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## Final election results announced

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Final official numbers for the June 7 primary election in Mendocino County were announced Tuesday, with results as expected from initial updates. The final June 28 tally showed that 22,248 county voters cast a ballot in the June election – that’s 42.29% of the county’s 52,602 registered voters.

In the most competitive local race this election, for Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools,

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## Fireworks are illegal in Mendocino County

Submitted by CAL FIRE, Mendocino Unit

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit is reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal in Mendocino County.

Fourth of July is synonymous for sun, fun, barbecuing, and fireworks. Two out of five fires on the Fourth of July are caused by fireworks, more than any other cause of fires. Fireworks are inherently dangerous, and children are at the greatest risk of injury.

CAL FIRE Unit Chief Luke Kendall asks Mendocino residents to do their part to have a safe holiday, and

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## Willits man arrested on firearms charges

By Sgt. R. Brady, for WPD

On Thursday, June 23 about 7:15 am, Willits Police Department officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Holly Street, for a male subject reportedly brandishing a firearm. A description of the male suspect was broadcast, and he was last seen in the general area.

Upon contact with the male subject, WPD officers detained him in handcuffs. The male subject was later identified as Cody Caldwell, a nearby resident.

It was later discovered that Caldwell had been in an argument with a known male subject and brandished a loaded

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Above, left: Eva Pinon competes on her horse, Ethel, in Sunday’s horse show. Above: Sweetheart contestant Danielle Barry smiles after her Poise and Personality judging last Saturday, center, and rides a pattern in the Horsemanship judging during the show, right. Below: Laura McBride takes her annual ride through the Savings Bank ATM, this year, “on horseback” came with a twist! See page 8 for how she made her journey this year.



Photos by Maureen Jennison and Mathew Caine



# Willits Frontier Days is in full swing

July 4 is just around the corner, but true to tradition, Willits Frontier Days has been celebrating all things Willits and Fourth of July since the Hometown Celebration on Friday, June 17. Since then, the community was able to enjoy the Truck and Tractor Pulls, a Western dance, watch the Sweetheart contestant compete in Poise and Personality and Horsemanship judging events, and also watch young equestrians compete in the arena, running barrels and poles, and showing their riding skills in Western and English disciplines. Read more about these events and the upcoming festivities throughout this week’s edition.

– Maureen Jennison



Above, left: Paige Whitcomb rides Zoey in Sunday’s show. Above, right: Matt Leinfelder’s “White Lightning” lived up to its name, puffing fire, to a first-place finish of 262.97 feet. Below, from left: Jeff Whitby’s “Rustbucket” also lived up to its name – however, it came in second in its 5,500-pound Street Truck class. Danielle Barry smiles with Sweetheart judge Nick Durupt. Jeremy Correia and his daughter, Bristol, are dwarfed by the huge tires of his 7,200-pound tractor, “Git R Done,” which made it to 259.19 feet.



Above, left: Danielle Barry gives her Sweetheart speech to the judges. Above, right: Allison Fling rides Ikes Blue Spear in the show.

## BOS passes \$357 million budget

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At their June 21 board meeting, Mendocino County supervisors approved the nearly \$357 million budget for 2022/23, after pulling it from the consent calendar to discuss a few issues, including the roughly 400 currently unfilled county positions on the books.

Many of those positions are funded in the budget, and 92 have been vacant for more than 18 months according to Patrick Hickey, field representative for the

Read the rest of **Budget**  
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## Parking restrictions for July 4th Parade

Submitted by Willits Police Department

On Monday, July 4th, the City of Willits will be hosting the annual Frontier Days Parade. The Willits Police Department seeks the assistance of those residents who live on the parade route, detour route, and parade staging areas in keeping the streets clear on July 4th.

During the last week of June, volunteers from the Frontier Days Committee will be going door to door in these areas handing out “No Parking” notices as a friendly reminder to residents about the special parking requirements on July 4th.

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## Deputies arrest Willits woman on drugs charges

By Sgt. Mike Dygert, for MCSO

On Tuesday, June 21, at approximately 12:41 am, Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office deputies conducted a traffic stop in Willits, on a vehicle being driven by Amanda Sizemore, 42, from Willits.

Deputies contacted Sizemore who was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, at the Intersection of Hazel Street and Manzanita Avenue. Deputies observed a clear plastic bag containing over an ounce of marijuana.

Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and found several grams

Read the rest of **Drugs**  
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PROVIDING SUPPORT TO  
A COMMUNITY IN NEED:

## Substance use treatment and counseling with Adventist Health

Submitted by Adventist Health

The beautiful landscapes of Mendocino County range from vineyards to mountains to redwoods to the gorgeous coastline, but there also lies another landscape that isn't quite as visual for most visitors to our beautiful oasis – one of prevalent substance use in the county.

According to county statistics from health assessments by Healthy Mendocino, Mendocino County ranks higher in 18 of the state's 24 measures of community health. These measures include data such as death rate due to opioid overdose, death rate due to drug use, emergency department visits due to drug overdose, hospitalization rate due to all drug overdoses, among others. Clearly, we have a problem.

Understanding the effects and impact on our communities, the CA Bridge program was implemented at Adventist Health Howard Memorial in March of 2019 with subsequent programs established in Ukiah and the Mendocino Coast.

"The CA Bridge program offers brief screening and intervention to people with substance use who come into the emergency department, meeting them where they are and supporting them along their journey," says Mary Anne Gould, supervisor of the Substance Use Navigation team. "Our substance use navigator helps the patient navigate barriers to treatment and connect to services such as rehab or outpatient programs."

This program is an emergency department-focused program in which a substance use navigator meets patients who come to the ED with a substance use disorder and provides a non-judgmental, compassionate approach to someone who might anticipate barriers and access to health care due to stigma.

Once a patient is seen by the provider, the navigator builds rapport, fostering a relationship of trust with the patient, and continues to work with them after they have discharged. Many times, this can be right at or near our hospital by providing someone with addiction counseling or medical assisted treatment.

"I will get a referral – sometimes it's from a provider at our hospital, clinics or Mary Anne," says Hailey Blair, substance use counselor at Redwood Medical Clinic in Willits. "The stipulation is you have to have a primary care provider with the Redwood Medical Clinic, but the services I provide are completely free."

If patients have an opiate use disorder or a stimulant use disorder and want to participate in the grant-assisted program, Adventist Health can cover all the costs of treatment, medication and counseling. The patient will be seen by a counselor on a weekly basis as they work through counseling.

"Most people I see engage in services because they have intrinsic motivation, which is gratifying because they're ready to work on their recovery," says counselor Blair. "I get to watch them transform into the highest versions of themselves."

Not only is counseling available for patients, it's also available to their families who may need help working through their family member's substance use disorder.

Read the rest of **Help** | Over on page 15

### The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

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## Slow down, arrive safely this holiday weekend

Submitted by California Highway Patrol

Sacramento – Independence Day is on a Monday this year, resulting in a three-day weekend for many and a likely increase in vehicles traveling California's roadways. The California Highway Patrol is reminding motorists that driving too fast is not only illegal, but the leading cause of traffic fatalities.

To help slow down motorists and increase safe travel, the CHP will deploy extra patrol officers over the holiday weekend as part of a Maximum Enforcement Period. Beginning at 6:01 pm on Friday, July 1, through 11:59 pm on Monday, July 4, the CHP will observe the MEP with a special focus on speed enforcement. In addition to speeding violations, officers will be on the lookout for distracted and aggressive drivers, and motorists suspected of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination. Speeding not only endangers your life, but the lives of everyone on the roadway," said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. "Fill the holiday weekend with celebration and fun activities, not reckless choices that lead to tragedy."

There were 43 people killed in crashes on California's roadways during the 2021 Independence Day MEP, and more than one-third of the vehicle occupants who died within CHP jurisdiction were not wearing a seat belt. In addition, the CHP made 997 arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs during the 78-hour holiday enforcement effort.

Last year's stepped-up efforts to enforce speed limits during the Independence Day weekend, July 2-5, resulted in CHP officers issuing nearly 10,000 citations statewide.

"Speed is the No. 1 factor in roadway crashes in California, causing one-third of the traffic-related deaths," added Commissioner Ray.

A report issued in May 2022 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows the number of people killed in speed-related crashes is on the rise nationwide. According to the NHTSA data, 11,780 deaths in the U.S. were attributed to speeding last year, a 5 percent increase over 2020.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security.

## Keep your pets safe on July 4th

Posted on Facebook, Mendocino County Animal Shelter

More pets run away during the 4th of July holiday than at any other time of the year! Keep your pets safe!

Always make sure they have identification on: collar and tags, or a microchip is even better. A microchip is a tiny capsule (rice grain) that is implanted between the shoulder blades. Costs vary, but you can get one here at the Mendocino County Animal Shelter for \$20 total. No appointment necessary, just come on down to the shelter at 298 Plant Road, in Ukiah between 11 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

No excuses please lock them up!

## Forest officials urge visitors to 'recreate responsibly' on July 4th

Willows, CA, June 28 – With the anticipated increase in visitors that summer brings, Mendocino National Forest officials share a few reminders on wildfire awareness and safety ahead of the Fourth of July weekend.

More than 90 percent of all wildland fires are human-caused. This, coupled with drier than normal conditions, increases the odds of forest fires igniting. Together, Californians can prepare and prevent wildfires with just a bit of planning.

Campfire permits are required for the use of campfires, charcoal fires or portable gas stoves. Permits are available online at <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit>.

Visitors can follow these steps to prevent wildfires:

Campfires: Clear all flammable material away from the fire for a minimum of 5 feet in all directions. Make sure you have a shovel and sufficient water to put out the campfire.

