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**Submitted by the Willits
Police Department**

The vehicle was occupied by two male adults, later identified as Joseph Russo, 41, of New Port Richey, Florida, and Frank Sorbera, 42, of Willits. WPD Officer Avalos arrived and assisted Officer Basurto with the traffic stop.

During an inventory of the vehicle, approximately 38 grams of suspected fentanyl was located concealed in the vehicle along with numerous items of drug paraphernalia. The fentanyl was located in

Deputies
arrest armed
Willits
man after
struggle

On July 26, at approximately 11:20 am, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a report of a subject discharging a firearm in a negligent manner on a piece of property in the 10000 block of Hearst Willits Road.

Upon their arrival, MCSO deputies received information that Trevor Clay Williams, 45, of Willits, had unsafely discharged a firearm several times in the vicinity of a juvenile (who also lived on the property) in a manner that could possibly endanger her life.

It was also learned that Williams was the restrained person in a served restraining order, which therefore prohibited him from possessing firearms.

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Struggle
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Above: Talents from members across the county range in mediums across the board and can be seen in various creations entered into the Redwood Empire Fair including, from left: this chair by Natalie Campbell; this bead work necklace by Leveda Lockhart; this close-up eye photograph by Stephany Brundage; and this knitted wall hanging by Christina Orozco. Below: Long Valley 4-H's Emmett Zuffinetti, 6, holds his bunny Zebra, and a first-place ribbon earned at Wednesday's rabbit show.



Redwood Empire Fair this Thursday through Sunday at Ukiah Fairgrounds

It's August, and that means it's also time for the Redwood Empire Fair and Junior Livestock Auction, and exhibitors of all ages are ready to show their talents in the show ring and exhibitor buildings.

The fair opens Thursday and runs through Sunday with a bevy of activities each day. Livestock exhibitors loaded in earlier this week and have been showing their animals, but Saturday's Junior Livestock Auction will be held for the public to attend.

For a list of activities, event and show times, and pricing, log on to www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com or see the ad on page 6.

– **Maureen Jennison**

At right, top: Tami Lucchetti of Hopland has prepared wheelbarrow arrangements for many years outside the Floriculture building. At right: Tina Heady of Ukiah does some final fluffing of her coleus plant. Below, from left: A few red tomatoes entered into the Horticulture building from Linda Johnston. A white Potter Valley bunny waits for its turn in the show ring Wednesday morning. Hannah Foster created a produce plate for the Horticulture building that included a peach, tomatillo, garlic bulb, tomato and eggplant.



Above, from left: Barbara Carlson's entry in the Home Arts building hit this year's theme of "quilts and cows" perfectly. Jams, jellies and preserves are always a favorite thing to enter. Dave Poma's first-place cookie bars looked delicious in the case. Epoxy tumblers and cups were a new category – these three were created by Natasha Ricetti. Fine Arts building supervisor Brenda Hodges shows some of the cow flags used to decorate the space. Below, left: Colorful quilts of all sizes and shapes hang on the walls of the Home Arts building. Below, right: This desert landscape photo by Amy Ford hangs in the Fine Arts building and earned first place.



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The Board of Supervisors scaled back their plans for a new “standalone Mendocino County Water Agency” on Tuesday, at least for the time being, amidst heightened concerns over how to fund it with their limited budget options.

Instead of a new agency with multiple staff members as was laid out in an "Implementation Plan" at the meeting, the board instead approved First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty to come back to the board with a plan to spend no more than \$250,000 of one-time money to temporarily hire a consultant for water grants and projects.

McGourty also proposed creating a "Water Resource Team" using staff and others available in the community.

McGourty said in a presentation that “present minimal funding” of around \$160,000 allocated would not “support a fully staffed” Mendocino County Water Agency, which GEI Consultants estimated would cost around

Brooktrails board hears updates on transportation, Parks Grant, water

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The Brooktrails Community Township Board of Directors July 26 meeting began with a couple of announcements by board members, Directors Tina Tyler-O'Shea and Tony Orth.

Tyler-O'Shea talked about the Mendocino Council of Governments Mobility Solutions for Rural Communities meeting that she had attended on July 25 and said: "In that meeting I discussed the conditions and challenges with transportation for people in our community who do not have a vehicle. There will be a public meeting in August, and I will share information as I receive it." [MCOG's session in Brooktrails is now set for August 26, from 11 am to 12:30 pm, at the Brooktrails Community Center].

Director Orth said:
"I would like to thank

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– Submitted by Adventist Health Mendocino County

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



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Hosted by WELL (Willits Economic Localization)



A group of people, mostly women, are gathered outdoors on a grassy area, likely a golf course, during a social event. They are holding drinks and looking towards the right. In the background, there are tall trees and a red building.

Although the event began with the idea to present a wine and beer tasting, food bites were soon added, with vendors donating their services, including Adam Celaya's amazing crab cakes, freshly sautéed at the table, Smokin' G's & Big D's BBQ providing their pulled-pork treats, and Kemmy's Pies with lemon bars, pie bites, and ginger cookies.

Read the rest of **Golf** *Over on page 10*



At far left: The golf teams listen intently to tournament organizer Jeff Yokum's talk prior to heading out to the course. Above, left: Andrew Hosford, Mike Mc Rae, Jason Korte, and Jeff Yokum didn't place in the top three but had a great time. Above, right: The Willits High School girls golf team participates in the tournament. At left: Co-auctioneer Tom Allman proposes a toast to John Cross.

Photos by
Mathew Caine



Above, left: Co-auctioneer Rachel Britten entertains the bidders and deftly drives up the bids. **Above, right:** Adam Celaya's crab cakes are a hit with the festal-goers. **At left:** Scott Herman's first-place golf team show off their plaques. **Below:** Once the golfing was over, the chairs and tables begin to fill up.



