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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Interested in gems and minerals?

To the Editor:

I'm looking for people interested in forming a Willits Gem and Mineral Society. Please call Chuck at 530-515-5902.

Chuck Cully, Willits

ONWARD Auto Repair

To the Editor:

For 15 years I lived on my 30 acres located 12 miles out Spy Rock which I bought in 1971.

In 1995 I opened a tax and accounting practice in Laytonville. Daily long downhill trips off Spy Rock created hot brakes and warped discs. My 4 wheel drive 1991 Ford F150 was costing me a bunch of \$\$\$\$ to get to the discs and grind out the warps.

Kevin Mallon suggested I talk to S & S Auto Repair in Willits. They were right on with their suggestion and repairs. They

installed "racing brakes" which never overheated. What a savings in repairs.

After that S & S were my go to mechanics for more than 20 years. When they took over the "U-Haul" rental business it was a disappointment to me. The whole area was cluttered with various size and types of vehicles for rent.

Well, that is no more and now an easy in and out for estimates and repairs. But one more major change. After being in business since 1991 Joel and Greg have retired. Hey, they worked hard all their lives and deserve an easy fun retirement life.

The auto repair business is still there, but now with the all-encompassing name "ONWARD Auto Repair." Joel's son A.J. Sylvia now owns the business. A. J. performed a lot of the repairs on my vehicles over the years and is a very knowledgeable mechanic.

So check them out, still on South Main in Willits. 707-459-1853. No, this is not an ad. I am just reminiscing and passing on some important news.

Bob Wilkinson, Willits

County road work coming up in Brooktrails

Mendocino County Department of Transportation announces some details about upcoming road work in Brooktrails Township.

Construction of the 2022 Corrective/Preventative Maintenance project is anticipated to begin on August 23, 2022 through September 2, 2022 on the entirety of the following roads (shown with their "county road" numbers:

1. Primrose Drive, CR 604, from milepost 0.00 to 4.60;
2. Poppy Drive, CR 623 from milepost 0.00 to 3.24;
3. Lilac Road, CR 605 from milepost 0.00 to 1.43; and
4. Daphne Way, CR 608 from milepost 0.00 to 0.85.

There will be one-lane controlled traffic with up to 20-minute delays. Construction signs will be posted.

The start date for construction of the 2022 Corrective/Preventative Maintenance project on Goose Road, CR 640 from milepost 0.00 to 1.20 is to be determined. We will update as more information is available. There will be extended delays during the work on Goose Road.

– Mendocino County Department of Transportation, Facebook

Little Lake Blues & Brews, September 3

Lions Club of Willits and CP Productions present a Free Concert, LITTLE LAKE BLUES & BREWS, featuring Roy Rogers & The Delta Rhythm Kings plus Blue Luke & Friends.

Little Lake Blues & Brews is set for Saturday, September 3, 2022, from noon to 6 pm, at Recreation Grove Park in Willits. Also featuring a Beer & Wine Garden and Food & Craft vendors.

‘Mendocino County Reads’

Library presents Book Talk for ‘Braiding Sweetgrass’

The Willits Branch Library is proud to announce a “Mendocino County Reads” Book Talk on “Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants,” by author and botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer.

We are honored to have a member of the Sherwood Valley Rancheria Pomo Tribe facilitate our discussion of this important Native American work.

This event will be held at Recreation Grove Park (across from the Library) on Saturday, August 27 from 11 am to 1 pm. All are welcome to attend!

"Mendocino County Reads" is supported in whole

Read the rest of Sweetgrass Over on page 15

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT August 2022 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

The Mendocino County budget has been the center of most discussions. People have asked me many questions. Are we really as broke as reported? How did this happen when we were supposedly flush with reserves? Why can't the county hire more staff or at least pay the current staff decently? How did we end up with a \$7 million deficit for the health care plan? What is happening with the combined Treasurer/Tax Collector/Auditor Controller position? What is the board of supervisors doing about this mess?

The county has had historic windfalls in the past year. We had \$9 million from CARES funds, American Rescue Plan Act funds of \$16.8 million, PG&E settlement money of \$22.6 million. We were able to cover costs during the COVID epidemic, and fund many projects that have been needed for recovery from the devastating fires and better prepare for future events.

According to the money people, the budget is bleak. There is little spare money. Reserves can't be used for ongoing costs. While sales taxes, property taxes, and Transient Occupancy Taxes went up slightly, cannabis taxes went down by over \$3 million. Basically, costs have increased, and revenues are flat.

Since I got on the board, the board was intentional in trying to get county workers up to market rate with comparable counties. This was a three-year process. We did get most positions close to the market rate for salaries and when adding in benefits, our county employees were comparable. Yet with inflation as high as it has been and unemployment levels at their lowest in 50 years, it is difficult to attract employees for all positions in the county. Whether it is a planner, jailer, road worker, or Human Resources director, the qualified applicants are hard to come by. We certainly don't want to lose any of the employees we have.

The county's health plan is self-funded. Costs rise due to the experiences and expenses of our employees. Medical costs in Mendocino County are high. The health plan had deficits of \$3.6 and \$4.0 million dollars in the last two years. This was not fully reported until a few months ago.

The combined positions of Auditor/Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ACTTC) was not recommended by the people in those offices. I voted against it, but the BOS passed it. So the question is how do we make it work now that that is the plan. The board appointed Chamise Cubbison to the position since she was elected in the June election though normally she wouldn't take charge until January.

There have been staffing issues, problems with technology, loss of institutional knowledge, and lack of time for a complete review of how to structure the combined offices. What I don't want to see is greater costs, another level of administration, and loss of accountability and oversight.

I am proposing that we have a special board meeting to work out these issues of communication and differing books. If we all aren't on the same page, then we have real problems and the public deserves better. The board needs to sit down with the Executive Office staff and ACTTC to figure out where we are financially, how we got here, and what is the path forward.

Thank you again for your confidence in me, and please reach out to me at haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or 707-972-4214.

A final gathering at the old Howard Hospital

Saturday, August 20 at 5 pm

The time has come to say farewell to the old hospital. Save the Date: Saturday, August 20 at 5 pm.

We are planning an opportunity for friends to gather and share stories, pictures, or anything else related to the old HMH.

We will have seating in the shade on the back lawn along Poplar Street.

Come join us for refreshments, and reminisce about our beloved hospital that has been a part of our community since 1928!

– Frank R. Howard Foundation



Above, from left: Katie Brown of Ukiah FFA shows her grand champion steer prior to the auction. Cassidy Geimer of Potter Valley shows off her three meat bunnies that she sold for \$3,000. This young 4-H participant uses all her strength to control her steer.

At left: Buyers came from all over Mendocino County for a chance to buy livestock from the young exhibitors.

Below: Catie Spackman of Willits FFA sold her reserve champion goat to Jenn and Taylor Drew of 101 Trailer & RV Supply.



Million Dollar Auction

Willits FFA awarded two grand champions and one reserve grand champion at Redwood Empire Fair which finally raised over \$1,000,000 total

With each bid at Saturday's Junior Livestock Auction, the noise in the open paddock area became more cacophonous. The spotters kept their eyes open for any sign of a movement that would indicate the desire to meet the current bid, usually indicated by the raising of a "paddle" on which is written their buyer number.

The actions were taken so quickly, that the untrained eye found it difficult to follow. It took five or six of the spotters to track all the bids, as the expert auctioneers spoke in an uninhibited language of speed and accuracy that went by the uninitiated ear a mile-a-minute.

One-by-one, the steers, goats, lambs, turkeys, rabbits and chickens were led into the paddock in front of the auctioneer stage by the mostly Future Farmers of America and 4-H youths who had bought, fed and nurtured the animals for education, fun and profit. Some of their beasts needed more discipline than others but most behaved as they had been trained.

Prior to the auction, during the Buyer's Breakfast, the youths displayed the winners of the grand champions and grand reserve champions.

"We had a grand champion goat and lamb and one reserve champion goat," said Kelley Case-Brackett, Willits High School FFA instructor. "We did good in the goat and sheep show. The kids raise their animals for several months. We bring them all in on Tuesday. They show them.

"They get graded and judged," explained Case-Brackett, "based on their appearance and their carcass quality, etc. Then, they sell them today in the auction ring. They bring them in one at a time. They all have a number which is assigned by how well they did in their class.