Read the rest of **Forest** | Over on page 15

# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you  
letters from our readers

## Lost wheelchair

To the Editor:

This is Charlene Levine, and on Saturday (June 25), we went to the cemetery outside of Fort Bragg on Pudding Creek to see the grave of my husband.

When we got home, my son's wheelchair was missing. He has no wheelchair here at home now.

The wheelchair was not at the cemetery, the sheriff said. They checked the flea market outside by the road, but it wasn't there, so the only place it could be is on Highway 20 between Fort Bragg and Willits and home, which is 2532 Buckeye Road.

I have checked everywhere.

My son needs a wheelchair, he needs it so he can go back to workshop and to the doctor's. The chair frame is dark blue, with a black back, and the bottom has a seat belt. It has a small frame, and is almost new. It is a special one just for him to use. The big wheels come off too.

I am very worried about it. We cannot send or take him anywhere without one.

If you see the wheelchair, please turn it in to the police department or the sheriff station.

Charlene Levine, Willits

## City Pool Schedule Update

Due to the shortage of lifeguards this year, the City has had to make some major changes in the City Pool schedule.

As of July 1, the pool will no longer be offering afternoon swim lessons, but will increase public swim from 1 to 4 pm.

The City Pool, located at Willits High School, will also be closed Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

To see full details of the July 2022 schedule, find the "City Pool Schedule Update" post at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofWillits>.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Pool at 707-459-5778 or City Hall at 707-459-4601.

## Notice of City Council election in November

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, on Tuesday, the 8th of November, 2022, at which election the following offices will be filled: Two (2) City Council Members

NOMINATION PAPERS will be available at the Office of the City Clerk, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, by APPOINTMENT ONLY, Monday – Thursday 9 am to 5 pm. Please contact the City Clerk to make your appointment at 707-459-7113.

First day nomination papers will be issued: July 18, 2022

Last day to file nomination papers (by 5 pm): August 12, 2022, By Appointment Only

Last day to file nomination papers (by 5 pm) if an incumbent fails to file: August 17, 2022

FURTHER NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the polls will be open between the hours of 7 am and 8 pm.

– Delores Pedersen, city clerk, City of Willits

Editor's Note: The two Willits City Council members whose terms are up in 2022, are Larry Stranske and Greta Kanne.



Submitted photo  
Above, from left: Emelia Owsiany rides Diesel during Sunday's Willits Frontier Days Horse Show. Alayna Folsom lopes along on her horse Tango. Winners pose together with their prizes. At left: Lars Brunner on Nevada Red passes Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum on the rail. Below: Riders line up with their horses, waiting for the results from the class.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

# Horse Show

## Willits Frontier Days holds annual Horse Show last Sunday

It was a lovely morning to ride in the Jack Sharp Arena, and riders of all ages came to compete in the English and Western disciplines and show their skills to the judge, hoping to win awards and the coveted high point titles.

Three winners received the high point awards – those who received the highest cumulative total scores from the day's assortment of classes: in 18 and over, high point went to Allison Fling; in 13 to 17, high point went to Danielle Barry; and in 12 and under, high point went to Payton Shull. Those in each age group with the second highest scores won the reserve high point awards, those included Nicol Kunka in 18 and over; Paige Whitcomb in 13 to 17; and Kaydance Lopez in 12 and under.

Two special awards were also given to the winners of the Ranch Horse classes: high point went to Riata King and reserve went to Allison Fling.

Individual class placings were as follows:

**Model Horse 3 & Over:** first place went to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; second place to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; third place to Eva Pinon on Ethel; and fourth place to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey.

**Lead Line Showmanship:** first place went to Alex Pinon on Ethel and second place went to Dani Owen on Cookie.

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**Showmanship Eng./ West. 12 & Under:** first place went to Payton Shull on Ruger; second place to Alayna Folsom on Tango; third place to Cora Brunner on He's a Real Cowboy; and fourth place to Kaydance Lopez on Sweet Lie Jacobub.

**Showmanship Eng./ West. 13 -17:** First place went to Danielle Barry on Rebel; second place to Lars Brunner on Nevada Red; third place to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; and fourth place to Emelia Owsiany on Diesel.

**Showmanship Eng./ West. 18 & Over:** First place went to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear and second place went to Nicol Kunka Classic Dash of Gold.

**Showmanship Local 17 & Under:** First place went to Danielle Barry on Rebel; second place went to Lars Brunner on Nevada Red; third place went to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; and fourth place went to Emelia Owsiany on Madrone.

**Lead Line:** First place went to Alex Pinon on Ethel and second place went to Dani Owen on Cookie.

**Walk/Trot English Open:** First place went to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; second place went to Eva Pinon on Ethel; and third place went to Alayna Folsom on Tango.



Above: Samantha Arkelian rides Forever a Conquistador in the Western classes of the show. Below: Show manager Mattie Owen smiles with Dani Owen and her blue ribbon.



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# Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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## HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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## CLUES ACROSS

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- In a new way
- \_\_\_ Paulo, city
- Jailhouse
- Expresses surprise
- Trigraph
- A small stream
- Dissimilar
- Promote
- Gives a boost
- Lawmaker
- Orthodox Jews
- Actor Harris
- Wild cherry
- Participate in democracy
- Opposite of begins
- A Brit's mother
- Set of moral principles
- Very fast airplane
- Czech river
- Private school in New York
- Israeli dance
- Electron volt
- Adjusting
- Duct by the bladder
- Small burger
- Begin again
- Unstuck
- Jai \_\_\_, sport
- Get free of
- For instance
- Hotel chain
- Dissimilar
- A team's best pitcher
- Extracts from various sources
- Indefinite period of time

## CLUES DOWN

- St. Francis of \_\_\_
- Supported
- United in working
- It cools your home
- Predicting
- Irritated
- Popular talk show host
- Faberm city
- A resource for employees
- Israeli dance
- Small water buffalo
- City of Angels: \_\_\_ Angeles
- Asteroids
- Tailless amphibians
- German expressionist painter
- What drives you
- N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- Gold coin used in British India
- Have deep affection for
- Ponds
- Breaks between words
- Hairstyle
- Print errors
- Family of iron alloys
- Sidelined in bed
- Many couples say it
- Brazilian hoopster
- Allman Brothers late frontman
- German city
- One hundred grams (abbr.)
- One billionth of a second (abbr.)

## FIREWORKS FUN WORD SEARCH

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CHRYSANTHEMUM	FLARES	SHELL
CRACKLING RAIN	GLITTERING	SPIDER
CROSSETTE	MINE	STROBE
DAHLIA	PATTERN	TAILS
FALLING LEAVES	PEONY	TOURBILLON
FARFALLE	PISTIL	WATERFALL

## WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

June 12 to June 25

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 181 incidents in this 14-day reporting period.

### Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

#### June 12

1:54 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street.

2:52 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:00 pm: FULLER, Jack Campbell (35) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

7:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Bush Street.

#### June 13

7:12 pm: SCHNEIDER, Michael Paul (50) of Indio was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

8:38 pm: EICH, Alex Anton (53) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol).

#### June 14

11:53 pm: STONE, Scott Joseph (33)

of Conway, South Carolina was contacted in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine) and on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

#### June 15

3:42 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 2200 block of Peacock Drive.

8:44 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:26 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

#### June 16

1:08 am: HARBOUR, Clint (58) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of Crest Drive. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear.

6:56 am: RAYMOND, Jared Steven (30) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a theft investigation. He was arrested pursuant to 459.5 PC (Shoplifting), 11350 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and on felony charges of forgery and false personation of another.

8:33 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Sherwood Road and issued a warning.

12:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

#### June 17

9:03 am: SCROGGINS, Bailey Jo (24)

of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 273 (D) PC (Child Abuse) and on felony charges of abandonment or child neglect.

11:41 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:55 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

11:21 pm: BEVILACQUA, Seanan Michael (44) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Margie Drive and Monica Lane. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher.

#### June 18

3:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:23 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Raymond Lane and Coast Street.

4:19 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

10:24 pm: THIES, Teresa Lee (29) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Maple Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and resisting or obstructing a peace officer.

10:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Coast Street.

#### June 19

2:26 am: ACEVESLIZARRAGA, Irving (27) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).



Bailey Jo Scroggins of Willits.

10:48 pm: LOPEZ, Salvador (74) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).



Brady Kevin Goforth of Willits.

#### June 21

12:43 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

#### June 22

12:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of School Street.

7:06 pm: CUMMINGS, Kathryn Rose (39) of Clearlake was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

#### June 23

2:23 am: GOFORTH, Brady Kevin (56) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 22210 PC (Possession of a Leaded Cane), 21810 PC (Possession of Metal Knuckles), 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), on felony charges of grand theft and criminal conspiracy, and on misdemeanor charges of appropriating lost property.

7:56 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of South Main Street.

3:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

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Above, from left: Two members of the West Coast Diesels family enjoy hanging out with the family and watching the big machines. Brian Stagno's "Green Reaper" Super Farm Tractor made third place in its class with 299.87 feet. It's a party in the pits. Below: Some of these vehicles burned several gallons of fuel per minute with black plumes of smoke.



Above: Nick Gurie's "Semper Fi," the 7,200-pound Tractor Class winner, has double turbo engines and made it 324.4 feet. Below: The England-Harbour family had four entries, all in different classes.

Photos by Mathew Caine



## Smoke and Roar

Revvng engines are heard for miles as souped-up machines are put to the test at the Truck and Tractor Pulls

The uproar of powerful engines thundered into the night as the diesel- and fuel-alcohol-driven monsters chewed up the dirt of the repurposed rodeo grounds, delighting the families who filled the stands to see the spectacle. The modern, custom chariots dug their tires into the earth in their attempt to drag close to 20 tons of metal to the length of a football field, stretching farther than any of their opponents for the win.