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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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- NY city
- Israeli diplomat Abba
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- Car part
- Simple aquatic plant
- Tough skin of fruit
- Finnish lake
- Composition
- Very willing
- One and only
- Cluster cups
- Famed Hollywood director
- Score perfectly
- Important lawyers
- Undivided
- Part of the foot
- Spun by spiders
- Married woman
- Reagan's Secretary of State
- Instruments
- The A-Team drove one
- Short-tailed marten
- Oil organization
- Predecessor to the EU
- 'Hotel California' rockers
- Color at the end of the spectrum
- Actress Ryan
- Digital audiotape

- Expression of creative skill
 - Scientific instrument
 - Dog—: marked for later
 - Israeli city ___ Aviv
 - Fencing sword
 - Turkish title
 - Wise individuals
 - Cold wind
 - Popular type of shoe
 - The territory occupied by a nation
 - Tattle
 - Chop up
 - Actress Zellweger
 - Romanian city
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- Female of a horse
 - Bowfin
 - Chinese dynasty
 - Small venomous snake
 - Global news agency
 - Common fractions
 - American state
 - Tired
 - Boxing's GOAT
 - Made less severe
 - A group of countries in special alliance
 - God of fire (Hindu)
 - Northeast Indian ethnic group
 - Anchor ropes

- They ___
- Apprehend
- Autonomic nervous system
- A theatrical performer
- 2-door car
- Partner to flowed
- Pair of small hand drums
- Former Houston footballer
- Discharge
- Former women's branch of the military
- Partner to cheese
- Witch
- Live in a dull way
- Satisfies
- Snake-like fish
- Consume
- Type of student
- Erase
- Instruct
- Girl's given name
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Every one of two or more things
- Indian city
- Greek letters
- Weapon
- Geological times
- Cycle in physics
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Witness

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

July 24 to July 30
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **107 incidents** in this 7 day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 24

2:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

8:22 pm: RUSSO, Joseph Dominick (41) of New Port Richey, Florida and SORBERA, Frank Michael (42) of Willits were contacted in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue. Russo was arrested pursuant to 11350 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance), on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance for sale, transportation of a controlled substance, and criminal conspiracy.

July 25

3:17 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:29 pm: ESTES, Ashleigh Anne (37) of Seattle, Washington was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street following a report of trespassing. She was arrested pursuant to 602 PC (Trespassing) and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.

5:15 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 400 block of East Valley Street.

July 26

9:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

July 27

4:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

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Supervisor Haschak who reported that the board of supervisors have continued to support our fire agencies here in Mendocino County; in this case by placing the 1/4 cent sales tax on the ballot for the fire districts for fire uses. I want to thank the supervisors for moving this forward for the November ballot. It's been a lot of work to get there, and we are there!"

General Manager Tamara Alaniz updated the board on three specific items. She said: "I'm going to be working with the Recreation Committee regarding the Parks Grant, the per capita grant that has been offered to the district. I will work with the committee to get all of our submittals and information turned in to, hopefully, receive the grant [approximately \$170,000] to rehabilitate the Par Course. There will be more to come on that."

Continuing, General Manager Alaniz shared that the Brooktrails Fire Department had gotten the wildland engine vehicle from the Hopland Fire Department for a cost of \$35,000, and it has been a very helpful addition for the fire department to utilize.

Lastly, she said: "We have been awaiting the beginning of the implementation of the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program, and that is underway. We've had eligible customers already apply, and we received notice today that we will see some of those payments coming our way. We will be watching and tracking those in accordance with the program guidelines – and we have information available for our customers on the program eligibility."

The board then voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar items: First, the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$100,265.09.

Then, "Consideration of Notice of Exemption for the Clarifier 2 Project."

This item, as explained in the board agenda packet, is to adopt California



Above, from left: The Little Lake Grange is filled with kids celebrating the end of their Plan Vacacional (Summer Program). The children learned several traditional dances to perform at the Clausura festivities. Teacher Karina talks to her students during their ice cream break. At left: The Latino dancers are very colorful in their traditional costumes. Below: Juan shows off his artwork to his family. At bottom: This young student prepares her art for her parents to see.



At top: The parents come inside Baechtel Grove Middle School to see their kids' artwork. Above: The little ones perform "El Baile de la Iguala de Guerrery y El Son de la Morisqueta."

Below, from left: Some kids can't help being cute while taking their popsicle break during parent night at Baechtel Grove Middle School. Teacher assistants Lizandra and Alondra, and Maestro Victor dance at the concert. Young ones participate in the "Danza de los Viejitos" (Dance of the Elders).

Photos by Mathew Caine



Bridging Cultures

Nuestra Alianza de Willits celebrates the end of their summer program with performances in the park and a prom night

For Hispanic families living in the U.S., achieving a balance between assimilating into the surrounding culture and retaining that which makes their own culture a rich and colorful connection to the past can be a difficult task. Nuestra Alianza de Willits is dedicated to creating that bridge between cultures.

"I think we like to keep to ourselves within our own culture," explained Jackie Elidio, an employee of Nuestra Alianza de Willits. "We don't have a lot in common with non-Latino people. We are what we grew up with and we tend to stay in our comfort zone. It's not because of any animosity towards the non-Latino community."

Many of the children of Latino parents, although growing up in a Spanish-speaking environment, have lost the ability to understand the language and thus have lost much of their ethnicity that binds them to family and culture. The Nuestra Alianza Plan Vacacional (Summer Program), which has 82 children attending this year, attempts to rebuild those bridges and to imbue the kids with a healthy sense of their past and of their language.

Almost all of their lessons are taught in Spanish. They learn crafts and art from Mexican profesoras (teachers). Some, like Maestro Victor, who lives in Michoacán, Mexico, travel to Willits as volunteers to bring the culture and language to the youths.

During the month of July, the children had Noche de Cine (Movie Night), which this year was the film "Encanto." They had a camping night (although none of the kids opted to stay the night as their families wanted them home). They had a Baile de Gala (Prom Night) in which they danced, ate sweets, staged mock weddings and quinceañeras. They ended the program with a colorful evening of traditional dance, which they called Clausura, at Recreation Grove Park.

"The kids really enjoyed the art projects," said Karina, a profesora who is studying nursing. "They came back every day ready to do more. We based the projects on Mexican culture, so we did Mexican mirrors, mystical animals (alebrijes), very vibrant with a lot of designs and textures."

