publication Date: April 24, 2025

WW532
BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District will conduct a Public Hearing on revisions to the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment.
The Public Hearing will be held in person and remotely on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Information on remote access to the meeting will be provided on the meeting agenda at its time of publishing. At this time and place, interested persons including all people owning property in Brooktrails Township Community Services District, may mail comments or appear personally at the Public Hearing.
When approved by the Board of Directors, the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services Assessment would increase by 3%, as approved by the voters, and become effective July 1, 2025. Information on the proposed revision is available for review during normal business hours at the Township Office, 24860 Birch Street, Willits, California 95490 or by request from btcsd@btcsd.org.
Dated: April 14, 2025
Tamara Alaniz, General Manager/
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WW534
PUBLIC NOTICE
As fire season is upon us, we at the City of Willits Police Department want to ensure that all residents are aware of the Hi-Lo siren's distinct sound. Willits Police patrol cars are equipped with Hi-Lo sirens which will only be activated in emergencies that require an immediate evacuation. When you hear the Hi-Lo it's time to go!
On Wednesday, May 28th at 3:30 pm our Police Department will conduct a Hi-Lo Siren Emergency Evacuation Drill in patrol cars driving our City streets with sirens activated. DO NOT EVACUATE as this is only a drill. The drill will end by 3:40 pm. Please do not call 911(unless you have an emergency) or police dispatch during the drill.
In the event of a real Hi-Lo Siren evacuation you will receive a Nixle Alert of what and where the danger is and directions of travel to evacuate. To receive Nixle Alert's text your Zip code to 888777 or sign up online at nixle.com.
Additionally, we suggest you go to mendoready.org and sign up for Countywide emergency alerts.
Sincerely,
Willits Police Department
Publication Dates: April 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

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Indoor Yard Sale
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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 Schuyler Marcier, the production is set in a group home for individuals navigating addiction and mental health recovery. "Serenity House" offers an unflinching yet deeply compassionate exploration of the relationships, struggles, and small triumphs that unfold behind closed doors.

Playwright/Director Marcier, who works for Redwood Community Services, brings a unique authenticity and emotional truth to this production. Drawing from his professional experience, he has crafted characters that feel lived-in and real - never reduced to stereotypes, but instead fully human, complex, and often disarmingly funny.

While "Serenity House" contains moments of levity and humor, it never makes light of the gravity of its subject matter. Marcier's deep respect for both clients and staff of group homes is woven into every scene, making the play as heartfelt as it is thought-provoking.

Originally scheduled to debut at Mendocino College in the spring of 2020, "Serenity House" was just a few months away from opening when the COVID-19 pandemic forced an abrupt and indefinite postponement. Now, five years later, this world premiere represents not just the debut of a 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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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 before requesting 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.

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Congrats

Keely Ahders and Kean McCain

Together with their families, Keely Ahders, daughter of Heidi and Roger Ahders of Willits, and Kean 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.

Kean 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



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

Keely and Kean 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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