Modified trucks and super-modified tractors (that had little resemblance to the farm vehicles upon which they were based) strained and belched black smoke, their engines working beyond their normal capacity, trying to reach the 300-yard mark as the load became heavier.

It almost seemed like a practical joke as the weight shifted forward, digging the front of the skid farther into the ground, increasing the drag, making progress more and more difficult. Vehicles that had a great start found themselves deeper and deeper, digging huge trenches, creating berms with the displaced dirt.

In the end, the winners, the ones who, in each of the 15 separate categories, were able to lug the 40,000 pounds of heavy metal the farthest, were awarded with bragging rights. The others vowed to go back to their garages or shops, make improvements and innovations, and come

back next year or to the next competition and try again.

"The overall idea is the competition," explained Brian Massetti, who, along with his wife, Christie, owns and operates MLM Motorsports. "We'll probably have 12 to 14 different classes of trucks and tractors there, different weights. The competition is who can pull the weighted sled the farthest. It doesn't matter how long it takes to get there. It just matters how far they go. Because of physics and how the sleds work, you have to get some speed up. We can change the weight on the sled, depending on the class."

To some, the competition is secondary. They bring their overpowered beasts to the pulls, to enjoy the displays of power and for the camaraderie. One of the more unique entries, "The Half Breed," owned by Jason Ingham, was once a Ford Econoline van. Now, the entire top of the vehicle opens up to reveal the inner workings.

Ingham's truck runs in exhibition because "it's a two-wheel-drive class which they don't really have out here anymore. It's a 'Wheel-Stander.' It does wheelies." When the front wheels are in the air, the steering wheel becomes superfluous and steering is done by foot pedals attached to brakes on the rear wheels.

Ingham loves the sense of community in the pits, where whole families gather to cheer on their entrants.

"What's good is there are some people here that I grew up with since I was 10," beamed Ingham. "I'm 49 now. It's very social. I've done drag racing and demolition derby, but the pulling family seems a lot different. They'll do pretty much anything to help each other." His young daughter, Hope, wants to drive like Daddy.

One of the families, the England-Harbour, had four separate entries, in four different categories, enabling them to not compete with each other. Tom Wallace of West Coast Diesels had a family of about 25 people partying in the pits.

"What's fun is the camaraderie with all the guys, racing in general," said Wallace. "It's kind of our drug. Once you get started in it, you want to compete. Competition is huge in a lot of people. Optimizing the trucks, making them better, taking something that's stock and making it high-performance. These are all street trucks, fully registered. We still have baby car seats in them. My 3-year-old loves seeing Dad race."

"It started with horses," recounted Massetti. "One guy would challenge his neighbor to see whose horse could drag a weight the farthest. Once you get a weight moving,

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Above: Jason Ingham and his daughter, Hope, brought their Two-Wheel Stander, which was the only one in its class and made it to 244.46 feet. At right: It's hard to believe some of the machines are considered a tractor, like "The Whip" seen here.



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it's tough to stop. So they began with step-on sleds, where people would stand beside them and when the sled would go by, they would jump on them, which would increase the rate of skip or drag.

"After horses, tractors came into play," explained Massetti. "Then, as they started modifying tractors with more and more power, it became more dangerous when they were stepping onto the sled. Then they built the mechanized weight-transfer sleds that start off fairly light, that pull like a trailer. As the tires turn, they pull what we call 'the weight box' forward, which transfers the weight onto a big metal skid-pan, increasing the friction. Eventually, the friction overcomes the traction and horsepower the vehicle is making and then they stop.

"We'll have several tractors with two engines," said Massetti. "There's going to be a handful of Allison airplane engines. There are a couple with turbines which came out of either helicopters or airplanes, and the traditional V-8. These are not street machines, so the owners work on them the rest of the year. These are racing engines and built to last, but they're pushed to the edge each time. It doesn't take much for a small part-failure to become a major ordeal for a competitor."

The love that the competitors have for their trucks is evident in the names of these vehicles that they fondly call: "Green Reaper," "Green Adrenaline," "Savage Chick," "Milk Money," "White Lightning," "Semper Fi," "The Whip," "Lost Cause," "Orange Crush," "All Smoked Out," "Show No Mercy," and "Time Bandit," to name a few.

To see the results of the night's competition or for more information on MLM Motorsports, which puts on 10 to 12 events a year and rents out the weight sled to 30 more, visit: [www.mlm-motorsports.com](http://www.mlm-motorsports.com).



Above: The super-smoky Hot Farm Tractor Class entry, Dylan Babbie's "Orange Crush," made it to the 295.59-foot mark.

Photo by Mathew Caine



## Sweetheart Judging

Danielle Barry completes speech, modeling, and horsemanship contests

Even though Danielle Barry is the sole contestant for the title of Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart this year, she still must complete the same tasks as when multiple contestants run: a speech, modeling, answering interview questions, riding a pattern, showing her rodeo and horse knowledge, and giving a high-speed Queen run. Last weekend, Barry completed all the required assignments and is just down to selling as many presale tickets to this weekend's events as possible before being crowned at the invite-only dinner on Friday, July 1.

—Maureen Jennison



Above, from left: Danielle Barry rides Whiskey across poles in the horsemanship contest. Barry models her Western wear on the lawn at the rodeo grounds. Whiskey is quick, racing Barry around the arena for the sample Queen run.

At left: Judges pose with Barry, including Amanda Hiatt, left, Nick Durupt, and Noemi Bertolino, right.

Below, from left: Barry gives her speech centered on the theme of "Western Heritage" during the Poise and Personality contest. Barry smiles big when she's finally done with the speech. Barry talks with the judges, demonstrating her equestrian knowledge, during the horse show for the horsemanship portion of the contest.

Photos by Maureen Jennison

# WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

## 2022 Schedule of Events

More info and entry forms: [www.WillitsFrontierDays.com](http://www.WillitsFrontierDays.com)

**Friday, June 17:**  
**HOMETOWN CELEBRATION**  
 Main Street - Downtown Willits | 5 to 9 pm

**Friday, June 24:**  
**TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS**  
 Jack Tharp Arena | 6 pm  
 Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10

**STREET DANCE**  
 featuring The Flat Busted Band  
 Following rodeo | Free

**Saturday, June 25:**  
**SWEETHEART JUDGING**  
 Appearance & Poise  
 Noon | Rodeo Grounds

**WFD JRS. BARRELS & POLES**  
 Kick off series event  
 1 pm | Jack Tharp Arena

**Sunday, June 26:**  
**HORSESHOW**  
 Jack Tharp Arena | 8 am

**SWEETHEART JUDGING**  
 Horsemanship:  
 During Horse Show | Jack Tharp Arena

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
 Rodeo Grounds | Noon

**Wednesday, June 29:**  
**CARNIVAL OPENS**

**Saturday, July 2:**  
**JUNIOR RODEO**  
 Jack Tharp Arena | 1 pm  
 Adult: \$10, Child (2 and under): free

**Sunday, July 3:**  
**LIONS COWBOY BREAKFAST**  
 Rec Grove Park | 7 am  
 Adult: \$12, Child: \$8

**CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO**  
 7 pm | Jack Tharp Arena  
 Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10

**WESTERN DANCE**  
 featuring Lance Michael Cornwell Band  
 Following rodeo | Free

**Monday, July 4:**  
**HORSESHOE CONTEST**  
 Rec Grove Park | 10 am

**PARADE "Western Heritage"**  
 Main Street - Downtown Willits | 11 am

**COUNTRY MUSIC RODEOLA**  
 Rec Grove Park | Noon

**BEEF BARBECUE**  
 Rec Grove Park | Noon  
 Adult: \$20 & Child/Senior: \$12

**CCPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO**  
 Jack Tharp Arena | 4 pm  
 Box: \$25, Adult: \$20, Child (3+): \$10

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**English Pleasure 12 & Under:** First place went to Payton Shull on Ruger.

**English Pleasure 13-17:** First place went to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; second place went to Danielle Barry on Rebel; and third place went to Emelia Owsiany on Diesel.

**English Pleasure 18 & Over:** First place went to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear and second place went to Nicol Kunka on Classic Dash of Gold.

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**Lead Line Trail:** First place went to Alex Pinon on Ethel and second to Dani Owen on Cookie.

**Trail Class Open:** First place went to Kaydance Lopez on Sweet Lie Jacobub; second to Danielle Barry on Rebel; third to Nicol Kunka on Classic Dash of Gold; fourth to Lars Brunner on Nevada Red; and fifth to Cora Brunner on He's a Real Cowboy.

**Ranch Trail:** First place went to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; second to Riata King on Hollywood Coco Rase; third to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; fourth to Nicol Kunka on Classic Dash of Gold; and fifth to Danielle Barry on Rebel.

**Walk/ Jog Western Open:** First place went to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; second place to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; third to Samantha Arms on Forever a Conquistador; fourth to Eva Pinon on Ethel; and fifth to Alayna Folsom on Tango.

**Western Pleasure 12 & Under:** First place went to Kaydance Lopez on Sweet Lie Jacobub; second to Cora Brunner on He's a Real Cowboy; and third to Payton Shull on Ruger.

**Western Pleasure 13 - 17:** First place went to Lars Brunner on Nevada Red; second to Danielle Barry on Rebel; third to Paige Whitcomb on Zoey; and fourth to Emelia Owsiany on Diesel.

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**Ranch Reining:** First place went to Riata King on Hollywood Coco Rase; second to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; third to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; fourth to Nicol Kunka on Classic Dash of Gold; and fifth to Danielle Barry on Rebel.