"We also do something called girasoles, from Michoacán," said Karina, "which is a design they do on the floor using dyed food items. In Mexico, after they do



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- FRI 6 PM: Mudd Boggs and Monster Trucks
- SAT 6 PM: Truck & Tractor Pulls
- SUN 6PM: Boat Races, Junior Mudd Boggs, and Jalopies



EXCITING FAIR ATTRACTIONS

- A Walk on the Wild Side Exotic Animal Exhibit
- Dinosaur Discovery
- Nightly Entertainment on Willow Tree Stage



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Saturday, August 6, 2022
at 10 a.m.
Racine Pavillion



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WILLOW TREE STAGE

- THU 6PM & 9PM: Karaoke with DJ Ken Steely
- FRI 5PM: Ukiah Idols Finals "Little Idol & Junior Idol"
- FRI 6PM & 9PM: Fake News
- SAT 6PM & 9PM: Warehouse 21
- SUN 4:30 PM: Ukiah Idols Finals "Grand Finals"
- SUN 7PM: Banda Pacifica

Fair Admission

- Adults: \$9
- Children (6-12 yrs): \$7
- Children (5 yrs & under): FREE
- Seniors: (65 yrs & over) \$7
- Parking: \$10

Carnival

- All-day wristbands: \$35



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'A Musical Afternoon' to benefit WCA, August 7

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

Please join us in welcoming Jenny Watts and Abigail Summers for an afternoon of music at the Willits Art Center.

The date is Sunday, August 7 at 2 pm, and this will be a fundraiser for our art center. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available at the door or at willitscenterforthearts.org.

Both Jenny and Abigail are former residents of Willits.



Musicians Abigail Summers, left, and Jenny Watts, play a benefit concert for the Art Center on Sunday.
Photo by Dave Watts

Jenny Watts and her husband, Dave, came to Willits in 1981, owning and operating Sanhedrin Nursery for 37 years. Jenny taught piano for over 30 years and accompanied Allen Garcia and Ann Post in concerts throughout the county. She played piano in the musicals of "Grease," "Oliver," and "Gypsy."

Abigail Summers was born in England and learned the cello at an early age. She moved to California in 1988 and lived off the grid on a mountain southwest of Willits with her former husband, Marco Donner, where they raised their family. It was during this time that Abigail and Jenny began to play together. Abigail has played with the Symphony of the Redwoods, the Santa Rosa Symphony, and the Mendocino Music Festival Orchestra. She teaches cello and piano from her studio in Sebastopol.

Jenny and Abigail have played together in many fundraisers, and we look forward to having them in Willits again for the Willits Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street (next to the Noyo Theatre).

See you there on August 7 at 2 pm! For more information visit, www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Congrats

46th Anniversary, Doug and Glenda Brown

August 6, 2022 will be our 46th year of marriage! Glenda Brown has been a wonderful woman, wife, mother and grandmother, and most of all a great friend!

– Doug Brown

Round Valley Blackberry Festival coming up

After a two-year absence, the Round Valley Blackberry Festival is back! The 39th annual Blackberry Festival is set for Saturday, August 20, from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday, August 21, from 10 am to 5 pm, at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo. Admission is free.

Fun for the whole family, this event includes arts & crafts booths, Mendocino County wine tasting, kids' activities, food and blackberry delicacies, and live music both days. On Sunday a car and motorcycle show will take place. No pets allowed.

This not-for-profit event is sponsored by the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library. Visit www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com to learn more, to donate to the festival's GoFundMe campaign, or watch "The Blackberry Anthem" video. Visit the "Round Valley Blackberry Festival" page on Facebook to keep up with the latest announcements.

39th Annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival
Covelo, Ca
August 20-21, 2022

Saturday 10am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 5pm

• Music • Arts & Crafts • Wine Tasting • Food • Kids Activities • Blackberry Delicacies

Sunday: Car Show

Sponsored by the Friends of the Round Valley Public Library
www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com



Above, from left: The Adara brick oven will be in full fire for the upcoming Senior Center Pizza Party fundraiser on Sunday, August 14. Reza Ghanannad works at pizza production in the wood-fired brick oven named "Adara." Reza and Deb Ghanannad with their trademark smiles as they get ready to bag the daily breads. At left: Melissa Wiley is the cheerful in-town driver for the Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program. Below: Reza Ghanannad, sporting his rainbow apron, offers a choice of ingredients at a recent "customer appreciation" pizza party held at the Ghanannads' house.
Photos by Margi Gomez Guhde

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Abigail Summers Jenny Watts

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An afternoon of music at the Art Center



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Pizza Party

Reza's Breadery to host August 14 benefit for a new Meals on Wheels truck for the Senior Center



Never underestimate the power of a closely held passion, coupled with a lot of focus and hard work. Reza and Deb Ghanannad of Reza's Breadery in Willits have developed such a passion, baking and sharing what is arguably the best artisan bread in Mendocino County.

In addition to keeping an intense schedule of baking, supplying an astounding range of sourdough breads to area farmers markets and grocery stores, Deb and Reza have hosted a number of successful fundraising events in Willits.

"We've had some great dinner parties, raising money for several local organizations including Community Crossroads; NCO; the Caring Kitchen project, Daily Bread; the Willits Harrah Senior Center, and more," Deb says.

The COVID pandemic has meant fewer fundraising events for community organizations over the last couple of years, so the Ghanannads are hosting a pizza party on Sunday, August 16 to raise funds for a much-needed new Meals on Wheels truck at the Senior Center.

Meals on Wheels is an essential home-delivery food service which delivers meals to seniors with limited mobility. The current truck has high mileage and issues with both the heating and cooling compartments on the truck. The cost of a new truck is about \$50,000, and time is of the essence in order to avoid a disruption in services for the seniors who rely on it to deliver their lunches.

Meals on Wheels also provides important social interaction for seniors who live alone, allowing them to live independently. Drivers can also observe changes in behavior or abilities, allowing the Senior Center to provide additional support if needed.

Reza and Deb's benefit is set for Sunday, August 14 from 3 to 6 pm. Reza's delicious wood-fired pizzas, chicken wings, and side salads and desserts will be served, along with an open bar with beer, wine and sodas. A silent auction will be held, and the Farmers Market Band will play under the redwoods in the shade of the Ghanannads' lovely backyard on Sequoia Boulevard. Due to limited parking, there will be a free shuttle from Redwood Avenue to the party.

