





# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

**Literacy Volunteers seek students**

To the Editor:

The Literacy Volunteers of Willits, a 501(c)3 organization, is looking for students in need of English language learning. These students should be 18 years or older with the potential to increase their skills in reading, writing and speaking English. Our goal is to gain at least 10 students in order to make this program viable. If this goal is not achieved, we may have to liquidate the program altogether.

We provide volunteer tutors who have been trained to offer this form of tutoring. This service is free, and we maintain the confidentiality of the participants. Literacy Volunteers of Willits do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, creed, religion or sexual orientation.

If you are interested in our

program and would like to become a student, please call the LVV office at 459-5098 or email us at [lvw@willitsonline.com](mailto:lvw@willitsonline.com)

**Tania Borrás, president, Literacy Volunteers of Willits**

**Appreciating Rich Padula**

To the Editor:

There are people who make things happen who stay far out of the limelight. Rich Padula passed away on July 27. I have known Rich since high school days when he and my brother were best friends.

When the idea came up about restoring the emergency access routes around Brooktrails, we realized that Rich owned large parts of both the Firco and Willits Creek Trail roads. I approached Rich and the other property owners about allowing work to be done on these roads.

John Haschak, Willits

### Willits Senior Center Indoor Lunch

Willits Senior Center's dining room is open for fully vaccinated diners, at least two weeks after their final shot, or those with proof of a negative COVID-19 test in the last 72 hours. New hours: from 11:45 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday. Lunch is \$6.50 for those 55+, or \$60 for a 10 meal pass; non-seniors, \$8; child under 7 years old, \$5. Please bring vaccination card or proof of a COVID test in the last 72 hours.

**Volunteers Wanted**

Willits Senior Center is seeking volunteers who are vaccinated to come help serve at the Senior Center lunch. Dining room volunteers are welcome anytime Monday through Friday, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Call Volunteer Coordinator Deb Holcomb at 459-6826 if interested or for more info.

**Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals**

The Willits Senior Center will continue to provide drive-thru and walk-up meals, from 12 to 12:30 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, even after the dining room reopens.

**Home Meal Delivery**

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.

**Thursday, August 12:** Steamed Lemon Dill Tilapia, Rice Pilaf, Roll, Green Salad

**Friday, August 13:** Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry

**Monday, August 16:** Spicy Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Potato Puffs

**Tuesday, August 17:** French Bread Pizza, Mozzarella Stix, Green Salad

**Wednesday, August 18:** Ground Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans

**Thursday, August 19:** Beef Tips & Noodles, Veggie, Roll, Green Salad

**Friday, August 20:** Ham & Turkey Deli Sandwich, Chips, Carrot Salad

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

JULY 2021							WILLITS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT CALENDAR							JANUARY 2022								
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S		
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	HOLIDAYS	16	17	18m	19	20	21	22								
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	July 5 Independence Day	23	24	25am	26	27	28	29								
AUGUST 2021							September 8 Labor Day	FEBRUARY 2022							MARCH 2022							
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	November 11 Veteran's Day	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	December 20 - January 3 Winter Break															
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	January New Years Day (Observed January 3)															
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday															
29	30	31m					February 18 and 21 President's Days															
SEPTEMBER 2021							April 11 - 15 Spring Break	APRIL 2022							MAY 2022							
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Blosser Lane Elementary School 459-3232															
28	29	30m					Brooksidge Elementary School 459-5385															
DECEMBER 2021							District Office 459-5314	APRIL 2022							MAY 2022							
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Sanhedrin High School 459-4801	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
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12	13	14	15	16	17m	18	Transportation Department 459-5111															
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Willits High School 459-7700															
26	27	28	29	30	31																	

MINIMUM DAYS

m = minimum day grades K-8

M = minimum day grades 9-12

Board Approved: 2/12/2020

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### Firewood permits for JDSF on sale now

**Submitted by CAL FIRE, Mendocino Unit**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit is pleased to announce the sale of firewood permits on Jackson Demonstration State Forest beginning Friday, August 6, 2021. Firewood permits will be limited to two cords per household at a cost of \$20/permit.

The firewood area will open, to permit holders, at 12 noon on Monday, August 16 and is tentatively scheduled to close on October 1, 2021, or until wood supply is gone, a significant rain event, or other constraints force closure, whichever occurs first. To ensure sufficient wood supply, only 75 permits will be sold.

Because of the presence of Sudden Oak Death, permit sales are limited to Mendocino County residents because the wood cannot be transported out of the county. Permit holders are reminded that fire safety rules require chainsaws to be equipped with an approved spark arrester, and a long-handled shovel or fire extinguisher must be within 25 feet of the operating chainsaw.