**Ranch Riding:** First place went to Riata King on Hollywood Coco Rase; second to Joey Beak on Ima Dreamy Magnum; third to Allison Fling on Ikes Blue Spear; fourth to Danielle Barry on Rebel; and fifth to Nicol Kunka and Classic Dash of Gold.

Thank you to Mattie Owen for providing the results.



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ART 210 A/B - #0241/0242	Fundamentals of Drawing - Tues & Thurs 3:30-6:25pm
ART 282 - #0283	Introduction to Photography - Mon & Wed 5:30-8:20pm
ART 522 - #0524	Watercolors for Older Adults - Mon & Wed 2:00-4:50pm
ASL 200 - #0202	Sign Language - Level I - Mon 5:30-8:20pm
BUS 200 - #0204 Hybrid	Financial Accounting - Saturdays 9:00-11:50am Late Start
CDV 180 - #0181 Hybrid	Child, Family and Community - Sat. 12:30-3:20 Late Start
CDV 180 - #0182	Child, Family and Community - (Spanish) Tues 6:00-9:00pm
ENG 65 - #0065	Academic Literacy - Tues & Thurs 11:00-11:50am
ENG 200 - #0020	College Composition - Tues & Thurs 9:30-10:50am
ENG 200 - #0120 Hybrid	College Composition - Fridays 5:30-8:20pm Late Start
ENG 210/212 - #0210/#0212	Creative Writing/Intermediate - Fridays 10:00am-12:50pm
ENG 503 - #0503	Creative Writing for Older Adults - Fridays 10:00am-12:50pm
ESL 7A/7B - #0070-0071	ESL: Beginning A - B - Mon & Wed 10:00am-12:45pm 15 weeks
ESL 507 - #0504	ESL: Oral Comm. - Mon & Wed 10:00am-12:45pm 15 weeks
FSC 70A - #0076 (10/15-10/29)	Company Officer 2A - Sat & Sun 8:00am-4:20pm
HST 222 - #0219 Hybrid	Native American History - Sat 12:30-3:20pm Late Start
MTH 178 - #0405	Applied Math - Mon & Wed 9:00-10:50am
MTH 220 - #0221	Statistics - Mon & Wed 5:30-7:20pm
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**Congrats Lee and Evelyn Persico**

Congratulations to Lee and Evelyn Persico, who celebrated their 65th anniversary on June 21, 2022.

They have lived in, loved, worked and supported this community for all of those 65 years. We, their family, are so very fortunate for their undying love and support.

They have five children, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandsons.

Congratulations Dad and Mom, all our Love.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

**Banking by Cart**



Above, left: Laura McBride and Booty stop at the ATM to do their banking. Above, right: Pony-owner Kristine Tyrrell smiles with her mom, Laura in the cart. Below: McBride and Tyrrell make their way to the ATM.

For the 19th year (there wasn't a ride in 2021), Laura McBride took her annual pass through the Savings Bank of Mendocino County ATM to help kick off the Willits Frontier Days celebration.

This year, however, she was not so much on "horseback" as she traditionally is; McBride broke her femur and was worried about how to make the ride work this year.

Thanks to the quick thinking of her daughter, Kristine Tyrrell, whose pony, Booty, was happy to step in and fill in for Twinkie for the 2022 ride, McBride was able to make the journey by pony cart instead.

At left: Savings Bank Commercial Loan Officer Tim King, left, poses in the cart with Laura McBride, next to Laura's daughter Kristine Tyrrell, Willits Branch Manager Miri Figueroa, and Banking Center Supervisor Chelsea Evans, right.



Willits Frontier Days | Heritage Award  
**Margie Hawthorne**

The Willits Frontier Days Board of Directors proudly announces the recipient of the 2022 Heritage Award, Margie Handley who was married and now is known as Margie Hawthorne.

Margie is a longtime supporter of Willits Frontier Days, as she has sponsored this award in memory of her father Robert E. "Bob" Harrah for over 3 decades!

It has been a priority of her family to support an award that honors individuals, clubs and organizations that are primarily responsible for the continued success of this event in our small community.

The 2022 Theme Western Heritage brings focus to how important our heritage is to this organization. Margie has been an invaluable supporter of Willits Frontier Days and our entire community over the years. Her love of our town and energy is primarily responsible for the existence of the newly built Howard Hospital.

Join us in honoring Margie this year as the well-deserved recipient of this honor.

- Submitted by Kathy Goss for Willits Frontier Days



Lee Persico smiles alongside 2022 Willits Frontier Days Heritage Award Winner Margie Hawthorne.

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Art and Annette are living their dream. Both from ranching families, Annette's family, Bob and Earlene Whitaker and Art's family, Stan and Betty Cooley (from Montague and McCloud). The two met while in college at Cal Poly. Smitten, they married on the Whitaker Ranch and have since made it there forever home. Their children have carried on the tradition by choosing their mates also from ranching families.

Son Stan, married Katie (from San Luis Obispo County) and has moved to Willits to work alongside Art and Annette on the family ranch. Their children, Clayton and Grady, are active in football, basketball, baseball, and high school rodeo.

Daughter Casey, married Chris Gudel (from the Elk Grove area) and they own the Gudel Cattle Company, producing bulls and project heifers for junior showmen, including their children, Gentry and Kade.

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- Submitted by Kathy Goss for Willits Frontier Days



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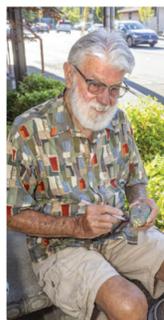
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Above: Jaynene Johnson and her new young one help with the food at BACE. Below, left: Visitors paint rocks in front of the Willits Center for the Arts. Below, right: Louis Celaya paints a rock for his collection in front of the Willits Center for the Arts. At bottom: DJ Candace Luna entertains in front of Re-Evolution.

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At far left: In addition to his charcuterie boards inside, Nick Balz entertained the kids with his balloon creations. At left: There was a steady flow of attendees at the opening of the Pomo art exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts. Below: Dave and Crystal Bowles view art by Morgan Rex at Art in the Plaza.



# Creative Evening

## Eight organizations participate in Willits Summer Art Walk, the first of five to be held on the last Saturday of the month through October

What do the Willits Center for the Arts; the Mendocino County Museum; BACE; Scoops Ice Cream, Deli and Catering; Kemmy's Pies; Shanachie Pub; Art in the Plaza; and Re-Evolution all have in common? These seemingly disparate entities all were participants in the first monthly Summer Art Walks.

They were inviting the residents of Willits into their locations to enjoy the myriad of arts available in this town. The idea is to entice people out of their homes in order to explore the wonders of creativity to be found throughout the businesses, museum and galleries. It's a social campaign to allow people to mingle and socialize as they discover the visual delights that can be found.

"This summer, the Willits arts community will showcase the best of Willits!" states the promotional material, found on the Willits Center for the Arts site: www.willitscenterforthearts.org. "Our downtown is brimming with talented artists and creative activity. Plan to spend the evening exploring art, history, music and dance."

The Summer Art Walks will be held on the last Saturday of each month through October, from 5 to 8 pm. Although, the BACE art space continued the fun well into the night with an Ecstatic Dance.

BACE (Beyond A Common Experience), at 101 North Main Street, is the new art and music space that has taken over the Leopold Collective location, just north of Northspur Brewery. It is the vision of David Blessie and Graham Considine.

"Our vision is bringing in elements of a festival setting into a one-night space and using mixed-media presentations," said Blessie and Considine. "There's no real venue, other than Shanachie Pub in Willits. The nightlife is all but nil. The focus is on music and art, mixed-media art, interactive art, and generative art."

"Generative art is algorithmic and procedural," they explained. "It's art that is continuously changing, making art that drives itself through creative coding. Some of it can be interactive. Some of it can be just geometric shapes, undulating endlessly."

Later in the evening, tea was served ceremoniously as the music pulsated with ever-changing projected art.

At the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street, the museum's 50th anniversary specials were placed in various locations throughout the building.

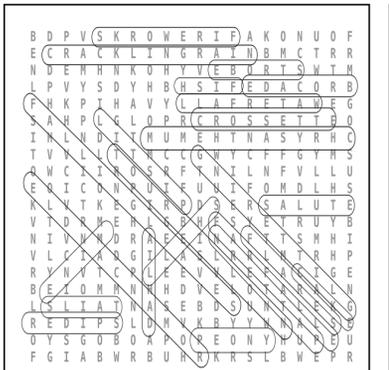
"We have our 50th anniversary exhibit," said Karen Mattson, the museum director. "Everywhere you see a gold bow is a newspaper clipping that shows the history of us acquiring that collection. As you go around, you're going to see a gold bow and an article. We brought up some special, significant selections through time. We have the 50th wedding anniversary quilt for Stella James with brands from all the different families that put in a square."

The museum was also still displaying the traveling exhibition, "Bear in Mind: the Story of the California Grizzly." For more information on what's happening at the Mendocino County Museum, visit [www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cultural-services-agency/museum](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cultural-services-agency/museum).