"Reza and I were both raised in families that were active in providing food to our less fortunate neighbors," said Deb, "and we share a commitment to help make our community a better place. The needs of the seniors here in Willits touch us deeply." Reza has also served on the board of directors at Willits Harrah Senior Center.

The Reza's Breadery couple met back in the '90s when Deb was a buyer / planner analyst in the semiconductor world and Reza worked as a software engineer and field-service specialist for Cardinal Health in Santa Clara.

"Reza and I met when I placed an office equipment service call to his company," Deb remembered. Reza answered the call, and Deb recalled that she could sense the smile in his voice. "We arranged to have lunch the very next day, and we have been pretty much together since!"

Searching for greener pastures in Northern California, the couple spent five years living in Ukiah, eventually finding their "dream home" in Willits in 2017. Deb said that the idea of Reza's Breadery grew slowly but surely over the next few years.

"We really started Reza's Breadery during the pandemic!" says Deb. "Reza had been a baker for over 20 years," she added, "and we thought his artisan sourdough might sell. His bread became our bread and has sustained us since early 2020!"

Their sourdough ferments for 12 to 22 hours from a "starter mother." Reza's sourdough mother is a 29-year-old starter named "Ava." Ava descends from a family of starters listed in the Puratos Sourdough Library in Belgium, the only one in the world.

Ava is ranked number 43 out of 2,500 starters and was chosen to represent San Francisco.

"We nourish Ava daily with flour and water to keep her robust!" Deb said with a smile. "We nourish her, and she nourishes us!"

Reza's pizza crust is made with the Ava sourdough starter, and cooked in his beautiful wood-fired oven named "Adara," which translates to "coming from fire" in his native Persian. He says that the oven initially fires up to 1,200 degrees.

"Once the temperature is brought down again, a pizza will cook in 90 seconds," Reza explained. "This wood fire infuses a smoky taste into the pizza. We will have 50 dough balls ready and waiting to become pizza crust on the day of the fundraiser!"

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Sourdough proofing bowls, called "bannetons," account for the distinctive shape of the Reza's Breadery loaves.



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A grand gala celebration will be held for Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, August 14

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

A special gala celebration for Willits Community Theatre will be held on Sunday, August 14 in conjunction with its production of Tom Dulak's romantic mobster comedy "Breaking Legs." Gala tickets are \$40 and include a Sunday matinee show followed by dinner, drinks, and jazz entertainment at the Plaza, located at 99 South Main Street. Gala highlights will also include actor and costume specialist Kathy Vellis receiving a WCT Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Breaking Legs" runs August 12 through 28 at the WCT playhouse, and features a romance and zany mafiosi antics set in an Italian restaurant. Authentic set elements for the show are being provided by Mario and Kristen Scaturro, who operated the popular Mario's Ristorante Italiano in Redwood Valley for 35 years until its closing in June 2021.

Show Producer Jeff Shipp says the gala, titled "A Night at Mario's," serves as a fundraiser for the theater and a love letter to the Scaturros for the decades of dining enjoyment they brought to Mendocino County. The couple provided the furniture, art pieces, and all the trimmings for the authentic "Breaking Legs" set. The Scaturros will be on hand at the gala festivities.

Attendees can expect a genuine Italian dinner with options for vegetarian and gluten-free diners, beer and wine, and live jazz from local legend Paula Samonte. A 50 / 50 raffle with prizes will be included. The gala also showcases the honorary award to Vellis who has acted in numerous WCT hit productions over many years and served as the designer and maker of distinctive costumes.

The action in "Breaking Legs" centers on a New York restaurant owned by mobster Lou Graciano and managed by his beautiful daughter, Angie. When Angie's former college professor arrives to ask for financial backing for a play he's written, the boss and his mafiosi pals are intrigued. It's about a murder. Angie becomes enamored of the playwright. The fun really takes off when the professor comes to realize his backers are the real deal – authentic, murderous gangsters.

Directed by Rod Grainger, the show stars Daniel Brewer, Lindsay O'Neill, Aris Vellis, Cortlandt Wilson, Pat Nunes, and Jeff Shipp.

Tickets for all regular shows are \$15 for Thursday and Sunday, \$20 for Friday and Saturday. WCT tickets are available online at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org. Vaccinations against COVID and the wearing of facial coverings are recommended at the theater, but not required.



At top, left: Kathy Vellis is to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award for many years in WCT hit productions and serving as the designer and maker of distinctive costumes.

At top, right: The full cast of "Breaking Legs" gathers for a photo: from left, back row, Lindsay O'Neill, Aris Vellis, Daniel Brewer, Director Rod Grainger, Pat Nunes; front row, Sophia Loren in "Boy on a Dolphin," Cortlandt Wilson and Jeff Shipp.

Above: Mario Scaturro, former owner and operator of Mario's Restaurante Italiano in Redwood Valley, will be honored during the Gala festivities.

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Nuestra Alianza de Willits will be the subject of an upcoming exhibit in the Long Gallery of the Mendocino County Museum, opening in early October and running through January.

The organization is open Monday through Friday, noon to 5 pm, and by appointment on weekends. They are situated in room number 1 at the Little Lake Grange, located at 291 School Street. To learn more, call 707-456-9418, visit their Facebook page, or https://nuestraalianzadewillits.org.

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/s/ Tatiyana Renee Viale

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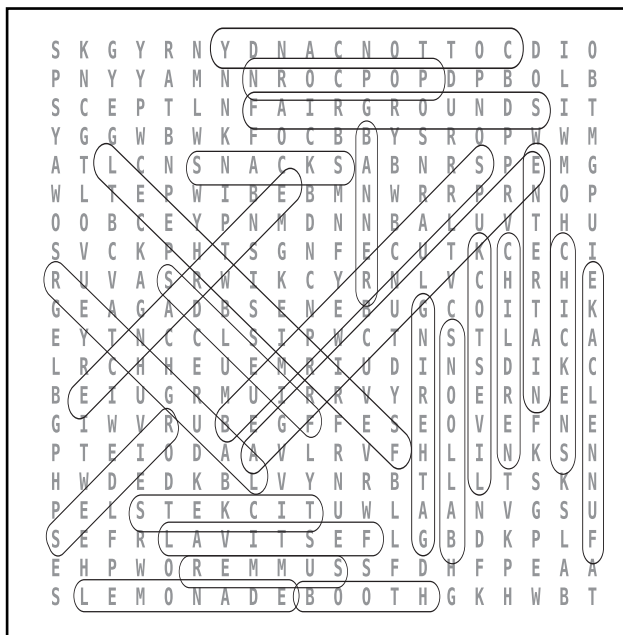
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Williams closed his gate and rode back to his residence on his ATV. Deputies were able to observe Williams as he began arming himself with several firearms.