Permit holders are also reminded that Mendocino County Health Department orders will apply, and they are responsible for keeping current with these requirements: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus>.

Due to COVID-19, the JDSF office is closed to the public, so permit sales will be conducted via U.S. Mail only. Please allow 7-10 days for permit processing. The application for a permit will be available at our website (link below) and printed applications will also be available outside the Fort Bragg office door.

The CAL FIRE Fort Bragg office is located at 802 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; 707-964-5674. Website: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/demonstration-state-forests/jackson/>

"Multiple uses that benefit the public, the economy and natural resources are what our demonstration forests are all about."

**The rest of Court** From Page 1

All persons who enter either the courthouse in Ukiah or Fort Bragg are required to wear a facial covering.

Upon entry, facial coverings are also required to be worn in all public areas of the courthouses including but not limited to clerk's offices, hallways, stairwells, jury assembly rooms or areas, restrooms, the Mendo-Lake Alternative offices, and the Self Help Center.

Facial coverings are required to enter any courtroom and must be worn while seated in the gallery.

Any attorney, interpreter or other person who enters the well of a courtroom must be guided by the sitting Judicial Officer regarding when that facial covering can be removed to facilitate communication and to ensure an accurate record of the proceedings.

Social/physical distancing (maintaining a 6-foot perimeter) must be followed while a facial covering is removed.

This order is in effect until rescinded and may be amended without notice.

**The rest of Visitors** From Page 1

within the last 72 hours. If you need a COVID-19 test before entering our hospital for a special circumstance, please visit our local county testing location to receive a COVID-19 test.

Because your health is our highest priority, anyone entering the hospital or clinics will need to wear a mask over their nose and mouth, and under their chin AT ALL TIMES. Visitors who don't comply with this rule will be asked to leave.

Our clinics now have virtual visits available through video applications such as Zoom and FaceTime. Staff can assist you in setting up this type of appointment in order to provide an added level of safety.

We thank you for your patience and helping us protect our staff and community.



## Claws for a Cause

### Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center prepares for annual fundraising dinner and auction

The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center is a volunteer organization. Even with the funds derived from so many generous donors and clubs, the day-to-day functions of this service group cannot be accomplished without those who donate their time, energy and kindness. With the annual Claws for a Cause fundraiser coming up on September 4, even more volunteers are required to help create an event for 300 people that runs smoothly and safely in its outdoor setting on the Ridgewood Ranch.

The Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center began in 1983 as the Ridgewood TRAIL Riders Association, dedicated to pairing young people with disabilities with horses in order to increase their socialization, physical and verbal skills. It was found that the motion of the horses closely resembles that of humans and the interaction with these animals therapeutically aids the clients in developing their own social and physical prowess.

Additionally, the youth learn responsibility taking care of the animals and learn to get over their fears by facing and conquering them. They become more confident and many of the clients avidly look forward to their time on the ranch.

New programs that share space and clients with STRC enhance the experience and provide additional capabilities to the program. Hippotherapy, physical therapy done with horses, is an example. PTSD alleviation for returning service people is also under consideration through the use of the equines.

New Co-president of the Board of Directors Lydia Center Colvig has been involved with the center for several years, having been introduced to it by childhood friend and Executive Director Erin Holzhauer. Colvig works for the Ukiah Unified School District as a special education coordinator and has been involved in physical therapy for several years. She spoke with Willits Weekly about their needs for the coming year.



At left: Rider Riley King rewards Erin Holzhauer with a big high-five. Above, left: Co-president Lydia Center Colvig is inside the tack shed, which they hope to augment with a larger structure. Above, right: Muffin the miniature donkey is the favorite of many of the clients. He is used as an introduction to the animals. Below: Volunteer Barbara Burica warms up Timazone prior to the clients' arrival.



Above, left: Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center Executive Director Erin Holzhauer gives instructions to Riley King atop Freya.

Above, right: Volunteer Barbara Burica leads Rowdy King atop Timazone.

At left: Dan the new pony is being trained to interact with the clients.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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**707-459-NOYO (6696)**  
[www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com)

**Starts Friday, August 20:**  
**RESPECT**

**FREE GUY**

(PG13)  
1 hr 55 mins  
**Fri.-Thurs.:**  
5:15 & 8:00pm

**THE SUICIDE SQUAD (2021)**

(R)  
2 hrs 12 min.  
**Fri.-Thurs.:**  
5:00 & 7:45pm

**JUNGLE CRUISE**

(PG13)  
2 hrs 7 min.  
**Fri.-Thurs.:**  
4:45 & 7:30pm

Movie Times for August 13 thru August 19

Masks Required Private Screenings Available. Call Lois @ 707-354-3295 to schedule.