"They're starting the auction off," continued Case-Brackett, "with one of our FFA kids and her goat. Then, the next animal is a steer. They do all the grand champions first, then the reserve champions. Then, the rest of the animals. In order to create the best animal for auction, the kids develop a feed plan, they buy quality genetics, and so on, to set them apart from the commercial animal."

Overall, the auction set records for sales, with \$1,126,603 going to the kids to continue their education or to purchase their next

Read the rest of Auction Over on page 15



At top: Willits rancher Lee Persico is busy spotting the bidders. Above, left: This young lad is reminded not to hold up the bidding paddle. Above, right: Jacob Welter of Fort Bragg with his grand champion turkey, Speedy.

From far left: Callie Brown of Willits sold her grand champion market goat to Mendocino Roofing for \$50 per pound. Noah Perry of Potter Valley sold his grand champion pig to Redwood Coast Fuels for \$29 per pound. Samantha Arms of Willits FFA with her grand champion lamb, Blaze.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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(PG) 1 hr 46 mins

Fri.-Sun:
2:30, 5:00 & 7:30pm

Mon.-Thurs:
5:00 & 7:30pm

Movie Times for August 12 thru August 18

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PROJECTOR OUT OF SERVICE
For Current Information
Please Call 707-459-6696

(PG13) 2 hrs 5 mins

Fri.-Sun.:
1:45, 4:45 & 7:45pm

Mon.-Thurs:
4:45 & 7:45pm

Masks Optional

Tightwad Tuesday Title for August 16 is in RED. All tickets at \$6!

BULLET TRAIN

(R) 2 hrs 6 mins

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2:00, 5:00 & 8:00pm

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- Breezed through
- Time units (abbr.)
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- Moves aside in fright
- Partner to 'ahh'
- Taxis
- Monetary units of Turkey
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Prolific Italian opera composer
- Restaurants
- One's grandmother
- Ancient Greek City
- Italian mountain ranges
- Data
- Acted in an obedient way
- Autonomic nervous system
- Not on the up-and-up
- Mock lightly
- Mimic
- Built
- A neighborhood
- Inflammation of the kidneys
- Semitic fertility god
- Temporary name of Seaborgium

- Wise people
- Tear down
- ___fi (slang)
- Diamond weight
- Frosted
- Predecessor to EU
- Makes changes to
- Some are secret
- Tooth caregiver
- Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Norwegian river
- People with impaired hearing
- Large stinging paper wasp
- Bucharest is its capital
- River in Ireland
- Type of TV
- Double-reed instruments
- Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- Midway between south and southeast
- French commune
- Alike
- A bachelor's apartment
- Foot part between the ball and ankle

- Belonging to a thing
- Japanese classical theater
- Supervises flying
- Not even
- Capital of Saudi Arabia
- Electronic countermeasure
- Consumed
- American politician (abbr.)
- Sun up in New York
- Casually looked through
- Revealed the presence of
- Peyton's little brother
- Diana __, singer
- Study of moral values and rules
- Civil Rights group
- Makes less severe
- Made an emotional appeal
- Vivacity of style
- One who is highly skilled
- Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- Famed guitarist Clapton
- Most common Japanese surname
- Recipe abbreviation

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

July 31 to August 6
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **83 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 31

1:32 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.
5:39 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

4:31 pm: WILLIAMS, Danny Eugene (44) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charge of violation of probation.

7:40 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:37 pm: FULLER, Jack Campbelle (35) of Willits 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 violation of probation.

August 1

6:47 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:18 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

August 2

No incidents to report.

August 3

3:43 am: SHOEMAKER, Elisabeth Jeanan (40) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive following a disturbance. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

2:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Main Street.

6:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

August 4

1:54 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

9:12 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

1:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

August 5

1:08 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

7:24 am: Officers responded to a

report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

5:36 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

7:40 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Madden Lane.

August 6

12:05 am: BALMAIN Jr., Gary Vincent (39) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of failure to appear.

6:07 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:37 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:06 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:30 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue and issued a warning.

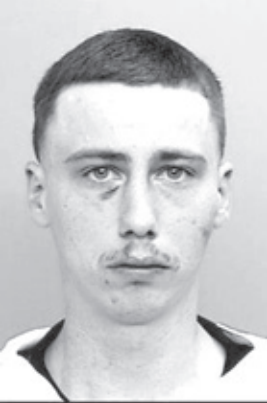
9:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.



Andres Bucioarteaga of Willits.

11:08 pm: BUCIOARTEAGA, Andres (22) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He 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, driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher, penalty for second offense of DUI within 10 years, and driving while privileges are suspended.

11:08 pm: DELAGUILAPEREZ, Edgar (32) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).



Joshua Stark-Edwards of Willits.

11:08 pm: STARK-EDWARDS, Joshua James (26) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), on felony charges of battery on a peace officer, resisting or threatening a peace officer, resisting or delaying a peace officer, and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$7.

Thursday, August 11: Sausage Mushroom Stromboli, Green Salad
Friday, August 12: Ground Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans
Monday, August 15: Ham Scalloped Potato Casserole, Veggie, Roll
Tuesday, August 16: Baked Penne Pasta, Garlic Bread, Green Salad
Wednesday, August 17: Fish Tacos, Rice, Beans
Thursday, August 18: Italian Sub, Chips, Green Salad
Friday, August 19: Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich, 3 Bean Salad, Fruit

Upcoming Special Events

Chili Cook-Off: Friday, August 19, 5 to 7 pm at the Rec Grove

Food Bank: Thursday, August 11 and Thursday, August 25, 9:30 am to 11:30 am, in the Loflin Field parking lot on Commercial Street.

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

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

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



At left: The swimming pool is probably the most popular area of the park in the hot weather. Above: Many families make an annual pilgrimage to chill out and get away. Below, left: Staff members Devon, Jack, Annicia, Justain, and Josh pose for a photo in the camp store. Below, right: This cute miniature goat strikes a glamour pose.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Family Fun

A day pass at Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort provides access to their pool, Splash Pad, animal sanctuary, miniature golf, and more

"At this park we get a good mix of everyone, weekenders and full-time RVers," stated Annicia Vega, regional manager of BoaVida Parks and RV Resorts, operators of the Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort.

"We're one of the few fun attractions in the area. It's good and bad. We wish there was more for people to do. We get a lot of locals. We do Sunday through Thursday 'day passes' for locals. They can come and enjoy the facilities without actually having to camp.

"We get a lot of people from Fort Bragg," said Vega, "who just want to come and have fun. We get people from as close as an hour away who come for the weekend or during the week, when it's slower. We also have people who stay here full time, many of whom work in the area. We also get a lot of traveling linesmen, nurses, and this is a good way for them to travel. If they have kids, it's fun for them, too."

After taking over the campground from KOA in December of 2020, BoaVida began to make improvements in the infrastructure of the property while retaining the basic look and architecture. Changes and additions are being formulated and scheduled and may be instituted during the slower periods in the fall and winter.

"We haven't made too many changes here yet other than a new paint job and updating the signs so that they look newer," said Vega. "As a company, what we do is take these properties that have a lot of culture and beauty, make them better, give them some of the modern amenities.

"In a lot of our parks," she continued, "we try to give them cable, good WiFi. Nowadays, so many more people are RVers and they're living in their rig full time and a lot of them work out of their RVs. They need amenities while they're on the road. That's what's important to people."

There is an entire culture of people who now live and work out of their huge recreational vehicles. It provides them with the freedom to follow the weather, see the country, and change their surroundings at will. With the ability to work remotely, these modern nomads can sustain a lifestyle that, until recently, was too difficult to maintain for any but the affluent retirees. The Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort has created a location for several of these wanderers to be able to stay as long as they like with WiFi and electricity.

The permanent RVers are not the only

people who benefit from what the park has to offer. There are a few different ways to enjoy the facilities, including the use of the day passes for locals who wish to partake of the swimming pool and Splash Pad (an area that spews water in which the young ones can play on hot days), and the animal sanctuary with its bevy of rescued animals that the kids can see up close.

"We recently changed the name of our animal area from a petting zoo to a sanctuary," explained Vega. "We don't purchase any of our animals. We rescue them from situations that are not healthy for them. We can give them a better life. Some of them are a little older. Some have been abused. We have two mini goats, two mini pigs, four mini horses, and a giant tortoise, Shelley. We just obtained a lamb as well and an iguana named 'Puppy.' We're getting more animals little by little. We have our feral bunnies in the back."