Deputies began evacuating the other residents from the property for their safety due to these new developments.

Deputies then called for additional Sheriff's Office personnel to respond to their location due to Williams' hostile attitude and his arming himself with firearms to include a scoped high-powered rifle and handguns.

This resource request included a negotiator, Sheriff Matthew Kendall, who Williams had personally requested at some point during the initial contact with deputies.

Deputies monitored Williams from a distance while awaiting the additional Sheriff's Office resources to include Sheriff Kendall for the purpose of de-escalation efforts.

Deputies observed Williams collecting various items to include firearms, ammunition, and alcohol. He then placed these items on his ATV.

Upon the arrival of additional deputies, Williams became even more verbally hostile towards the Sheriff's Office personnel on scene.

After approximately 10 minutes of Williams yelling at the Sheriff's Office personnel on scene, he left his residence on his ATV and disappeared out into his 7,700 acre ranch.

At this time Sheriff's Office personnel maintained their positions from a distance and did not advance or chase after Williams.

This was decided as a form of de-escalation efforts while the personnel awaited the arrival of Sheriff Kendall for the purposes of possible peaceful verbal negotiations with Williams.

A short time later, Williams was spotted low crawling through a creek bed in an attempt to flank the Sheriff's Office personnel on scene.

Once he was spotted, Williams stood up, and it was determined he was armed with three handguns and a scoped high-powered rifle.

Williams took up a position of cover behind a piece of heavy machinery and began pointing his rifle towards the direction of the Sheriff's Office personnel in what appeared to be an effort to acquire a target.

Williams was verbally commanded to drop his rifle several times before he finally complied and placed the rifle down and put his hands up in an apparent gesture of surrender.

Williams was then verbally commanded to come out of the field and walk towards the deputies' location with his hands up. Williams complied at first, but then turned around and walked away from the deputies.

An MCSO deputy and a sergeant then re-positioned themselves to intercept Williams as he again appeared to be trying to flank them.

Williams was contacted by the sergeant and deputy and given verbal commands to keep his hands up, as he was still armed with three handguns in his waistband.

Williams complied and walked towards them with his hands up. Once he reached their position, an attempt to physically disarm Williams was conducted by the sergeant.

Williams grabbed the sergeant's hand as he tried to remove the handguns from Williams' waistband. Williams then grabbed one of the handguns from his waistband and also grabbed the sergeant's issued firearm.

A struggle for control of the firearms between the MCSO sergeant and Williams ensued, which resulted in the sergeant maintaining control of his firearm and Williams' handgun.

Williams continued to try to gain possession of the sergeant's firearm and maintain possession of his own handgun.

Williams was pinned against a fence during the struggle, which allowed the other deputy to remove all the handguns from Williams' waistband and his right hand.

The other deputies on scene soon thereafter joined the struggle, and Williams was disarmed. Williams was taken into custody by being placed into handcuffs.

Charges he was arrested on include: 245(d)(1) PC [Assault on a Peace Officer with Firearm]; 245 (a)(2) PC [Assault with a Firearm]; 30305 PC [Prohibited Person In Possession of a Firearm]; 69 PC [Resisting or Threatening an Officer]; 148(d) PC [Attempting to Disarm an Officer]; 273(a)PC (Child Endangerment); and 273.6 PC (Violation of a Restraining Order).

Williams was thereafter medically cleared at a local hospital and booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$500,000 bail.

Subsequently, a search warrant was served at Williams' residence by Sheriff's Office detectives and agents with the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force.

During the search, other firearms were seized, in connection with Williams being legally prohibited from possessing firearms as a result of an active restraining order.



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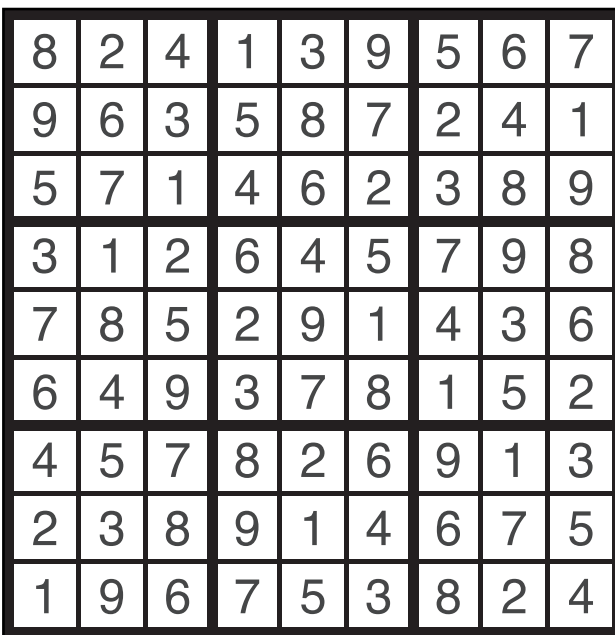
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The Story: Animated full-length action-comedy featuring Krypto the Super Dog, as well as his somewhat better known master. It seems that PB, an irritating hairless guinea pig with superpowers and megalomania, escapes from Lex Luther's secret laboratory and decides to: "Destroy the world as we know it!"