Moving west to 299 East Commercial Street at the Skunk Train Depot, Kemmy's Pies offered Natalie Moss'

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
2022-F0316  
The following LLC is doing business as Shamrock Artisan Goat Cheese, 24225 Reynolds Highway, Willits CA 95490.  
Registered owner: Summer Breeze Ranch, LLC, 24225 Reynolds Highway, Willits CA 95490.  
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/s/ Ana Cox, manager  
Publication dates: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2022

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**CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
PROJECT NO. 2022-03  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled: **CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS**

For: **Groundwater Resiliency Improvement Project, Phase I - Project No. 2022-03**  
This project includes the following work: For the purposes of upgrading an existing raw water transmission line, the project includes the installation of 3,600 feet of 10-inch DR-11 HDPE pipe using directional drilling and not open trenching; abandonment of the existing 6" raw water line in place; the installation of a new 8-inch gate valve; connecting the new 10-inch HDPE to existing 8-inch C-900 PVC pipe at the new gate valve at the south end of the project; connecting the new 10-inch HDPE to an existing 6-inch gate valve at the Elias Replacement Well at the north end of the project; stormwater pollution prevention measures; and the abandonment of the existing 6-inch SCH40 raw water line in place. The directional drilling methodology and mitigation measures identified in the plans and associated environmental documents are designed to reduce impacts to sensitive species of plants and animals in the project area.

IN  
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &  
The work described in specifications books entitled: **CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET**

For: **Groundwater Resiliency Improvement Project, Phase I - Project No. 2022-03**  
IN  
City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 10 a.m., July 28th, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.

Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:  
**Proposal Packet For:**  
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Example award forms for this work are included in a separate book entitled:  
**Example Award Packet For:**  
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**Groundwater Resiliency Improvement Project, Phase I - Project No. 2022-03**

**THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$ 482,000.00**  
**Key Dates:**  
• Pre-bid Meeting: July 18, 2022, 2:00 p.m. (meet at Public Works Yard)  
• Final Questions from Bidders: July 20, 2022  
• Final Addendum Issued: July 25, 2022  
• Bid Opening: July 28, 2022, 10 a.m.  
• Project Start Date: August 30, 2022  
• Project length: 45 calendar days

Interested bidders should contact the following in order to obtain electronic copies of plans and other bid documents:  
Brandy Sanderson  
Public Works Administrative Assistant  
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(707) 459-7143  
Plans will be distributed electronically free of charge.  
Hard copies of plans, specifications, and other bid documents are available by request for a non-refundable fee of \$40.00. Requests for hard copies should also be directed to Brandy Sanderson.

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CITY OF WILLITS: s/Delores Pedersen, City Clerk  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

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**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**  
1. Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District ("District"), of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the BLOSSER LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT ("Project") upto, but not later than, 2 pm, on July 28, 2022, and will thereafter publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the Willits Unified School District Office, 1277 Blosser Lane, Willits, CA 95490.  
2. Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Architect, Almeida Architecture, 555 S. Main Street, Suite 2, Sebastopol CA, County of Sonoma, California, and may be obtained by licensed contractors upon payment of a nonrefundable deposit of one hundred and seventyfive(\$175) per set.

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

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

5. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one half.  
6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted.

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

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

9. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids. This bid is  / is not  subject to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise requirements.  
10. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industrial Relations at time of bid opening and at all relevant times. Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the commencement of any work.

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13. Bidders' Conference. Prospective bidders are invited and strongly encouraged to attend a bidders' conference that will be held at Blosser Lane Elementary School, 1275 Blosser Lane Willits, CA on July 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Project site. Following the bidders' conference a tour will be held. Bidders must examine and judge for themselves the location, surroundings, physical condition and nature of any work to be done. Submission of a bid shall be construed as conclusive evidence that the bidder has made such an examination.

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This is a fun event to try and get people out on bikes," explained Chris Beebe, vice president of WAC. "We might set up a little obstacle course and have a couple little circus games like bicycle-wheel bowling, throwing bicycle rims over cones, maybe a little limbo action. We want to show off the new kiosk with the new map so people can actually see the trails. In Brooktrails they're often secluded. There are many more trails than just the Par Course."

The map was a project of the Brooktrails Recreation Committee, including Adam Sherf, president of WAC, and Crystal Schiffbauer-Bowles, who, along with Lynn Webber, walked, ran and biked all the trails to create GPS and Google Map data. It has been in production since 2015.

"On the kiosk, there's a PayPal bar code so people can contribute to our non-profit group, Willits Area Cyclists," continued Beebe. "This helps our group do more with the trail systems. It helps us to purchase materials and do upgrades. The map shows all the greenbelts, shows where private property is."

"We're going to have a bulletin board on the backside of the kiosk," said Beebe, "that is hopefully going to get some artwork that we will post, and maybe we'll have a little signage as to when all of our events may be and when our trail work days will be. We tend to have a trail day once a month and we'll also post our board meetings."

The Willits Area Cyclists have been indefatigable in their efforts to keep the trails workable, to re-route those

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## Mapping Trails

Willits Area Cyclists hold picnic to introduce their newly erected kiosk featuring a map of Brooktrails' foot and bike paths

The Par Course in Brooktrails Township has a new feature. A beautifully crafted redwood kiosk, just inside the gates to the run, walk and bike loop, lets people who are interested in recreational trails in the area see, in detail, the possible routes and accesses. The kiosk, a project of the Willits Area Cyclists, is chock-full of information about trailheads, rules, and safety measures.

In order to introduce the new edifice, as well as to enjoy the day, have some fun, and appreciate the great weather, WAC invited the public to a picnic. The event was complete with a bike clinic to tune-up participant's bikes for the summer, a couple of bike-oriented games, and face-painting.

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The Willits Area Cyclists have been indefatigable in their efforts to keep the trails workable, to re-route those

that need it, and to install bridges and other necessary appliances.

"We are now the official stewards of all the trails in Brooktrails Township. It's now our responsibility to keep the trails clean and flowing. We don't want trees down on the trails or having to re-route the trails. If people would like to get involved, we're always looking for outside involvement," said Beebe.

Among their recent projects are a series of signs to be placed strategically on the trails with information showing a hiker / biker's current location, how to access other trails, and the amount of rise of the trail. Other projects include: Mike's Trail re-route and installation of a bridge.

"We've cleaned up the Beaver Trail which is off of Primrose," explained Beebe. "We still have three bridges to build up there. We did a complete trail revamping of the Dutch Henry Trail which is on the north end of Lake Emily, which will connect the east-side parking area over to Poppy, where you can then access the Thimbleberry Trail and get up into those cool, shady trails.

"We have plans to put in a bridge on Thimbleberry at the first creek crossing," he said. "We are acquiring the bridge that got destroyed at Little Darby, which has been donated to WAC. We're going to go up there and dismantle it, bring it back, and assess the damaged pieces, and make a new bridge out of the materials. We're just trying to stay active and keep moving forward and make it a positive place to ride.

"The rising fuel prices are not encouraging to drive out of town, so we can enjoy a bike ride when we've got it right here in our local township," said Beebe. "We just want the public to know that there is a map and that there is more fun to be had in Brooktrails than one might think."

For more info on Willits Area Cyclists, visit their Facebook page.

Online trail maps can be accessed at: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1vPdHqsl67OnmP7uolXyJzX09rd0jLLG&ll=39.436734721704184%2C-123.40076018798582&z=13>.

For iPhone / Apple Maps users, here is a doc explaining how to convert the Google map to your Apple Map: <https://apple.stackexchange.com/questions/178418>.

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Abigail Sherf takes a turn at bicycle-wheel bowling.

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The Willits Police Department seeks your assistance and cooperation in making the Frontier Days Parade an enjoyable family experience.

The following streets will be affected by the parade: East Commercial Street, South Main Street, East Valley Street, and South Lenore.

The following streets will be affected by the detour: West Commercial Street, School Street, Pine Street, Coast Street, and West Valley Street.

In a separate notice from Willits Police Department, residents are reminded that enforcement in areas where special No

### The rest of Drugs From page 1

Parking signs are posted, enforcement will begin at 6 am on July 4 and will remain in effect until the parade is completed.

"It is extremely important that you assist the Willits Police Department by not parking in the "No Parking" areas, as well as reminding those that may be visiting you," said Willits Police Chief Fabian Lizarraga in the notice. "Once the enforcement process begins, any vehicle parked in the "No Parking" areas will be subject to towing pursuant to Willits Municipal Code section 10.32.070.

"Your assistance and cooperation will be greatly appreciated on Sunday, July 4."

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help prevent wildfires and injuries caused by fireworks. The risk of starting a fire after years of drought and with the current dry conditions is extremely high.

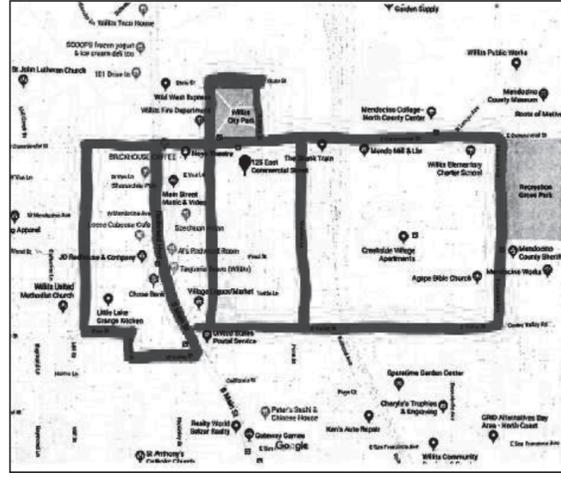
CAL FIRE is also reminding the public of the state's zero tolerance regarding the use or sale of illegal fireworks. CAL FIRE is working closely with local law enforcement and firefighting agencies to seize illegal fireworks and prosecute those found in possession of them.

Any person can be held liable for the fire-fighting costs as well as property damage costs associated with the start of a wildfire. Often, these costs can be into the millions of dollars.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at professional fireworks show. Check your local area for professional shows and do not risk your safety and the safety of others by using illegal and dangerous fireworks at home.

Have a fire safe Fourth of July! One less spark means one less wildfire.

For more information about how you and your family can prepare for wildfire, visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).