In times when the drought is not happening, there is a fishing pond, usually for catch-and-release, that is stocked with trout, bass, sunnies, and blue gill. A half-mile hiking trail winds its way through the hills, and the Skunk Train has a depot on the property where campers can catch the train without having to go into Willits.

Eighteen-hole miniature and disc golf courses keep the kids occupied along with the tubes and secret rooms of the Rootin' Tootin' maze of activities. Outdoor family-friendly free movies are shown on weekends. In October, the park provides a haunted house and trick-or-treating.

For those staying at the campgrounds, there are three basic options: the aforementioned RV spaces, tent areas, and cabins, both with and without amenities like kitchenettes and showers. For the locals, there is much to see and do.

"We are here," said Vega. "We want to join in on the community and get a little more involved and have them come and join us. We offer the day passes because we do want them to come in and utilize the facilities. We have a nice little camp store which makes it nice and easy. Come by. Sit by the pool. Have some refreshments. Play some mini-golf, some disc golf. The \$12 to \$15 we charge for the children and adults gives you access to the park all day."

Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort is located at 1600 Highway 20. For more information, visit www.mendocinoredwoods.com, email info@mendocinoredwoods.com, or call 459-6179.



At left: The Western town is a favorite place to take photos. At left, below: One of the most popular activities for kids is running through the Rootin' Tootin' area of mazes.

Below, left: This miniature pony enjoys her home in the animal preserve. Below, right: Annicia Vega is the regional manager of BoaVida, the parent company of the Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort. At bottom, left: Annicia Vega stands at the Skunk Train depot where campers can board the train.

Photos by Mathew Caine
The Splash Pad is one of the most popular spots for kids in the hot weather.

Photo from Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort



The supervisors approved the county to continue to lobby for additional jail project funding from the state, who've contributed \$25 million to it so far.

But Williams felt the problems went deeper than the funding for this one project.

"There's an institutional problem here that this county doesn't have a set of books that anybody believes," he said. "There's nobody in this county today you could ask how much money we have to our name and get a straight answer. How can I do my job, voting on a budget, if I don't know how much money we have to spend?"

"In the three-and-a-half years, I haven't been able to get a credible financial report," he added. "I understand we have three different sets of books. They all differ. Why? ... I think we have a financial crisis here, and we just don't know how bad it is."

Following that meeting, county Treasurer-Tax Collector/ Auditor-Controller Chamise Cubbison immediately wrote a letter to the board pushing back on the points from Williams and others during the discussion.

"It seems very premature to sound alarms and contact the state when it is likely that perhaps those raising concerns simply do not understand how things are presented, and when given the opportunity to hear from the audit firm may understand better," said Cubbison, referring to an upcoming 2020/21 audit being finalized.

"In addition, there was a lot of misinformation discussed at today's meeting," she continued, "and no opportunity for rebuttal or open discussion. I would hope the board would seek information directly before spreading rumors."

Former county Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schapmire had even stronger criticism for the board following the meeting, and spoke out in an interview with MendoFever online news.

"The majority of this board is ill-equipped to comprehend the financial complexities that are inherent in the operation of the county," said Schapmire. She added that they "also lack the communication skills to have any dialogue with any staff outside the CEO's office that may be able to assist them.... I do not believe the state controller's office needs to access the records or clean anything up."

Schapmire retired in March this year, nine months before her term was set to end, following the decision by the board to consolidate the Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector departments.

She adamantly opposed that move and said in February that despite having "every intention to complete my term ... I am leaving now because I don't feel like I can work with the current board of supervisors."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak was the only one on the board to side with Schapmire and vote against the consolidation of the departments, and he brought up the topic at last week's board meeting.

"It's just really ironic that this board voted to consolidate the two positions when those people in those positions said don't do it, and that consolidation would not help," he said. "And now we're in the position where we're asking the state to step in to help out this position that in part we created as a board."

Williams disagreed, saying: "A part of the reason that I supported the consolidation is that I couldn't get financials. And we had an auditor retire, and shortly after, I learned we have a \$4.5 million hole in the health plan. Why didn't this board know that we had a \$4.5 million hole? We would have planned accordingly."

In her letter, Cubbison responded to Williams' claims about the county's health care deficit, which increased by around \$7.6 million total over the last two years.

"It is unfortunate that the CEO's office and the Health Plan consultants did not sound the alarm sooner on the growing deficit, but that is not because the information was not available," she said.

Cubbison explained that she and former county Auditor Lloyd Weer met with county CEO office fiscal staff members in August 2021 and warned them of the growing problem.

"Mr. Weer and I both believed that the CEO's office would present the issue during the already scheduled future board agenda item to go over the Health Plan," she said. "We were both surprised that a higher Health Plan contribution rate was not requested at that meeting."

Cubbison also disagreed with another claim from Williams that recommendations from outside auditors the county hires are essentially ignored.

"Adjustments are made in the finance system when required to correct

misstatements," she said. "There are not years of required adjustments that have been ignored."

In an August 2022 Supervisor's Report from Haschak, he said the board and staff are trying to work through their differences regarding the budget.

"I am proposing that we have a special board meeting to work out these issues of communication and differing books," he said. "If we all aren't on the same page, then we have real problems and the public deserves better. The board needs to sit down with the Executive Office staff and [the Auditor-Controller Treasurer-Tax Collector to figure out where we are financially, how we got here, and what is the path forward."

Haschak also talked about the "historic windfalls" the county obtained in the last year and what they were spent on.

"We had \$9 million from CARES funds, American Rescue Plan Act funds of \$16.8 million, PG&E settlement money of \$22.6 million," he said. "We were able to cover costs during the COVID epidemic, fund many projects that have been needed for recovery from the devastating fires and better prepare for future events."

Still, Haschak said that due to increasing expenses and flat revenue, the budget is "bleak" and there is "little spare money" for ongoing costs.

In the backdrop of all the budget talks, the county workers and their main union, SEIU Local 1021, have been active in pursuing a cost of living adjustment to their wages in the midst of record inflation.

There was no COLA included in the budget passed by the supervisors in June for the new fiscal year, but the union and workers have continued to press and negotiate for higher wages.

Last month they filed an unfair labor practice charge with the state Public Employment Relations Board, asking for more fiscal information from the county which could be useful in pay negotiations.

Union representative Patrick Hickey called into the July 26 BOS meeting and spoke about the results of that request.

"They provided a small portion of the information requested regarding the more than 402 vacant positions in the county," he said. "Based on the limited amount of information provided, it's clear that there is certainly funding available to provide county employees with a reasonable COLA to address the current high level of inflation."

Hickey said that from what the union had gleaned from the budget there appeared to be a "a lot more attention" going towards taking care of buildings and vehicles than employees in the county.

"Some of these projects are not imminent or urgent, and certainly can be postponed and that money can be rededicated to COLAs," he said.

During budget discussions at last week's BOS meeting county CEO Darcie Antle said, "I think a lot of the reason we have asked for a pause in the labor negotiations is that... we don't have a clear vision on what the books are, and where the finances are."

Jail rehab costs going up

Regarding the new jail project, Nacht & Lewis representative Eric Fadness said that construction cost projections have shot up due to high inflation, and the slow pace of the state fire marshal reviewing and approving their designs has worsened the situation.

A summary presented by the firm showed that since May of 2021 their total cost estimate for the project has gone from \$29.6 million to now in the range of \$33.7 to \$35.7 million. And Fadness warned the price tag could get even higher depending on the rate of inflation and length of state delays moving forward.

The county has already agreed to a total "local cash match" of around \$6.8 million to add to the \$25 million in state money for the project, but that still leaves a shortfall in the range of \$2.2 to \$4.2 million according to the firm's projections.

Their summary shows that in February of 2017, the board originally approved a county match of just over \$1 million for the jail project, and now it apparently could be going past \$10 million total.

According to the Nacht & Lewis website, the new inmate housing building will have roughly 60 beds, a "safety cell," a respiratory isolation cell, recreation yards, a nursing station, medical and dental exam rooms, program/group rooms, and "staff support space."

Williams emphasized that the improvements to the county jail are needed and mandated to ensure public safety.

"I think we owe the public some clarity," he said. "Supervisors probably don't take this job to build a new jail. It's not what their constituents want to see as the focus, but the reality is, it's a mandate. And the sheriff has the charter to operate the jail, but the board has the responsibility to provide him with a facility that's safe, and staffing that meets state requirements."