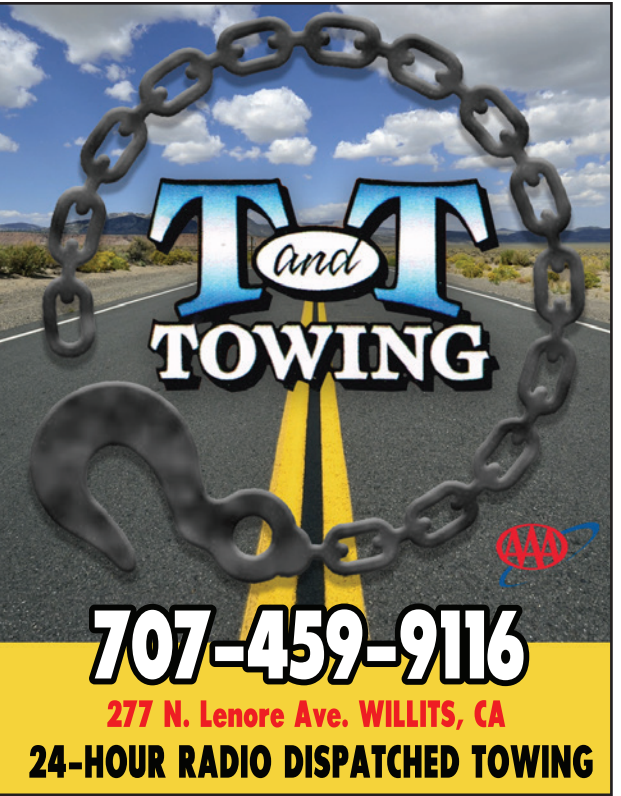
Quite unexpectedly to all involved: PB the guinea pig has kryptonite! She disables Superman, and only Krypto the Super Dog has a chance to save his master. Then, it seems, a small pack of pet shop animals, including a squirrel, a pig, a pit bull, and a nearsighted turtle get superpowers. They join forces with Krypto to save Superman and the world. Good dog! Good turtle, squirrel, pig, etc.!

My Thoughts: In general, I don't like dog movies. Can't stand 'em. The dog always dies in the end, and then I cry pretty much for days. In this case as a (heart-breaking) subplot, the flick raises the question of loyalty between man and dog. Does Superman's love for Lois Lane threaten Krypto's status as Superman's best friend?

So, along with the laughs, we have the soap opera drama of Krypto being replaced and abandoned and not taken out on walks because, well, Lois! "Super-Pets" is a good cartoon. It's funny, has clever dialogue, is tidy plot-wise, and also is not too computer-graphic fancy. And (spoiler) I was wrong: The dog doesn't die. And everyone gets licked on the face.

Parents: The kids will love it, despite Krypto's fear of abandonment, because kids love talking animals. And not to make too big a case of it, but the plot point that Superman can love more than one person, both Lois and Krypto, is a gentle narrative solution to sibling rivalry.

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



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Since the beginning of Las Cha Chas, they have been dedicated to finding their own distinctive sound in the Central Pacific Coast of Mexico. Now considered one of the most versatile bands of the area, they are expanding by touring the US, Canada, and South America.

Their summer tour of 2022 features local bassist Lincoln Andrews, and they will be performing at the Covelo Cave on August 4, the Shanachie Pub on August 5, and Princess Seafood in Fort Bragg on August 6.

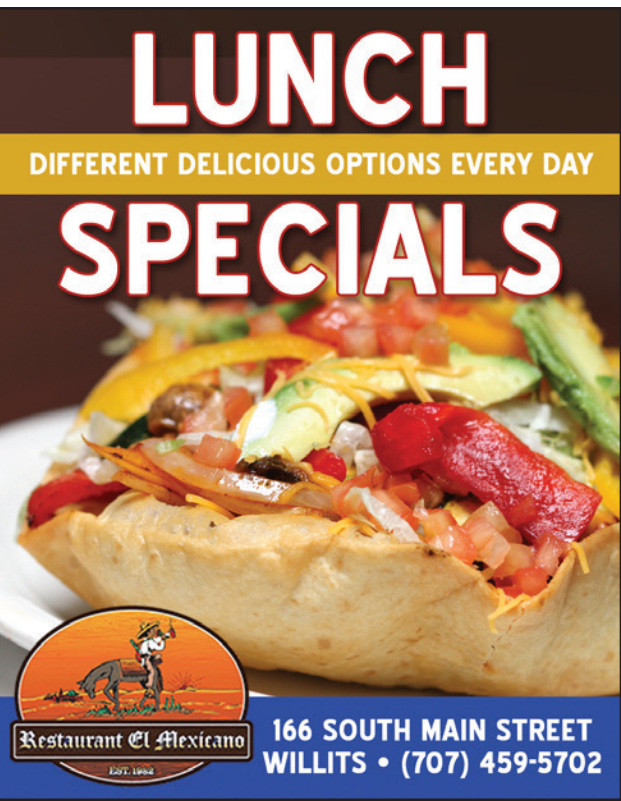
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Laid-back Hachi

Hachi is at our adoption center waiting to meet you. He's easy on leash and typically "husky" in that he's a tad independent and aloof. At 7 years old, he's been around the block a few times and now wants a simple life: go for long walks, smell the roses, and hang out watching TV.

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

Sweet Ducky

Meet our girl Ducky! This beautiful gal lost her way finding herself at Brutocao Winery. The nice folks at Brutocao kept her safe until Animal Control was able to pick her up. The kennel environment at AC was hard on this soft, scared lady, so we pulled her to give her a change of scene. Ducky is getting used to her new surroundings and is already making friends with our team. Ducky warms up quickly and we are already enjoying getting to know her! She is a sweetie and her big ol' puppy-dog eyes are pleading for a family! Who wants to help us give this nice girl a home of her own?

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\$750,000 to \$1,000,000 annually.

"I think that collectively as we've talked with the consultants and our board and the ad hoc, we've all kind of concluded this probably isn't the path we want to go down," he said.

Instead, McGourty proposed using "a matrix" approach to creating a Water Resource Team, which would "utilize staff from multiple departments to provide expertise, write grants and administer programs."

He also advised hiring one "knowledgeable water resource specialist who is experienced in grant writing as well as community and economic development."

In addition, Supervisor McGourty said they should continue striving to collaborate with advisors and specialists through the University of California Cooperative Extension, as they have done multiple times in the past 15 years. His plan set aside \$25,000 to help facilitate this.

Other county staff that would be part of the county's Water Resource Team, according to McGourty, would be from Environmental Health, the Department of Transportation, the CEO's Office, and Planning & Building Services.

Eventually a motion from McGourty passed 3-2 to approve the "concept of working with UC Cooperative Extension, creating a Water Resources Team using up to \$250,000, contingent on a list of projects that comes back to the board before we move forward."

Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren seconded the motion, adding "that the list would represent each district or be a countywide list, and also that it has very clear objectives, milestones and outcomes that the consultant would then present. It also should include the amount of staff time that will be used to support the efforts."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak voted against the idea of pursuing a consultant, saying he thought the water issues could be handled with staff the county already on hand, and at a cheaper price tag than the one-time \$250,000 that was being proposed.

He also felt that hiring a consultant for such a short time would not solve their long-term water issues.

"The UC Cooperative Extension model, I think everyone in this room would agree that we should be using them as much as possible and that whatever collaboration we can have with our water issues would be great," said Haschak. "I just don't see this model of the high-priced consultant being the way to move forward with a water agency or our long-term issues."

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde also voted against the motion, continuing his theme in recent meetings of pushing against county water funding, particularly for anything involving certain inland districts.

Gjerde wanted guarantees that efforts to fund water projects would be spread around the county, and asked that those water districts who undercharged their water customers be put last in line for grant money efforts.

"If we hire these people we need to have an agreement on what's the priority for their time," he said. "Is it to assist the first water districts that come walking through the door, the squeakiest wheels that ask for the money? Or do we have some sort of thoughtful process that in my mind would include making sure that the water districts we're assisting are actually charging the going rate, because so many of our residential customers in Mendocino County are paying the going rate."

The county has actually been quite successful recently in obtaining grants for water projects.

In one recent meeting, Supervisors Mulheren and Gjerde reported that Mendocino County received around \$24 million in grant money for various projects over the last couple years, though several of these did involve the help of consultants.

On Tuesday, Board Chair Ted Williams repeatedly expressed concern about where they would find the funding for even the one water consultant.

According to County CEO Darcie Antle, there had been \$250,000 set aside from PG&E settlement money for water issues, but warned that a large amount of county staff time would also be needed to work with a consultant as they pursue grants.

And Williams felt that, given their current budget situation, any spending at this point could be considered deficit spending.

"I know we have some [funding] set aside, and it seems appropriate to use it in this capacity, but I will note we are deficit spending," said Williams. "CEO [Antle] is planning to come back to get board approval on borrowing more money to pay for our operations, so everything we spend at this point is putting debt on the next generation. Maybe it's still worthwhile, because at least we're giving the next generation water. I hope that we really come through and provide water and not just load up the debt."

"Well I wouldn't bother doing this if we didn't provide water," responded McGourty. "Why take first of all the political beating, and

second of all why deficit spend? Those are really grave concerns of myself as well. And as someone who's spent a lot of time dealing with water issues, this is the best solution I can come up with for right now for trying to address Mendocino County's needs."

"If we just sort of say, 'Let's just continue doing what we're doing,'" he added, "well we're going to be in the same place that we have been where ... limited work's been done for the last 12 years since we did away with the water agency. And we're now facing one of the biggest existential crisis that we've ever seen on the planet, and our water supplies are at severe risk, and I can't see just sitting on the sidelines."

In one section of the Implementation Plan prepared by GEI Consultants, they talk about the history of the Mendocino County Water Agency.

According to the report the agency was formed in 1987 and had as many as four county staff members working in it, until it was mostly disbanded during the "budget crisis and staff reductions in 2008."

There is still technically one part-time employee working under the water agency, assigned to the county Department of Transportation.

The supervisors had voted in June 2021 to "evaluate re-establishing MCWA" ... "as an active organization representing water interests throughout the county, including water for municipal and industrial supplies, agricultural needs and for the environmental health of county watersheds."

Drought task force committee

Also at the meeting, the board re-established the county's drought task force committee.

Supervisors Haschak and McGourty will continue in their roles as the board representatives on the drought task force, as they have done over the last couple years.

At the recommendation of County Counsel Christian Curtis, to comply with new state rules, the task force will now be a standing committee instead of an ad hoc, meaning there will be open public meetings on the subject about every other month.

Having a drought task force is now a requirement for counties in California following the passing of state Senate Bill 552 in September of last year.

The bill requires that the task force "facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction," and requires counties "to develop a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions."

Ukiah Recovery Center

Later at the meeting a long discussion took place about the county possibly helping fund a multi-million dollar expansion of the Ukiah Recovery Center, a Ford Street Project facility, partially with Measure B money.

The board ended up delaying a vote on that after hearing a presentation from Ford Street Executive Director Jacqueline Williams.

The majority of supervisors felt that more information and exploration of other ideas for spending money on substance abuse facilities was needed.

Once again a debate about spending money on projects in inland districts versus coastal districts came up.

Board Chair Williams felt that far too much of the Measure B money had been spent on facilities in the Ukiah area, and more should be aimed towards the rural coastal areas.

Mulheren and McGourty sponsored the bill to expand the Ukiah Recovery Center, and they agreed to keep looking into the idea, taking into account the other supervisors' concerns.

One of these concerns was that the Measure B Oversight Committee hadn't officially endorsed the expansion plan, which would add a significant number of "withdrawal management" beds and "sober living environment" beds to the Ukiah facility.

The expansion of the Ukiah Recovery Center had been presented to the Measure B committee in June, and the committee had asked that the presenters return to their next meeting in September to continue discussing it.

Ford Street Director Williams said that over \$3 million for the project had already been funded by the state, and they were hoping for about \$3.6 million more from the county – about \$1.6 million in Measure B money, and the rest from "opioid settlement funds."

Supervisor Mulheren pointed out that the language of Measure B required that some money go towards substance abuse, and none of the nearly \$40 million collected from the tax had gone specifically to that purpose yet.

"For me, I saw this as an opportunity to serve the people that we can't currently meet," said Mulheren. "When I speak with the jail and hear about releasing people and we have nowhere to send them except for back on to the streets at 3 am on a Sunday – all of these pieces connect it together for me to reach this project. So this should not be seen as like something out of left field."



Frank Sorbera of Willits.

Joseph Russo of New Port Richey, Florida.

The rest of Arrests

the passenger area of the vehicle where Sorbera had been sitting.

The suspected fentanyl was prepackaged in over 25 small plastic baggies and ready for individual sales.