### The rest of Budget From page 1

Service Employees International Union, chapter 1021, which many county workers belong to.

While the board did pass the 2022/23 budget and the "Master Position Allocation Table" for county jobs at the meeting, they directed staff to bring back the unfilled positions issue on the agenda at a later date with a clearer picture of which were funded in the budget and how.

Board Chair Ted Williams asked in particular that the county look into the possibility of raising the wages of positions paid for by the state to "market rate" to make them more desirable for applicants, following a suggestion by Hickey during public comments.

Hickey said that 231 out of 402 unfilled county positions are in "non-general fund departments" - meaning they're likely state or federally funded - and that "failure to fill these positions has deprived Mendocino County of vital services that seriously impact our residents.

"It has also kept tens of millions of state and federal dollars from flowing into our community," Hickey added. "This is free money. Let's pay market rate wages so that we can attract the talent we need to serve our community."

Supervisors have asked at previous meetings about the status of unfilled positions and if some could possibly be eliminated from the rolls, and this line of questioning continued last week.

"So we're passing the budget without really knowing what those numbers are about how many are funded but not filled?" asked Third District Supervisor John Haschak.

Interim County CEO Darcie Antle said she was expecting heads of the various departments to give reports on that information soon, but did give a general summary.

"At this time there's about 400 vacancies; approximately half of those are general fund positions and a significant portion of those are in public safety," she said. "So the ask is out, we expect it back from the department heads by Friday."

Hickey said that from what he saw, the county had 402 "budgeted but vacant" positions, 172 of which are paid for by the general fund, and he pointed out 17 county positions which had been vacant for more than four years.

"So we have two recommendations," he said. "Freeze 1/3 of the general fund positions that are not revenue-producing and redirect those funds to help stabilize the current workforce. This would free up \$5 to 6 million that would help address the downward pressure that inflation is putting on county wages and the general fund positions. The county needs to operate within its means."

"No. 2, redouble efforts to recruit open non-general fund positions," he added. "Taking these steps will help address the serious challenges the county has faced with recruitment and retention, and send a strong message to county employees that you recognize their contributions and want them to continue providing great service to our community."

The board did consider delaying the vote on the Master Position Table item, but County Counsel Christian Curtis advised against this, saying that government code stated it should be passed concurrently with the budget.

The 2022/23 budget is projected to be balanced, according to the auditor's summary, which shows \$356,895,944 of spending appropriated, and \$356,908,564 projected revenue from funding sources.

Political water

Also during the budget discussion, Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde suggested that the Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission may be using some money given by the county for political purposes.

He asked that any transfer of money from the county to the IWPC be blocked until there was clarity on the issue, which the board approved.

The county has been contributing \$25,000 per year to the IWPC, a "joint powers authority" group whose members include the county, various water districts, and the city of Ukiah.

Gjerde's claim was tied with his fierce opposition to water project funding being placed on the county sales tax measure the board is aiming to put on the ballot in November.

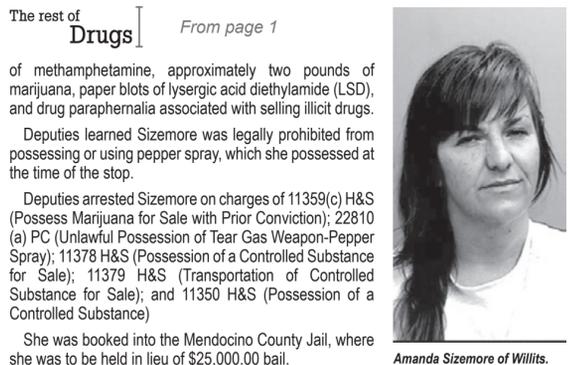
The sales tax item was heavily debated later in the meeting, and the board eventually directed staff to move forward with a 1/4 cent sales tax only for fire services, which Gjerde supported.

Gjerde called the water tax proposal "horrendous" and "offensive," and said that he suspected the idea originated from the IWPC, who were hoping for big increases in their funding if it came to pass.

As for the political spending, Gjerde claimed in a memo that according to documents he had procured, the IWPC in September of 2021 had entered into a contract with Godbe Research for around \$30,000 in polling costs, and with connected political consultants for more than \$100,000, as they looked into the idea of a county property tax measure to fund water projects.

He was unsure of how much had been spent, asking in his memo, "What is the total Inland Water has paid, or will pay, to Godbe Research, and to political consultants?"

"I think it was a poor use of public funds," Gjerde said at the meeting. "I'm not saying it was illegal, although I think it is bordering on illegal to have public funds used for advocating for a tax measure."



### The rest of Illegal From page 1

help prevent wildfires and injuries caused by fireworks. The risk of starting a fire after years of drought and with the current dry conditions is extremely high.

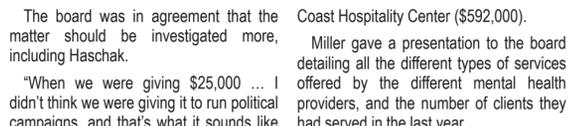
CAL FIRE is also reminding the public of the state's zero tolerance regarding the use or sale of illegal fireworks. CAL FIRE is working closely with local law enforcement and firefighting agencies to seize illegal fireworks and prosecute those found in possession of them.

Any person can be held liable for the fire-fighting costs as well as property damage costs associated with the start of a wildfire. Often, these costs can be into the millions of dollars.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at professional fireworks show. Check your local area for professional shows and do not risk your safety and the safety of others by using illegal and dangerous fireworks at home.

Have a fire safe Fourth of July! One less spark means one less wildfire.

For more information about how you and your family can prepare for wildfire, visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).



Coast Hospitality Center (\$592,000).

Miller gave a presentation to the board detailing all the different types of services offered by the different mental health providers, and the number of clients they had served in the last year.

She said that in 2021/22, RCS had provided 828 clients with crisis services, and more than 900 others with other types of mental health services such as a "youth resource center," an "interpersonal skills training center," a "behavioral health court," "transitional age-supportive housing," and "adult residential."

The projections for the number of clients RCS would treat this fiscal year were similar.

Director Miller said that administrative services for the contracts would be provided by Anchor Health Management - formerly known as Redwood Quality Management Company - but that the county would be having more control regarding the oversight of the behavioral health contracts this year.

"We are bringing those contracts in-house," she said, "which means we will still have an ASO [administrative services officer], the ASO will still perform the function they've been performing, but the county will hold the subcontractors contracts now."

"[This] will give the county the ability to ... make sure that we have everything we need for audit purposes," Miller continued, "and the ability to have one general ledger for when the state does our cost report audits. It'll all be in one general ledger so we'll be able to really track that and show how our funds went and where the dollars were spent."

Several of those who work at the various providers given contracts spoke during public comments about the challenges over the last few years and goals as they move forward.

Dr. Joseph Beeney is Clinical Director of Psychology at RCS, and talked about why he returned to the county where he grew up after getting a PhD and teaching in Pennsylvania for five years.

"One of the reasons I decided to come back to this area is that I wanted to have a positive impact on the health of this community," he said. "I grew up here, and I saw a lot of suffering due to mental illness. My brother died due to mental illness. And I wanted to have a role in easing that pain."

"I've been back here for almost two years now, and my focus at RCS has really been on making sure we're providing the best-quality treatments we can offer," he continued. "I keep in mind the people I grew up with, all of those kids who were growing up hard, with parents who'd grown up hard. And I want to know that I've done something to break that cycle."

"My goal is to engage all of our providers, in a journey to help them to develop into world-class case managers, rehab specialists, and clinicians."

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and other local Pomo Artists



Original weavings made from native plants  
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is having a sale of everything art related.  
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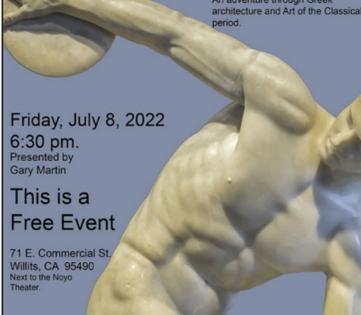
We are asking artists to donate used or unused items from their studios for this fundraiser.



Please drop off donations at the back-door behind the art center the weekend of July 8-9-10.  
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Friday, July 8, 2022  
6:30 pm.  
Presented by Gary Martin

This is a Free Event

71 E. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490  
Next to the Noyo Theater.

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Attend the fire at all times, and never build a campfire on a windy day. Ensure your fire is completely extinguished: Drown with water, stir with your shovel, drown again, and feel for any heat using the back of your hand.

Camp stoves: If using a portable stove, make sure the area is clear of grasses and other debris that may catch fire. Prevent stoves from tipping.

Vehicles: Stick to designated trails and be careful of parking or driving your car or ATV in tall, dry, vegetation, including grass. When towing, ensure your safety chains are properly connected with any type of trailer. The hot underside of the vehicle and dragging chains can start a fire.

Flammable items: The use of any fireworks, explosives or internal or external combustion engine without a spark arrestor is prohibited on the forest. Always use caution with smoking. Extinguish all smoking materials dead out on bare soil. Pack out all cigarette butts and filters.

Several campgrounds and trailheads remain closed due to ongoing safety hazards. Forest officials remind visitors to check the website for recreation areas that are open: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recreation/mendocino/recreation>.

The popular Letts Lake Campground remains closed for maintenance; however, visitors can park at Big Springs Picnic for day use access to the lake. Big Springs Picnic is located on the west side of Letts Lake, accessed by a road 1/4 mile beyond the Letts Lake turnoff.

Although crews have cleared several forest roads, hazards remain in many areas, including falling trees and snags, rolling rocks and debris. Roads could become impassable at any time. Forest officials recommend driving high-clearance vehicles on dirt roads and carrying a chainsaw.