"And I think we need to openly discuss whether we're meeting those objectives, and if we're not we need to change course," he continued. "And by change course that may mean de-prioritizing some other 'nice to have' projects to cover what is actually mandated by law."

Williams also said that many more improvements to the jail will likely be needed in the near future.

"We're focused on this wing of the jail which I see as just part of the project, it's the tip of the iceberg," he said. "Society and the sheriff deserve a jail that's safe, meets modern code, and this project won't get us there."

CEO Antle agreed with that assessment.

"Yes my understanding is once we complete this wing we need to be looking at a full jail remodel or upgrade," she said. "What those costs would be at this time I have no idea. This was just made aware to me in the last few months, so having a clear plan, I don't know."

"I do know that public safety is a mandate of this board and of this county," she added. "So I think it is very critical that we do put it as a priority and start working towards that, and we need to be setting aside money as we move forward."

Antle said the board can expect an item at their next meeting on August 16 regarding "going out for funding with bond refinancing and new money."

She said that based on previous board direction they were looking at freeing up about \$6 million in "new money," with \$3 million going towards the jail.

"This board will have to decide how much new money you want to leverage through the bonds on the 16th," said Antle.

County Sheriff Matt Kendall said that he had personally been pursuing getting more money from the state for the jail, but hadn't been successful yet.

He also said he has been pushing the state fire marshal to move quicker on the project.

"I've been on the phone with the state fire marshal's office and a few friends that I have kind of in that area," said Kendall. "I know that they picked up our plans again on the 18th of July and began the review on them. They have not given me a time frame for when they will finish."

"I will continue to have a roughly weekly meeting to see where we are in progress," he added. "I will continue to push on this as hard as I possibly can.... We're at a time right now ... that we can't afford not to go forward with this jail project."

Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren said that she was hopeful the board and county would continue to focus on measures that would help prevent crime as well.

"It is incredibly important that this board get on top of future jail needs for future boards and our community," she said. "It is also really important that we run a parallel track with trying to work on upstream programs and new ideas that our community and our state have coming forward to deal with mental health, to deal with substance use."

"We can't simply halt all of the other work that we do to prevent those things," she continued, "to prevent crimes, to keep our kids busy, to all of the things that we know upstream help with addiction and crime. We can't stop doing that work.... It's just as important."

"Supervisor Mulheren's comments are well taken," responded Sheriff Kendall, "and I understand exactly what she's talking about. And a lot of the work that we will be doing in there will be upstream work. A lot of the work that we're taking on today ... we've been taking on to get that under our belt before the new facility or the new wing of the jail opens. That will only enhance our ability to continue with the work that we've started."

Fadness said that the design plans for the jail project were previously expected to go out for bid in June, but they're now expecting them to be ready for bids by the end of the year.

Nacht & Lewis is now projecting the construction of the new jail buildings to be completed by December of 2024, and ready for occupancy by March of 2025. Both these projections are about nine months later than they were in September of 2021.

orders and advisories have been issued for the surrounding areas; however as of the latest order, midday on August 10, there is still "no immediate threat to Willow Creek proper."

The Lightning Complex fires were first reported on 9:44 pm on the evening of Friday, August 5, "a result of thunderstorms that moved across the forest." Currently 12 fires are still burning, and have been consolidated as the Six Rivers Lightning Complex Fires. Some of the biggest Lightning Complex fires, as August 10, are:

- Ammon Fire: 3,149 acres, 0%
- Bremer Fire: 746 acres, 0%
- Campbell Fire: 3,651 acres, 0%
- Charlie Fire: 96 acres, 0%
- Oak Fire: 2,312 acres, 0%
- Waterman Fire: 821 acres, 0%

As of its August 10 morning update, the Forest Service reports "Overnight hard work by firefighters in combination with high humidity kept fire growth to a minimum. Higher humidity is expected today on the northern end of the fire and there is not a lot of anticipated movement today." The update has 1,245 personnel currently assigned to the Six Rivers Lightning Strike Complex.

Tragic death

Klamath National Forest had a tragedy about one of their own to report about this week. Longtime Klamath National Forest Lookout Kathy Shoppman died at her Klamath River home as a result of the McKinney Fire, in Siskiyou County, northwest of Yreka.

"It is with great sadness that we must announce that the Klamath National Forest has lost one of its own," an August 8 statement from the Yreka office of the Klamath National Forest read. "Beloved long-time Klamath National Forest Lookout Kathy Shoopman has passed away. Kathy died in her home in the community of Klamath River as a result of the McKinney Fire."

"Kathy started her career as a lookout at Baldy Mountain Lookout, west of Happy Camp, in 1974. Since then, she has staffed Lake Mountain Lookout, and most recently staffed Buckhorn Lookout, a post she has held since 1993. Kathy lived in the community of Klamath River for nearly five decades. Kathy was also a talented artist, gardener, and a devout animal lover."

The McKinney Fire started July 29, and as of August 10, the fire is at 60% containment, after burning 60,389 acres. It has destroyed 185 structures, injured at least seven civilians and fire personnel, and killed at least four people. According to a report in the NY Times sourced from local tribal leaders, the up to 3 inches of rain that fell August 2 on areas burned by the fire, sent enough sediment, timber and debris into the Klamath River to kill thousands of fish, including suckerfish, salmon and trout.

CAL FIRE video

CAL FIRE posted a new "Notes from the Frontline" video Wednesday, August 10 about the Oak Fire in Mariposa County, which started burning on July 26. As of August 10, the Oak Fire is at 98% containment, after burning 19,244 acres, including many rural residential areas, and destroying 193 structures.

The video features Anthony Pinocchio, Mike Fuqua, and Rigoberto Herrera – fire apparatus engineers with CAL FIRE Madera-Mariposa-Merced – who explain "the important work of the firefighters and crews on the ground, aviation firefighters, and dozer operators in combating the Oak Fire and creating defensible space around homes to save them from the encroaching fire."

Check out the video at <https://www.facebook.com/CALFIRE/videos/588992102669696/>



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Above: Members of Mendocino County Search and Rescue and members of the Redwood Empire Fair Board of Directors pose with Search and Rescue's 2022 Blue Ribbon Award.

County Search and Rescue honored with Blue Ribbon Award

Posted by Mendocino County Search and Rescue

On July 30, the Mendocino County Search and Rescue was honored with the 2022 Blue Ribbon Award from the Redwood Empire Fair Board of Directors.

This award acknowledges the hard work and dedication our organization strives to bring to our communities every day, every call out, every missing loved one, and every emergency.

We would like to say thank you to the board for recognizing our efforts and sacrifices, and to Sheriff Matt Kendall for his unwavering and constant support.

Redwood Empire Fair's press release announcing the award describes Search and Rescue as "an unpaid, all-volunteer, non-profit corporation whose members conduct Search and Rescue operations whenever and wherever

they are needed. As recently as July 24, the SAR teams were involved in locating a missing coastal resident."

"We could not do what we do at the fair without SAR," says REF CEO Jennifer Seward. "They go above and beyond to make sure the fair is a safe and positive environment for our patrons."

The team's resources, the press release explains "are drawn from local volunteers who train to develop required skill sets, who must also have the discipline and dedication needed to make a difference. SAR operations involve a variety of specialized skills such as Ground Search Teams, ATV Operators, K-9 Handlers, Unmanned Air Squadron Pilots, Underwater Search and Recovery Divers, Search Managers, Logistical Support Staff, and Fundraisers.

To keep up with SAR, visit the "Mendocino County Search And Rescue" page on Facebook.



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Museum celebrates printmaking in new exhibit

Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

"ImPRESSED: A Celebration of Printmaking" is the new exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum, opening Friday, August 12 and running through September 25

"ImPRESSED" celebrates the art of printmaking and community. Prints from local artists, both contemporary and beloved, will come together to inspire an appreciation for the fine art of printmaking, while offering a warm invitation to try your hand at becoming a printmaker!

From the museum's collection, prints from the co-founder of Mendocino Art Center Bill Zacha, notable Bay Area artist Henry Evans, artist and local activist Emmy Lou Packard, and cherished Mendocino College art professor Paula Gray will grace the walls of the Long Gallery.