Russo and Sorbera were arrested and booked at the Mendocino County Jail for violation of 182(a) PC- Conspiracy, 11351 HS- Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sales, 11352 HS- Transportation of a Controlled Substance, 11350(a) HS- Possession of a Controlled Substance, and 11364(a) HS- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Russo was also charged with 529 PC- False Impersonation and 14601.2 CVC- Driving on a Suspended License.

This was the second time this year Sorbera has been arrested for suspected sales of fentanyl within the city limits.

It should be noted that the Willits PD had received multiple tips from concerned neighbors related to possible narcotic activities being conducted in this area. The Willits Police Department would like to thank our community members in assisting us with valuable information.

The Willits Police Department participates in the Neighborhood Watch program which empowers citizens to become active in community efforts through peer groups and positive interactions with WPD officers in an effort to reduce crime and improve the community's quality of life.

Any inquiries regarding the program should be directed to Sgt. Brady at 707-459-6122.

Free business workshops in August

Submitted by West Business Development Center

The West Business Development Center has announced its August 2022 business workshop schedule. All West Center workshops and webinars are free. All workshops are one hour unless noted otherwise.

Thursday, August 4 at 12 pm:
ABCs of Google Business Profile

Does your business have a presence on Google and can you be found on Google Maps? If not, then sign up today to learn how establishing a Google business profile can elevate your business and make it easier to find! <https://bit.ly/3xM8elq>

Tuesday, August 9 at 1 pm:
Credit Repair: Why and How!

Having a good credit score is an essential part of doing business. It's one of the measures lenders use to see if your business is worthy of a loan. If your credit score has taken a dip, take a lesson from Joe Rodola on how to repair it and keep it on an even keel! <https://bit.ly/3QVjRPN>

Wednesday, August 10 at 10 am:
ABCs of Online Payments: Square

Square up your online business by using Square, one of the many online payment systems available to businesses. Learn how to set up inventory, take payments, and track sales in our free workshop! <https://bit.ly/3NmmQ0h>

Tuesday, August 16 at 12 pm:
SBA Disaster Loans

Learn more about how the SBA provides low-interest disaster loans to help businesses and homeowners recover from declared disasters. <https://bit.ly/3HQMHGf>

Tuesday, August 23 at 12 pm:
Get Started with SEO

SEO or Search Engine Optimization is a powerful tool to make your business stand out from the crowd. Knowing how to choose the right keywords for your business and create optimized content are some of the keys to success! <https://bit.ly/39Jj6l>

Wednesday, August 24 at 12 pm:
Accounting and Business Law Essentials

Attorney Ben Martin loves helping new and small businesses survive and thrive, and in this free webinar, you'll learn how these two topics are essential to managing your business. <https://bit.ly/3zv1PqF>

Find our upcoming webinars at www.westcenter.org/training/

MCSO arrests Covelo woman for embezzlement

By Sgt. J. Wells, for MCSO

On June 2, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into a possible embezzlement case. The case involved the theft and use of Costco gift cards from a location in Covelo.

It was learned there were 300 gift cards purchased with a value of \$30 on each gift card (total \$9,000). These cards were purchased from money received from grants awarded to the Round Valley Tribe.

Investigating MCSO deputies found the gift cards had been used/ redeemed in May 2022 by numerous people at different times at Costco in Ukiah. Deputies continued their investigation by obtaining video surveillance, and other evidence, and were able to identify numerous people redeeming the Costco gift cards.

On July 26, at about 8 am, Sheriff's Office deputies along with the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force and Mendocino County Probation Department served three search warrants in Covelo.

At all three locations, deputies found evidence linking them to the use of the Costco gift cards. MCSO deputies also located four firearms – one had characteristics of an illegal firearm – along with three high-capacity magazines.

MCSO deputies interviewed people involved with the usage of the gift cards and found the cards were received from Kassandra Jane Phillips, 32, of Covelo. Deputies found Phillips worked at the location where the gift cards were taken from.

Deputies contacted Phillips and eventually arrested her for embezzlement [503 PC] and grand theft from a building [487(A) PC].

Phillips was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where she was to be held in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

Willits man arrested after suspicious fire in Ukiah

By Sgt. M. Vazquez, for MCSO

On July 22, at approximately 9:55 pm, deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to investigate a suspicious fire in the 100 block of West Lake Mendocino Drive, in Ukiah.

A deputy was nearby when the fire was dispatched and arrived within a minute.

Immediately upon arrival citizens were located trying to extinguish the fire. The same citizens informed the deputy that they had observed a white male adult walking north from the fire.

The deputy immediately located the white male adult who was subsequently identified as Jimmy Dell Hendry, 72, of Willits.

Hendry informed deputies that he witnessed a white female adult named "Monica" start the fire and run west from the location. Deputies searched the area and were unable to locate "Monica."

Deputies knew the location where the fire occurred had surveillance cameras which were not accessible at that time. Hendry provided the deputies with his contact information and was released at that time.

Upon further investigation, deputies obtained surveillance footage and were able to confirm that Hendry was the only subject depicted in the area when the fire started.

Deputies located Hendry, and he was placed under arrest for felony 452(C) PC [Recklessly Causing Fire to Forest Land].

Hendry was subsequently booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$157,500 bail. Additional charges on the jail booking log include petty theft, revocation of probation, and felony charges of second-degree robbery.

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Farmstand Friday

Garden manager Mellisa Bouley welcomes all to come to the Commonwealth Garden's Friday Farmstand, August 5 starting at 10 am located just across the street from Howard Memorial Hospital. There will be chard, kale, collards, summer squash, eggplant, peppers, cantaloupe, strawberries, onions, garlic, shallots, green onions, beets, carrots, kohlrabi, herbs, pea shoots, okra, flower bouquets, eggs, cookies and bread available. "Come on down and fill your basket with this summer's bounty!" said Bouley. "Many seasonal favorites are available and more to come each week."

Above: Lavender, garlic and cookies were available at the first Commonwealth Garden Farmstand event earlier this summer. Above, right: Onions and strawberries waited to be taken home.

Below, left: Flower arrangements, greens and eggs were displayed near the cold case. Below, right: Grace Orozco helped stake and tie up trumpet vine starts to give to attendees.

At bottom: Tinley Logan helped make flower arrangements with blooms from the garden to sell at the farmstand table.

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