**42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

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Raffle Baskets  
& more!

**Mariposa Market**  
Organic & Natural Foods

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Face Masks Required  
Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
11 - 5

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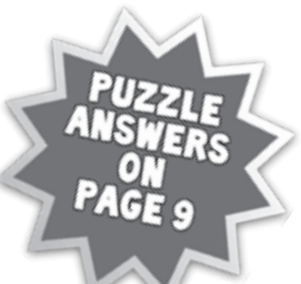
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Willits Weekly's  
Puzzle Page

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!

SUMMER FUN WORD SEARCH

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BAND  
BARBECUE  
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BOARDWALK  
CARNIVAL

CIRCUS  
CORNDOG  
COTTON CANDY  
FAIR  
FERRIS  
FESTIVAL  
FIREWORKS  
GAMES  
GO-CART

MARINA  
MIDWAY  
MINI-GOLF  
MUSIC  
PARADE  
PARTY  
RACES  
RACETRACK  
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SUMMER  
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Calls balls and strikes
4. Turkish officer
9. Repaired shoe
14. Grass genus
15. Small, sealed vial
16. Primp
17. Immoral act
18. A tool to communicate
20. Crumbles away
22. Egg-like
23. Districts (abbr.)
24. Dressed
28. Small island (British)
29. Dialect of Chinese
30. Force unit
31. Borderlines
33. Norse gods
37. Morning
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Tell a story
41. Consumed
42. Atomic #58
43. About old Norse poems
44. Fencing swords
46. One-time Tigers third baseman
49. Southpaw (abbr.)
50. Neither

51. Conversations
55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation
58. Cyprinids
59. Appropriate to a festival
60. Pearl Jam frontman
64. Wrath
65. Italian city
66. A way to get there
67. A nose or snout
68. German seaport
69. A horse for riding
70. Airline representative (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Unhappy
2. Silk fabric
3. Unbroken view of a region
4. Middle Eastern territory
5. \_\_\_ and Andy, TV show
6. Central processing unit
7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
9. Weapon
10. Delivered a speech
11. Probably going to happen
12. Midway between northeast and east

13. Danish krone
19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)
21. Fall slowly in drops
24. Bestow an honor upon
25. Childishly silly
26. Related on the mother's side
27. Populations of related plants
31. Coherent
32. Tribe of ancient Britons
34. Financial firm Goldman
35. Stephen King thriller
36. Went in again
40. Commercial
41. Poking holes in the ground
45. Prisoners of war
47. Pursued pleasure
48. 'Seinfeld' character
52. Body of water
53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
54. People who utilize
56. Nostrils
57. Inner mass of some fungi
59. Honor lavishly
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Turn down
62. Small round mark
63. Expected at a certain time

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

August 2 to August 8

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **175 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

**August 2**  
6:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

**August 3**  
1:15 am: CORIA, Samuel Pompa (50) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order), 236 PC (False Imprisonment), 422 PC (Criminal Threats), 211 PC (Robbery), and 243 (D) PC (Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury).

11:02 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

2:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.

4:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

4:27 pm: LANCASTER, Christina Ann (38) of Ukiah was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and failure to appear.

11:49 pm: DOUGLAS, Laura Meschelle (45) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

**August 4**  
8:38 am: PICKETT, Jason Edward (44) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order).

2:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Bush Street and issued a warning.

**August 5**  
10:12 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:16 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

5:54 pm: VICCHIONE Sr., Mathew Arlin (39) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 100 block of Gregory Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 21810 PC (Possession of Metal Knuckles), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on felony charges of violation of parole.

9:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

**August 6**  
2:24 am: BRACKETT, Kyle Alandale (28) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of West Commercial Street and South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of smuggling controlled substances into jail and failure to appear, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation.

7:41 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

6:13 pm: SLAUGHTER, Amy Lynn (46) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Coast Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), and on misdemeanor charges of DUI with blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, DUI with blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher, second offense within 10 years, hit and run property damage, and violation of probation.

11:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

12:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Wood Street.

1:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.

4:09 pm: ACEVESLIZARRAGA, Irving (26) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Battery) and on felony charges of resisting an officer.

6:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

7:40 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:01 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:42 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

Walnut Street and issued a warning.