Alongside these favorites, contemporary works from artists Kristin Hock, Mike Barnes, Jerry Turner, and Jackson Deyerle of Fort Bragg's Art Explorers will also be displayed. Through art and writing these artists share their insights about creativity and "explore" the importance of making art as a community.

The Mendocino County Museum is excited to host community art educator Miss Rossi, who will lead introductory classes in linoleum block printing. This program is designed for ages 10 and over, and advance sign-up is required. These classes are set for August 12, 27 and 28.

The Museum's Interactive Room will be open as a drop-in space for anyone wishing to continue working on a block begun during an Intro to Printmaking workshop.

Last but certainly not least, Roots of Motive Power invites the community to have linocut blocks printed by their Buffalo Springfield roller during their 40th Annual Steam Festival September 10 and 11. Community members can bring finished blocks or create one during the event at Recreation Grove Park. Printmaking will be 11 am to 3 pm both days.

The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street. For details on accompanying workshops and more information, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or the "Mendocino County Museum" page on Facebook. Contact the museum at museum@mendocinocounty.org or 707-459-2736.

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The library will be dusting off its checkers, chess, and Trivial Pursuit boards as well as getting out decks of card games to play. We have various game offerings for different skill sets and age levels. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own games to share and play!

The event is held indoors in the meeting room at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street, and is open to all ages. For more information, please visit www.mendolib.org or contact the Willits Branch Library at 707-459-5908.

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Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

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In the classroom there will be free make-and-take artist-led activities: Collage activity led by Jazzminh Moore is featured from 12 to 2 pm both days. Rock painting led by Jenny Wyatt is set for 12 to 4 pm, both days.

There will be free refreshments and summer treats both days, local COVID 19 resources, and a T-shirt and water bottle sticker giveaway.

WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street, across from the fire station.

Visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org for more info.

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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Bullet Train'

The Story: Action comedy with lotsa killing and kinda fun to watch. Brad Pitt aka "Ladybug" is some sort of freelance fixer who is hired by richer folks than he is and sent to dangerous places. Currently, he's on the famous Japanese high-velocity bullet train. His job is to retrieve a metal briefcase and get off the train. He finds the briefcase right away, but getting off the train just doesn't seem to be as easy as it sounds.



Dan Essman
Columnist

Of course, there are gangsters on the train. They have guns. Because Brad Pitt is in therapy for past traumas, he didn't bring a gun. He had a chance, but no, he decided in therapy not to carry a gun. Instead, he's going to learn to relate to his enemies as equals, and share with them his basic humanity and their common bond.

Well, their "common bond" consists of them all wanting the very same briefcase. And also: Take no prisoners and leave no witnesses. Things don't look good for Brad. And also, it turns out there are knives and swords as well as firearms. Let me add there is also a venomous snake slithering here and there. Its deadly bite causes symptoms indistinguishable from hemorrhagic fever.

My Thoughts: This all sounds rather chaotic (and violent). And, I suppose it is, but each of the characters has a different motive for being on the train. The fighting is constant. As are the impalings. The repartee is funny and engaging and peculiar, and clearly owes a debt to Quentin Tarantino.

What makes this movie so good is the daft presence of Brad Pitt, who is the rare character actor who can carry an entire flick. He's understated and brilliantly funny. I give this movie my whole-hearted, "Yes check it out!"

Parents: Absolutely no children. Too much blood. Too many shootings, stabbings, beheadings. And a little boy gets pushed off a roof.

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

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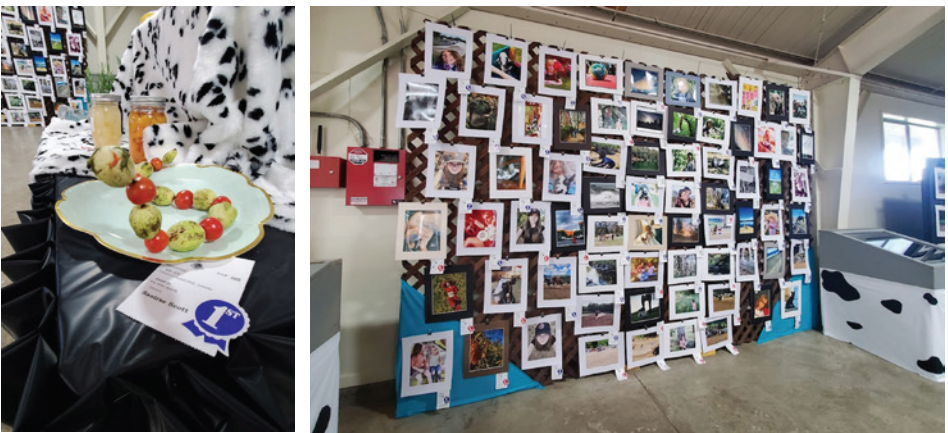
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Above: Stained glass, left, and quilts, right, earned ribbons at the 2022 Redwood Empire Fair. Below: In the Junior building produce characters, left, and the wall of photos, right, were on display.



Showing Off

Exhibitors fill fairground buildings with art, food, florals, and more at Redwood Empire Fair

Building results for North County exhibitors include:

Alice Kroh-Ford of Willits won third place for her people/figure photo in the Fine Arts building.

Amy A. Ford of Willits won three first-place awards for her photos including landscape/deserts, landscape/mountains and people/figure. She also won a second-place award for her people/figure photo and two third-place awards for her animals, domestic, pets and Show Me the Love – heart-shaped subject photos in the Fine Arts building.

Archer Casey of Willits won a first- and second-place award for two of his 4-8 grade Mixed Media entries in the Junior Building.

Barbara Carlon of Willits won a first-place award for her advanced quilt appliqué

by hand & quilted by machine entry; a second-place award for her advanced and professional quilt block square set of two identical blocks; and a third-place award for her advanced quilt, pieced & quilted by machine entry in the Home Arts building.

Bobbie Yokum of Willits won a first-place award for her quilt block with outdoor theme/decoration entry in the adults 62 and over category in the Home Arts building.

Caroline Salcedo of Willits won three first-place awards, including for her quilt block advanced and professional quilt square set of two identical blocks entry; her quilt challenge fair theme advanced entry; and for her advanced quilts pieced by machine & quilted by hand entry.

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Above: Sweet treats were displayed in the glass case in the Junior building, left, and artistic floral arrangements dotted the Fine Arts/Floriculture displays.

At right: The display gardens outside were manicured to perfection outside the buildings.

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Registered owner: Tatiyana Renee Viale, 201 School Street, Apt. K, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 13, 2022.

FDN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 11, 2022.

/s/ Tatiyana Renee Viale

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take some time and resources dedicated to them to correct.

"I've heard loud and clear the message that the council has expressed to me," Bender said, "that this is an issue, it needs to be resolved to the best of our ability, and we will do that. It's not going to happen overnight, and it's not cheap, but we'll do what we can. And now we have some resources. We have good staff that can look at these issues ... and more importantly, for flushing, we have groundwater."

As part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan in the 2022/24 fiscal year budget, several projects to replace aging steel water mains over the next 5 years are identified. These include:

- North Street Water Main Replacement - \$150,000
- Madrone Street Water Main Replacement - \$200,000
- Pearl Street Water Main Replacement - \$175,000
- Relocate and Upgrade Water Main on Railroad Trestle (south of Safeway) - \$100,000

According to the "Technical Memorandum: Brown Water" written by LACO Associates for the City of Willits, and included in the July 27 agenda packet, "Sediment and scaling can build up in pipe networks over time due to background concentrations of minerals present in the water and reactions between those minerals and the pipe material.

"This is most common in areas where steel piping is used as they are more susceptible than PVC pipes to corrosion, scale, and hard water buildup."