Forest officials remind visitors to be cautious when recreating in the forest and to be aware at all times of potential hazards in a burned area, which includes dead standing trees, downed trees, dropped limbs, stump holes or unstable terrain. More information about hazards associated with a burned area is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mendocino/hazards>.

Bears are active in the forest this time of year. Forest visitors can avoid problems with bears by maintaining a safe distance. Visitors must be vigilant with food storage and trash. Never feed bears, and report any encounters with a bear to forest staff. Additional information about avoiding bear encounters is available at [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mendocino/bears](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mendocino/bears).

The Mendocino National Forest consists of 913,306 acres along northern California's coastal range. The forest is headquartered in Willows and maintains district offices in the communities of Covelo and Upper Lake. More information is available at [www.fs.usda.gov/mendocino](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mendocino).

## McGuire bill to expand food benefits for Native Americans

Submitted by the Office of Sen. Mike McGuire, Sacramento

Native Americans have historically faced some of the highest rates of poverty, food insecurity, and chronic health conditions here in the Golden State and throughout America. To ensure that Native American families and children have expanded access to fresh and nutritious food, Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire advanced Senate Bill 1413 this year, which will significantly increase the amount of food assistance for Native American households facing food insecurity.

Through state budget negotiations, McGuire has incorporated SB 1413 into the budget along with a permanent \$5 million in funding, which will forever expand the benefits of California's Food Assistance Program to eligible Native American households.

Currently, income-eligible Native American households cannot access CalFresh if they already participate in the USDA's Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. The federal program, however, does not provide for nearly the same value of food: In 2022, FDIPIR budgeted \$91.20 per participant per month, while CalFresh allocated \$164.28 – a difference of more than 80%.

"This is a major victory to combat hunger in Native American communities up and down the Golden State," said Sen. McGuire. "We know Native Americans continue to face the highest rates of poverty and food insecurity in the state, and this is simply unacceptable. With this action and permanent funding secured, California will align our values with our policies by making sure that Native American families and seniors get the nutritional benefits they deserve."

With this funding agreement, the combined total benefits to households using FDIPIR will be the same as the amount provided to a CalFresh-eligible household.

"Our people can no longer rely on our land for all of our needs, and this action will ensure that many Yurok families, who are also California citizens, will have enough food and resources to thrive," said Yurok Tribe Chairman Joseph James. "We want to thank Sen. McGuire for introducing this important legislation and finding funding to support the program, which is about providing resources to those who need it most."

"We're truly grateful for the partnership of the Yurok Tribe and Tribal governments throughout the state in this critical legislation," Sen. McGuire said. "This has been 100% teamwork."

The budget bills will be voted on by the legislature this week and will then be sent to the Governor for final approval.

## Willits man arrested for domestic battery

By Sgt. Mike Dygert, for MCSO

On Sunday, June 26, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a domestic violence incident that occurred around 7:32 pm on north Highway 101, just north of the city of Willits.

Deputies contacted an adult female, 26, from Willits, and learned she and Daniel Arancibia Arancibia, 27, from Willits, were in a dating relationship and have two children in common. Reportedly, the adult female and Arancibia Arancibia were traveling in a vehicle heading southbound on U.S. Highway 101 somewhere just north of the city of Willits.

Arancibia Arancibia was driving the vehicle, and the adult female was sitting in the front passenger seat when they became engaged in a verbal argument. The argument escalated when Arancibia Arancibia struck the adult

female on the left side of her upper chest causing a visible bruise.

The pair continued their travels to their residence in the city of Willits, and Arancibia Arancibia left the residence prior to deputies arriving to investigate the reported incident.

Arancibia Arancibia was located a short time later at the intersection of Monroe Street and Central Avenue.

Arancibia Arancibia was taken into custody without incident and was subsequently booked into the Mendocino County jail on charges of felony domestic battery, where he was to be held in lieu of \$25,000.00 bail.

*Editor's Note: The Mendocino County Jail Booking Log reports the last name as "Arancibia," but also reports several variants as aliases, including "Arancibia Arancibia."*

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"I will also accept a family member to help support and counsel; it's a family illness," says Blair. "Everyone has shifted and learned to adapt with living with the person with addiction and their needs. This mobile system – in which one person wants to get sober – the whole system of living has to change in order to maintain the balance. It will rock and cause tension, so if everyone isn't working together to find their own recovery things can break."

These services are essential to this community, a rural space where access to health care locally makes a huge difference. "Sometimes people are so desperate to get that kind of guidance," Blair says. "They are so relieved that we help people to get into the clinic program, or into a rehab program and are thankful to have someone help them navigate this. It's such an essential service to those that need this support."

In a recent month, 148 people contacted our substance use navigators across the county just to have a supportive conversation. "Having access to that kind of support is powerful to the wellness of our whole community," SUN team supervisor Gould says of this tremendous achievement.

The trust and ability to provide these services in Mendocino County is paramount to the health of the community. Blair knows through her experiences that making a difference starts as soon as contact is made with a patient.

"It's hard to gain that trust in this type of population," Blair says, "so for us to be able to help as soon as you call or say you need help in our ED is so important. That one connection we make and being ready to help right away is everything to us."

Since the inception of the CA Bridge program in 2019 at Howard Memorial, Adventist Health has implemented the program at Ukiah Valley hospital and the Mendocino Coast hospital in Fort Bragg. "With our programs expansion across Mendocino County we are able to provide more access to services for people who suffer from the disease of addiction at any stage." Supervisor Gould echoes Blair's comments on the program being quick, effective and helpful to the population who needs them most.

Thank you, supervisor Mary Anne Gould, counselor Hailey Blair, and the amazing Substance Use Navigation team and counselors in our clinics for your hard work, dedication and perseverance. We're lucky to have these incredible programs in our community.

Do you or someone you know need help with substance use? Walk into any emergency department in Mendocino County or call us today at 707-459-6115 (Howard), 707-467-3177 (Ukiah) and 707-515-5193 (Mendocino Coast) or our sister clinics in Lucerne at 707-274-9299 and Clearlake at 707-349-4340 for compassionate help from skilled providers to assist on the road to recovery.

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weapon at the male. Caldwell asserted he felt threatened by the male's behavior and that is why he pointed the weapon at him. As a result, Caldwell was detained in handcuffs while further investigation was conducted.

During the course of the investigation and according to eyewitnesses, it was determined that Caldwell brandished a firearm in a threatening manner, was in possession of a loaded and un-registered firearm, and also had a concealed firearm in his person.

Caldwell was initially transported for booking at the Mendocino County Jail, for violation of PC 417(a)(2) brandishing, PC 25850, carrying an un-registered firearm, and PC 25400, carrying a concealed weapon.

However, en route to the jail, Caldwell experienced a medical emergency and was subsequently transported by ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits. He was cited to appear on the above charges at the Hospital.

The Willits Police Department would like to thank the witnesses from the community, for their valuable assistance in this case.

The rest of **Election** | From page 1

challenger Nicole Glentzer has won with 55.35% of the vote (10,760 votes), compared to incumbent Michelle Hutchins with 44.65% (8,686 votes).

Superintendent Hutchins posted her thanks "with deep appreciation," to her supporters for their "friendship, support and generosity through these last four years of my service as Superintendent of Schools, and specifically over these last few challenging months." Although "the outcome of the election" was "personally disappointing," Hutchins wrote, it "does not deter my focus from the students of Mendocino County and meeting their needs during a time that continues to challenge our families and our school communities," she wrote.

"It's official!" posted Nicole Glentzer on her campaign Facebook page. "I was notified earlier today by Mendocino County Elections Official Katrina Bartolomie that ballot counting is finished, and that we have won the election! 'Thank you' to every one of the campaign supporters and volunteers – and to the voters who rallied to support educators across Mendocino County. It will be an honor to serve our children and our entire community as the next Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak has been reelected, winning 71.72% of Third District voters, with 2,823 votes, while challenger Clay Romero won 28.28% with 1,113 votes. There were only 9 Third District "undervotes" – ballots where voters passed up their chance to vote for supervisor.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams has also been reelected with 82.52% of Fifth District voters, with 4,191 votes, while challenger John Redding won 17.48% (888 votes).

Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall has been elected (he was appointed to his initial term) with 85.52% of the vote, countywide, or 14,699 votes. Write-in candidate Trent James won 14.48% of the vote countywide, or 2,488 votes. In this race, there were a total of 5,123 undervotes, or ballots without a vote recorded for sheriff.

Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Bartolomie, Auditor-Controller / Treasurer-Tax Collector Chamise Cubbison, and District Attorney David Eyster were all reelected unopposed. They all had significant amounts of undervotes, ballots without a vote for their office: 7,386 for Eyster; 7,027 for Cubbison; and 5,500 for Bartolomie.



Above: Singer / songwriter Kristyn Harris and her band play Emandal.

## Not JUST Cowboy Poetry at Emandal July 16

Celebrate summer with a picnic in the shade at Emandal, 2 pm, Saturday, July 16, while enjoying the preeminent Western Entertainer of the Year, Kristyn Harris (singer, songwriter, guitar player, yodeler ... and trick horse rider!) and her band.

A silent auction, and a LIVE AUCTION, with Rachel Britten at the helm to benefit Willits Senior Center. Bring your own food and drinks ... spread them out on the lawn ... lean back and enjoy some delightful music, all the way from Texas!

Yes, Not JUST Cowboy Poetry is back, after a two-year hiatus. Next year, we'll bring back the Apple Pie Throwdown.