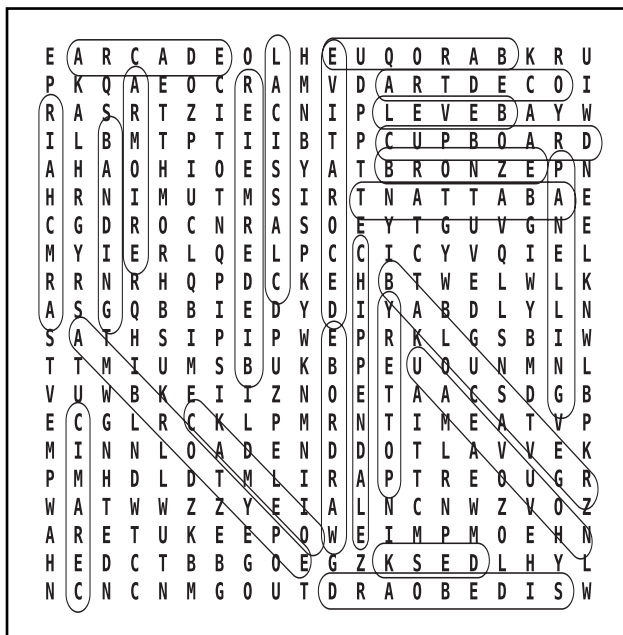
"It's an ongoing maintenance issue," Rod Wilburn of LACO Associates told councilmembers at the July 27 meeting. "We've talked about ways to step it up. The annual flushing is the most important component, but as discussed during previous meetings, during times of drought it's real difficult to use the 2 to 3 million gallons required for flushing and send it down the gutter when we're asking people to conserve water."

Wilburn said he thought "with some of the changes in the water system, and the renewed effort by Scott Herman and the Public Works crew and the Water Department, we look forward to mitigating and reducing the occurrence [of brown water incidents], and over time see a better situation within the distribution system."

"I really appreciate this series of memos," Councilmember Greta Kanne said, "and I appreciate staff's attention to this concern. I know it's something that we've all brought to you over the years, and I know it's hard to hear. We're proud of our water system, and the efforts that have gone into it, we're proud of the staff who maintain the water system for us, but it continues to be a problem that frustrates the community."

"I'm happy to see the Capital Improvement Plan," Kanne said. "Personally, I think it's fair to say that the community members that I represent would like it to be a more aggressive Capital Improvement Plan. They'd like more projects, they'd like more replacement of those steel main lines, I know that's hard with the constraints that we face, but I do feel like I'm representing the people of Willits in saying they want more, and they want it faster."

In a January 2022 letter to water customers about potential effects of the annual flushing program, as well as previous statements and press releases, the City of Willits has advised that although "water discoloration may result due to the short-term changes in the normal water flow that may stir up naturally occurring minerals and sediment within the water lines during the process," this discoloration "only affects the appearance of the water. It does not affect the taste or water quality."



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\$25,000 bail and both bailed out in less than a day.

Here is the California Highway Patrol's press release on the incident:

On August 5, 2022, at approximately 8:56 pm, California Highway Patrol was notified of a shooting victim in the area of U.S. 101 and West Road in Redwood Valley. The victim's Ford Expedition was struck by gunfire and disabled. The victim reported three subjects ran from his vehicle after the shooting.

It was determined that the victim and the occupants, along with a Cadillac Escalade, had been at a location in Willits prior to the shooting. An altercation ensued, and two vehicles fled the location and were followed by several other vehicles.

One of the occupants of a pursuing vehicle discharged a firearm. The Ford Expedition was then struck by gunfire and became disabled, blocking the No. 2 lane of U.S. 101, southbound. The victim remained with the vehicle while the three occupants fled in a westbound direction.

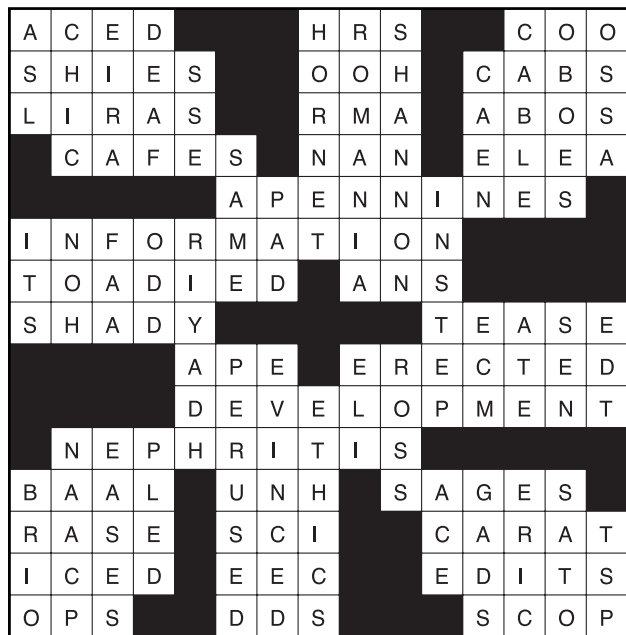
The Cadillac Escalade also fled the area, and was later located in Hopland on a tow truck. Two subjects (Wallace and Blanchard) associated with the Escalade were located and found to each be in possession of a handgun. They were also found to be in possession of a large amount of processed marijuana and U.S. currency.

The three subjects who fled the Ford Expedition were later located in the area of Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. The three subjects (Collins, Judd and Brown) were transported to the CHP office for questioning.

All five subjects were arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail in Ukiah. Fortunately nobody was struck by gunfire.

CHP is currently working with the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office to identify the shooting suspect. The investigation is ongoing and several leads are being pursued.

Any information in regards to this incident can be directed to the Ukiah CHP Office at 707-467-4420.



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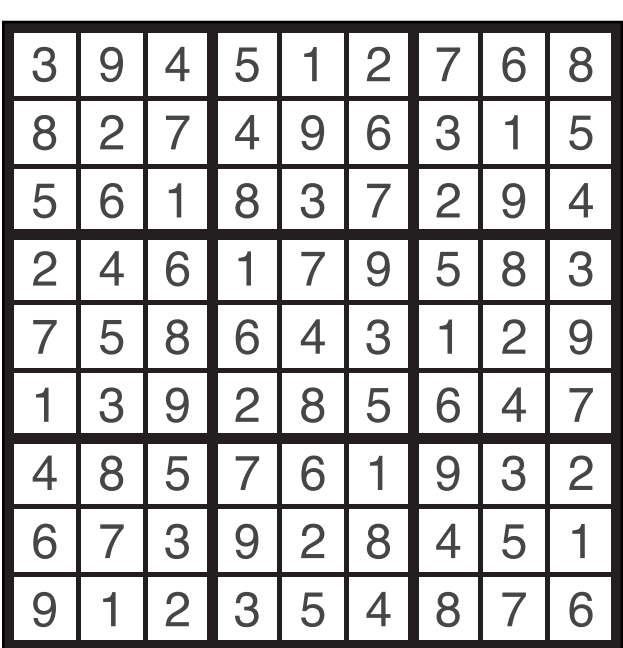
Above: Dan Judd of Okolona, Mississippi.

At left, top: Lazente Wallace of Tupelo, Mississippi.

At left: Dalian Blanchard of Okolona, Mississippi.

At left, below: Jaqaveious Collins of Okolona, Mississippi.

Below: John Brown of Atlanta, Georgia.



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Above, from left: Kale is a diverse group of plants, with leaves that are smooth, blistered, frilled, or curled, and colors from gray to purple to dark blue-green. Lacinato, Baltic Red, and Russian Hunger Gap are all hardy and easy to grow, with very different looks. Radicchio, escarole and endive are more hardy (and slower-growing) than lettuce, so they are reliable for winter salads. This radicchio, called “Palla Rosa,” is a beautiful choice for holiday salads. Turnips are grown for their juicy roots, available in several colors. Later in winter and spring, the leaves and flowering shoots are a source of fresh greens. Carrots and parsnips are winter comfort food. Roasting brings out their sweetness.



At top, left: Solstice Broccoli is a fast-growing choice for fall and winter, with traits that make it resistant to slugs, rain, and winter conditions. At top, right: Beets are a reliable and easy choice for planting now. Root crops are sweetest in winter. Above, left: A late planting of dill now will draw beneficial insects during fall, when pests like thrips, mites, and aphids tend to build up. Above, right: Comfrey is a source of homegrown fertilizer for the garden. Soak the leaves in water, add them to compost, or chop them and scatter under your plants.

Below, left: Cabbage is the quintessential winter crop, always ready for salads, cooking, or fermenting into sauerkraut. Primo is a fast choice for fall, while January King is ultra-hardy for late winter. Below, right: Few plants are easier and more reliable than chives. Tolerant of both dry and wet weather, productive of leaves and flowers with mild onion flavor, they are an important source of nectar for monarch butterflies in early spring.



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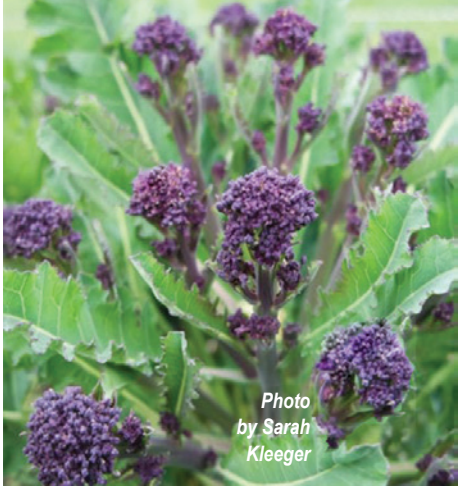


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At left: Purple Sprouting Broccoli is one of the few vegetables meant specifically for the “hungry gap” in early spring. Planted now, it produces big yields of beautiful purple broccoli after other winter vegetables are done.

COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

August: Strategies for abundance

Spring is forgiving. If you start your tomatoes, zucchini, or greens a week or even a month late, they will catch up when the weather gets warm. In summer, plants grow so fast they wear themselves out and need to be planted in waves.

Fall is different. Soon now, the dewfall gets heavier, the nights get longer, and the soil cools down. If you miss planting crops like broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and carrots this month, there will not be time for them to mature before growth stops in winter. BUT, once those crops do mature, you have all winter to harvest. They'll stay fresh and prime for a long time – no gluts, no replanting. Just your personal grocery store in the backyard.

As a quick rule of thumb, crops that make a flower head, like broccoli / cauliflower, a seed like peas, a tight head like cabbage / Brussels sprouts, or a root, like carrots / beets / rutabaga / daikon, should be planted in August for winter harvest.

Fast-growing leafy crops like lettuce, mustard, and Asian greens (as well as salad radishes) can be planted in September and still make a crop. Kale, collards, kohlrabi, chard, and endive are between the two: You'll get bigger plants and bigger harvests by planting now. Planting later will yield smaller, but still usable, plants.

Where, you might wonder, can I put all these winter crops, when the garden is full of tomatoes and green beans and zucchini and so on? Don't I need to wait till I have room? In a word, no.

All you need to find room for now are the root crops. They don't like to be transplanted, but they don't need much space, either. Carrots only need to be an inch apart in the row. So, prowl your garden with a critical eye. Do you have bush beans with only a few beans left? They should come out before they succumb to disease.

Do you have more zucchini than you can use? Take out the worst-looking plants. Do you have lettuce that's gone bitter and bolted? Cut it down. Sweet corn that's over? Compost it.

Next, look at your larger plants. One of the best things you can do to prevent disease and pest issues is to take the lower, yellowing, leaves off of mature plants. Thrips and mites use those as a ladder from the soil where they hatch. Fungus diseases like mildew start on those over-mature leaves. The same goes for weeds; they're a reservoir of pests. So do a clean-up. Pull weeds. Cut yellowing leaves off of tomatoes and pole beans.

When you've taken away the unwanted stuff, you might find you have room for a row of beets on either side of your tomatoes. Or a row of carrots beneath your pole beans. Try radish or turnips in the bare spots around squash, or put up a trellis (a tomato cage works) at the edge of the squash patch and plant peas. They'll sprout easily in the damp shade under the squash and grow up toward the sun.

Green onions or leeks will fit anywhere there's an inch of space. And shade-

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Black Rock Ranch where he and his family started ranching cattle.

He had four daughters, Abbie, Melitas, Una and Leola, who ended up being the sole caretakers of the 3,500-acre ranch after their father was killed in 1907. The eldest sister was just 22 at the time, and the youngest daughter 14. Their mother was a semi-invalid and did not partake in the running of the ranch.

Joan brought a copy of an article from “The World: Sunday, November 20, 1910” along with them to the museum, and it noted the death of Crowley was the result of a frustrating battle he was having with poachers on the land.

It states: “The broad acres of the Crowley Ranch and the mountainous public domain hold game of various kind, while the mountain streams swarm with fish.

“Some of the neighbors were envious and jealous of the extensive possessions of the Crowleys, and despite the fact that he posted notices warning poachers not to come on his lands, they came in and out of season, frequently leaving their dead game to be devoured by the wild hogs. The situation exasperated Crowley.

“Angry poachers openly defied him, claiming that they hunted on the public domain and only passed through his property going to and from it.

“The ill-feeling culminated in the shooting and killing of Crowley on August 14, 1907, about 15 miles from his home, by a man named John Butts, who with his two sons, each with a deer, was met by Crowley, who accused them of killing the game on his preserve.

“There was a merry party underway in the Crowley home before the announcement of the shooting was received over the telephone. Although it was a black night outside, Abbie, the eldest of the daughters, harnessed a team and drove at rapid speed over steep and dangerous mountain roads to the spot and brought her father's body home.

“Butts was acquitted on the ground of self-defense.”

The Perrys went to Laytonville to look for Crowley's grave after their Saturday trip to the museum.

“After we viewed the exhibits, we drove north to Laytonville and found the old cemetery,” said Joan. “Unfortunately we did not find a marker for Timothy Joseph Crowley, but the sense of history and community was present in this place.”

Joan noted they continued on, and “crossed the highway and drove east on Laytonville Dos Rios Road until we crossed the one-lane bridge over Burger Creek. We knew we were in the area of the once-3,500-acre Black Rock Ranch the Crowleys operated.”

The reference to Burger Creek let the Perrys know they were in the right spot – Joan noted that in a letter her grandmother, Melitas, wrote to her eventual husband, Water Hickling, dated October 17, 1911: “She shares the events of her 100-mile roundtrip horseback ride to Trinity County, ending the letter with: ‘made Curly Cook’s camp at Burger for lunch.’ All these years I thought Curly made burgers for lunch not the name of the river!”

Though they surely missed their father, it did not impede with their ability to capably run the ranch.

The article in The World goes on to note: “By the time each of the Crowley girls had reached the age of 10 she was the constant companion of her father in all of his work, which they helped to do with the ease and accuracy of an experienced man. Before any of them was 14 she could lasso, break, mount and throw almost any of the wildest horses, frequently without the assistance of her sisters or her father; round up cattle, drive a six-horse team over the most dangerous mountain and canyon roads; fire a musket or the latest improved rifle with unerring aim; shoe the horses, milk the cows, plow, plant, harvest and market the crops, as well as play the piano, sing, dance, cook and sew.”

“Knowing that Melitas and her sisters worked the ranch after their father was killed by poachers and now seeing the rugged beauty of this land,” Joan said, “I can appreciate even more their achievements in a time when women did not take a leadership role in running a ranch with 100 heads of cattle, over 50 horses and mules, and making necessary business decisions to maintain their home successfully. I look forward to returning to the area to do more research to piece together gaps in my grandmother's history.”

While the Perrys didn't find the pieces of history they were searching for at the museum, there are thousands of amazing exhibits from all over Mendocino County, big and small, to enjoy and see.

The museum offers free admission on the first Saturday of every month as well as on Wednesdays when you show your Mendocino County Library card, and every day for children aged 5 and under. Otherwise, admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children aged 6 to 17. Families attending together can pay \$10 for two adults and dependent children.

The museum is open Wednesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm and on weekends from 12 to 4 pm. It is located at 400 East Commercial Street across from the Rec Grove Park and Willits Frontier Days grounds, and next to the Willits Library.

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Chelsea Jade Hughes of Willits won first place and Best of Show for her painting on fabric/tie-dye entry in the Junior Building. She also received a first-place award for her grade 4-8 water color; a first-, second-, and third-place award for her grade 4-8 origami entries; a second- and third-place award for two additional painting on fabric/tie-dye entries; four first-place awards for her grade 4-8 photography including animals, domestic or farm, birds, flowers/floral, and landscape entries; three second-place awards for her grade 4-8 photography including animals, domestic or farm, flowers/floral and any other entries; two third-place awards for two more grade 4-8 photos including any other and birds; and finally she also received a first-place award for her woodworking grade 4-8 birdhouse entry.

Christina Graham of Willits was a first-place and a third-place award in the Home Arts building for her photo creative presentation animal, bird or people. She also won first place and a best-of-division award for her handwoven item, as well as a third-place award for an additional handwoven item. She also received first-, second-, and third-place awards for three other craft projects; a third-place award for a crocheted afghan and another advanced crochet shawl earned her a first-place award and the title of Best of Division. She received two first-place awards for her intermediate knitted shawl and personal accessories and two third-place awards for an intermediate baby afghan and additional knitted entry.