Tickets may be purchased online at [emandal.com/cowboy-poetry](http://emandal.com/cowboy-poetry)

Ticket sales will benefit your choice of six local organizations: Willits Daily Bread, Willits Kids Club, Friends of the Willits Library, S.P.A.C.E., Willits High School Decathlon Team, and Peregrine Audubon Society.

The event is brought to you by: Angie and Tom Herman, Baldo Locomotive Works, Gary Harrington-In memory of Polly Harrington, Coldwell Banker Mendocino Realty, Diane and Gary Ford, East Hill Veterinary Clinic, Family Tree Service, Inc., Kathy and Phil Shuster, Nicholas Casagrande, T. Lawrence Construction, Willits and Redwood Company.

Questions? [tamara@emandal.com](mailto:tamara@emandal.com)

## Fourth of July weekend lineup at Shanachie Pub

Mandolin Manny & Friends, Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 at 8 pm

Mandolin Manny & Friends are a modern take on the bluegrass band. Their sound is steeped in tradition while pushing the boundaries of the string-band format and dipping into the many influences from their eclectic collective of musicians. The group was founded in Davis by singer and frontman Manny Kaminer through his exploration of bluegrass mandolin, and the alliteration stuck. Although he mostly plays lead guitar these days, mandolin is still one of the major focal points for Mandolin Manny & Friends.

Mandolin Manny can be found performing all around the Central Valley and Northern California, and will be joined these two nights by Jake Forrest, and also on Saturday by Colby Lee and Lauralee Brown! Visit [www.mandolinmanny.com](http://www.mandolinmanny.com).



Night Animals, Monday, July 4 at 6 pm – Join us for a Patio Party!

Night Animals is a six-piece funk band from San Francisco that grabs you immediately and refuses to let go. Their infectious original material and electrifying covers veer down new and unexpected paths with each performance. Their seductive vocals, twisting horn lines, hypnotic rhythms, and delicious guitar licks combine to lead audiences to the promised land!



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aromatic soaps and charcuterie boards by Nick Balz. Balz also delighted the young visitors with his deft balloon animals and other creative shapes.

Scoops Ice Cream, Deli and Catering, at 110 North Main Street, offered a Willits Library Art Night in their courtyard.

"They did a little owl project at Scoops," said Scott Mattson, who brought his kids, Scott and Miles. "They took a pinecone and they put wings and a head on it. Then they signed up for the Summer Reading Program where if they read for 20 minutes a day, they get a reward and they get put into a raffle."

Shanachie Pub, at 50 South Main Street, had a showing of Jazz-Minh Moore's skillful sketches of the pub's musicians who perform at the renowned Wednesday night Open Mic events. Small sketches were available for purchase for \$5.

At Re-Evolution, located at 15 West Mendocino Street, artist Mira Molar showed her paintings and met the attendees. Her art, along with Ava Nagporewalla, who lives in Switzerland, graced the small gallery as Candace Luna (Luna Assassins) spun electro dance tunes outside.

Art in the Courtyard, located behind Café 77, had its usual eclectic selection of art, gifts, and metalwork by owner Morgan Rex.

The Willits Center for the Arts, at 71 East Commercial Street, had its opening night for the newest exhibition of Pomo Weavings and Baskets by Buffie Schmidt and others. The Summer Art Walks will correspond to the new gallery openings through October. In addition, a table was set up out front with materials for rock painting and sidewalk chalk drawing. Visit [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org) for information about their upcoming shows.

"We wanted to rekindle the program and get people out to really enjoy all the things that are going on in Willits," explained Karen Mattson. "We decided to just go for it, get it started somehow. It started this month and we have it planned for the whole summer. Every fourth Saturday, all summer long and into October."

The rest of **WPD** | From page 4

June 24

12:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:39 am: BEAN Jr., Leland Cheyenne (45) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 166 (A) (4) PC (Violation of a Court Order), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

5:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of School Street and Wood Street.

9:14 pm: AUGUSTINE, Andrew Lee (39) of Willits was contacted in the 600 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), on felony charges of resisting an officer, and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

10:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

June 25

6:32 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

8:53 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Holly Street.

11:24 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Harms Lane.

11:09 pm: HAUG, Dustin Anthony (41) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 11350 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:49 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

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**HAPPY JULY 4TH**  
NEXT WEEK:  
**Thor: Love & Thunder**

**MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU**

(PG) 1 hr 27 mins

Fri.-Thurs:  
12:45, 3:00, 5:15 & 7:30pm



**JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION**

(PG13) 2 hrs 26 mins

Fri.-Thurs:  
1:30 & 4:45 & 8:00pm



**ELVIS! (2022)**

Over 21 Club/  
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(PG13) 2 hrs 39 mins

Fri.-Thurs:  
1:00, 4:20 & 7:45pm



Masks Optional

## Wide-eyed Harriett

Harriett is a curious, young girl who likes to explore her surroundings. She gets along well with other cats and we think she would do well in a home with children.



The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Harriett or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com).

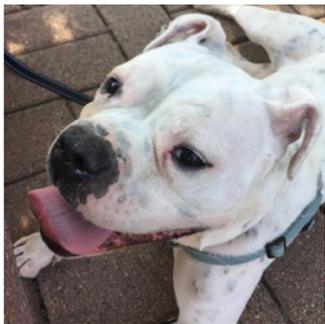
## Bubbly Roxie

Meet Roxie! She's an absolute sweetheart, who is quick to learn, very playful, and loves people and other dogs. Her favorite pastimes include following her human(s) around the

house, going on walks, and snuggling. Her former foster mom worded it perfectly: "Roxie is a fun, snuggly goofball. We promise you will never meet a dog more excited about bubbles!"

Roxie is great on a leash, and is crate-trained and kennel-trained. When playing, she can be a little "mouthy" but she's easily directed to more appropriate activities. And now with her increased activity and playtime with other dogs at our sanctuary, she is a very social happy camper and is eager to get love. Roxie is also looking for a foster home while she awaits her forever one.

To learn more about Roxie or view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://www.milofoundation.org) or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.



## Playful Rosemary

Meet our beautiful girl, Rosemary. Rosemary came to us a few months ago with three of her puppies who have all found their forever homes. Rosemary did a wonderful job raising her kiddos but now it's time for her to be someone's baby. Rosemary has gone to a few foster homes who have adored her. Her foster families state she is a lovely house guest who loves to play, especially tug-of-war or with her Kong. She is a quick learner, who knows basic commands and loves to give you loves and kisses!



She also loves to have a good cuddle session with you! Rosemary is ready to find her forever family; could she be a part of yours?

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. We are open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: [www.mendohumanesociety.com](http://www.mendohumanesociety.com), our Facebook page, and on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).

## OBITUARY |

### Georgia McMillan Keesey

Georgia McMillan Keesey passed away peacefully on June 15, 2022 at 103 years old. Her three sons, Loyal, Alex, and Rod were by her bedside at the end. She leaves nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Born in Crumpler, North Carolina on February 15, 1919, her family soon moved to a small farm in Maryland where Georgia attended a one-room schoolhouse with Georgia being the only 8th grader. She helped tutor the younger students and was paid 25 cents a week to start the fire in the classroom stove each morning. She went on to Jarrettsville High School in Jarrettsville, Maryland. Immediately after high school, Georgia worked as a telephone switchboard operator.

In 1940 Georgia became a registered nurse finding work in New York City and then Klamath Falls, Oregon. She married in 1945 to Loyal Carlon Jr. while he was serving in the U.S. Marines. They started a family in Maryland and then moved to Overland Park, Kansas. In 1957 the family moved to Pasadena, California. As her three sons got to school age, she returned to nursing.

She lived her last 40 years in Willits in Mendocino County nearer her children and grandchildren. Georgia had a wide reputation wherever she was living as an excellent cook and baker. As a result, her children always cleared their dinner plates so not to be denied dessert! As her generational family grew, she hosted many Sunday afternoon dinners. Her almond butter crunch was a family favorite during the holidays for decades. Georgia will also be remembered for modeling her Christian beliefs.

While she loved to tell a good joke, she usually ended up laughing herself before she got to the punchline. Her laugh was infectious. Her game of choice was bridge, with Scrabble as a close second. It was fruitless to try and beat her at Scrabble, and she continued to act surprised every time she won.

Our family will miss her but also know how lucky it was to have her with us for so long. She left us with enough memories to last another 103 years.

## COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

### 'Elvis'



Dan Essman  
Columnist

#### The Story:

Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), born in Tupelo, Mississippi, singing his heart out in

Memphis, Tennessee, performing to crowds of women driven into screaming ecstasy by his hip shakes and pelvic thrusts. He meets a canny hustler/conman who called himself Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks), who convinces Elvis to sign with him as a manager. Problems arise, and that's an understatement.

Meanwhile, it's the Fifties, and rock-n-roll is conquering America and Elvis is the brand-new king. We post-millennium folks forget just how scary Presley's sexy shake-shake hips, and sultry eyes, and pouty lips were to the

uptight squares of the Era. Moms and Dads had never seen anything like Elvis Presley. He was a white boy singing like a black boy, like "race music." It was a helluva time, and a joyful and painful saga. It's his true story.

**My Thoughts:** The acting in this movie, especially Austin Butler's Elvis and Tom Hanks' Colonel Parker, is so believable and so intense that the Film Academy should just package up their Oscars right now. I studied acting and lived with a professional Method acting coach for 20-plus years, and I'm in awe.

So, I'm raving about the production, the performances, the art directing, the editing. Director Baz Luhrmann has given us a high-class, big-budget Hollywood spectacular that we the long-suffering audience deserve. "Elvis" is worth the ticket.

**Parents:** There are some adult themes of corruption and betrayal for money. This is not for children. Teens and up.

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

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