Davna Reynolds of Covelo received many awards in the Floriculture building including first-place awards for a scented rose, a fair theme Cows and Quilts arrangement, an all-white arrangement, a mini (3-5 inches) fair theme Cows and Quilts arrangement, a mini (3-5 inches) Rolling Bobbin, including a bobbin arrangement, and a Best of Division award for her art with a floral arrangement entry. She also received first-place awards for her mixed marigolds and mixed zinnia bouquets. Her cut stem pink, rose, salmon, cream or yellow zinnia entries also earned her four first-place awards and a fifth for Best in Division for her giant orange, scarlet or red varieties. Her dwarf zinnia earned her a second-place award. She also received a first-place award for her “Giving it the Boot” planter in the adult division, as well as another first-place award for her living succulent wall that was built on site. In the Fine Arts building, Reynolds won three first-place awards for her amateur photography landscapes/lakes/rivers, trees and other entries; four second-place awards for her patterns, sunrise/sunset, other, and landscape/mountains entries, and two third-place awards for her landscape/mountains and flowers/floral photography entries. She also received a first-place award for her “Painted Cellars” painting and a second-place award for her animal skull art.

Eli Neuroth of Laytonville won first place and a Best of Show award for his woodworking birdhouse entry in the 4-H junior 9-13 year old division in the Junior building.

Grady Fonsen of Willits won a first-place award for his 4-8 grade leather entry as well as a first-place award and Best of Show for an additional craft entry.

Henrietta Simonson of Willits won a first-place award with her intermediate knitted afghan in the Home Arts building.

Jeff Murphey of Willits won a first-place award and Best of Division for his professional woodworking entry in the Fine Arts building, as well as a second-place award for his second woodworking entry.

Karen Sequeira of Laytonville won a first-place award for her animal skull art entry in the Fine Arts building as well as a first- and third-place award for her professional acrylic wild animal entries. She also won a Best of Show/Best of Division award for her professional acrylic portrait and another Best of Division award for her professional mixed media wild animals entry.

Kasey Hollifield of Willits earned a first-place award for her sewing non-wearable accessories/household entry in the Home Arts building, as well as two second-place awards for another non-wearable accessories/household entry and an intermediate quilt pieced by hand or machine/quilted by another or professional entry. A third-place award was also given to her for her second intermediate quilt pieced by hand or machine/quilted by another or professional entry.

Katheryn Brundage of Willits received a first-place award in the Agriculture building for her produce in a jar, small, entry and another first-place award for her produce in a jar, medium, entry. She also received a first-place award and Best of Division in the Fine Arts building for her amateur jewelry beads, stitching or weaving entry, as well as an additional first-place, second-place and two third-place awards in the same category. She also won a first-place and second-place award for her handmade original jewelry, and a Best of Division, second- and third-place award for her amateur sculpture entries.

Khloe Neuroth of Laytonville won a first-place award in the Junior building for her 4-H 9-13 year old acrylics entry and a second-place award for her 4-H 9-13 year old weaving/non-fiber entry.

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tolerant crops like peas, chard, spinach, kale or endive do well in the shade of corn while the weather's hot.

So, with those crops taken care of, let's talk about broccoli, brussels sprouts, kale, and so on. This time of year, it's easiest to start them in pots in semi-shade. That will buy you 3 to 5 weeks until they need transplanting, depending on pot size, soil, and so on. Be sure they stay moist.

Once transplanting time comes, you probably still don't have garden space, but you don't want them to get pot-bound. No worries. Do that walk-around again. A month from now, you'll probably

have a couple more places that are no longer really productive. Cut them down.

Except for perennial weeds, leave the roots in the ground. (They are your best fertilizer; more on that next month.) Or use a big tub. If need be, use stakes and boards or blocks to make a temporary bed. Clear out all weeds, layer on some compost, and admire your new nursery bed.

A nursery bed is an old, old trick that English gardeners have been using for centuries. Here's how it works:

1. You sow broccoli and cabbage into flats or pots in August. You end up with

Kingston Casey of Willits received a second-place award for his grade K-3 pencil artwork in the Junior building.

Kylie Neuroth of Laytonville won two first-place awards for her 4-H senior 14 years and older photography entries in the Junior building for her animals/domestic/farm and landscape. She also received a third-place award for her sunrise/sunset entry in the same category.

Landyn Martin-Lundgren of Willits received three first-place awards for his grade 4-8 brownies, cookies and candies, as well as two second-place awards for his biscuits and other baked goods entry in the Junior building. He also won first place with his grade 4-8 decorated cake, and received a first- and second-place award for his jelly/jam/marmalade/preserve entries and a first-place award for his pickles/relish entry. He also won a first, two seconds, and a third-place award in additional grade 4-8 preserved fruit and other categories, and also received two first-place awards and one second-place award for his fruit and vegetable produce entries. He also received three first-place awards for his grade 4-8 cut sunflower, cut marigold and cut petunia entries and won first place for his junior wheelbarrow garden entry as well.

Laney Gomez of Willits won a first-place award for her quilt block/outdoor theme decoration for preschool-8 years old in the Junior Building.

Leibel Firks of Laytonville received a third-place award for his 4-H junior 9-13 year old photography entry in the Junior building.

Linda Ann Hill of Willits won a first-place award and Best of Show for her potted geranium, common/zonal, variegated or scented in the Floriculture building; and two second-place awards for her embroidery/crewel picture, framed entry in Home Arts and another potted geranium. A third potted geranium earned her a third-place award, as did a sewn, wearable clothing entry and a plant collection entry with three varieties of succulents.

Maci Yokum of Willits won a first-place award for her quilt block entry in the Junior building for an outdoor theme or decoration in the 9-17 year old division.

Maureen Jennison of Willits won a first-place award and Best of Division in the Fine Arts building for her stained glass entry, and an additional second- and third-place award for two additional entries in the same category.

Michelle Briggs of Willits won 10 first-place awards in the Agriculture building for her entries of rosemary, other fresh herb, nature's uniques - unusual size, nature's unique - unusual shape, produce characters of animal, bird, fish, other, theme character and human figure and for her three zucchinis.

Mickey Wayne Hill of Willits received a first-place award for his amateur pen-and-ink drawing in the Fine Arts building.

Mikela Cameron of Willits won a first-place award and Best of Division for her advanced art pencil drawing in the Fine Arts building.

Natalie Campbell of Laytonville received a first-place award for her advanced art entry in the Fine Arts building as well as a Best of Division award and another first-place award for her advanced pastel animals/farm/domestic and people/figure entries and a second-place award for her silhouette art animal entry.

Roe Weidaw of Willits received a first-place award for her grade 4-8 mixed media art entry in the Junior building as well as second- and third-place awards for her pen and ink art entries and a third-place award for her pencil art entry.

Sandra Hill of Covelo received a first-place award and Best of Division for her intermediate quilts wall hanging not to exceed 60 inches long entry in the Home Arts building.

Stephany Brundage of Willits won a second-place award for her small produce in a jar entry in the Agriculture building. In the Fine Arts building, she also won a first-place award, a second-place award, and two third-place awards for her amateur acrylic abstract, animals/farm/domestic and other entries. She also received first-, second- and third-place awards for her amateur computer-assisted art entries and first-, second- and third-place awards for her amateur leatherwork art. She received three first-place awards for her amateur photography for macro, heart-shaped and sports photos; two second-place awards for her bird and landscape/lake/river photos; and three third-place awards for her macro, birds and black and white animal entries. She also won a first-place award and Best of Division for her amateur woodwork entry.

Tinley Logan of Willits won a first-place award for her grade 4-8 craft entry in the Junior building.

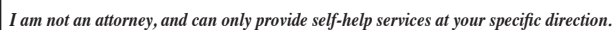
Tyler Knight of Branscomb won a first-place award and Best of Show for 4-H junior 9-13 year old crafts for his non-fiber weaving entry and a first-place award for his hobbies entry in the Junior building, too.

As always, Willits Weekly does our best to translate the results to the best of our abilities, and congratulates all the exhibitors.



Singer/songwriter Forrest Gyer, right, with frequent collaborators Malakai Schindel and Sarah Rose.

The presentation will take place Friday, August 12, at 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. For more information call 707-459-1726.



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1000 DEGREES (1000 pts earned) = \$25 Free Play

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