9:00 am: SANDERS, Rhonda Rennee (60) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Locust Street. She was arrested pursuant to 166.4 PC (Violation of a Court Order) and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

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**August 7**  
1:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:45 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

9:55 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road.

4:42 pm: HOUSE, Jonathan Earl (38) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of stalking and threatening bodily injury, and on misdemeanor charges of vandalism.

8:37 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

11:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Street and issued a warning.

**August 8**  
12:37 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

12:59 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Franklin Avenue.

11:00 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of East Hill Road and Sanhedrin Circle.

1:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

6:13 pm: SLAUGHTER, Amy Lynn (46) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Coast Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), and on misdemeanor charges of DUI with blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher, DUI with blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher, second offense within 10 years, hit and run property damage, and violation of probation.

11:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

The rest of  
Claws

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verbally more. He has Down syndrome, so he doesn't verbally communicate. Since starting the program, he has come out of his shell, now vocalizes what he wants and needs, and it's big because he doesn't usually take to strangers. His working with people other than me has really helped him.

"Rowdy just enjoys the chillness of it," said Flint. "It's relaxing for him. He's used to hearing about his brother all the time and this program has allowed him to concentrate on himself. This program has really helped Riley to be able to communicate verbally which helps at school. He can interact with other kids and vocalize what he wants, rather than just grunting at them. He is always excited to come and ride the horses. Rowdy loves it too."

The Willits Rotary Club and Mike Smith,

whose daughter has been in the program and then became a volunteer, have been instrumental in creating the Claws for a Cause event in the past. The current plan, however, is for the STRC Board of Directors to take over the duties going forward, with the help and advisement of Smith and the Rotary Club.

This year, there will be some minor changes in the manner of food service and all servers will be masked to comply with COVID protocols. The popular event, which two years ago brought in over \$80,000, has sold out its 300 plus seats again for a night of lobster, tri tip, appetizers, auctions and camaraderie.

To learn more about the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center or to volunteer, visit their Facebook page.



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For more info about Blaze or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com). For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.



Mariposa Market's  
42nd Anniversary Celebration

Mariposa Market holds its 42nd annual Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 21, from 11 am to 5 pm.

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39th annual Blackberry Festival  
set for August 21, 22 in Covelo

Submitted by the Round Valley Blackberry Festival Committee

The Round Valley Blackberry Festival Committee is busy planning a fun filled weekend for August 21 and 22. The 39th annual festival will take place on the festival grounds in downtown Covelo. Admission is free. No pets are allowed on the festival grounds.

Our Master of Ceremonies Mickey will kick things off at 10 am both days. Be sure to check out the arts and craft vendors as well as community organizations, while enjoying a blackberry slush. We are excited to feature a new T-shirt logo designed by young artist Jen Harness.

Sip a glass of Mendocino County wine as you listen to the various musical groups playing throughout the weekend. On Sunday there will be a car and motorcycle show.

The festival runs from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday. Hope to see you there.

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'The Suicide Squad'

**The Story:** An ornery band of Marvel Comics' malcontents are sent to a Caribbean island to overturn a government and destroy a giant starfish. There are a couple macho guys (Idris Elba, John Cena), a nearly indestructible shark person, a weasel person, and the randomly homicidal (but infinitely precious) Harley Quinn (Margo Robbie), also a colorful gallery of dubious super villains, plus a rat. The action features explosions, graphic blood spatter, startling butchery, beheadings, mass birdicide, a torture interlude, and Harley Quinn singing "I Ain't Got No Body." It's all pretty funny.

**My Thoughts:** It's an adult farce. It's directed with panache. It's entertainment by shock therapy and graphic surprises. Great acting (really). It's pretty much a noisy slaughterhouse where hundreds, maybe thousands are shot, stabbed and smashed, but it's really all in good fun. And besides there's a giant alien starfish, and no one really dies, though it sure looks like a soup-can-size hole in that man's forehead. This celebration of my heretofore barely acknowledged violent dreams, well, it just made my day in the most wonderful way. I left the theater thinking huzzah! and feeling better about the world.

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## Cruisin' Knights

New club gets together every Friday and Saturday night to drive down Main Street in flashy cars and have some late-night fun socializing

William "Billy" James Smith has a dream. It harks back to simpler times, the time of "American Graffiti," when the kids would hop in their vehicles, mostly muscle cars back in the '60s and '70s, cruise the main drag, hang out with friends, patronize the local drive-in eateries, and just generally have fun socializing in an environment of outdoor motor-fueled activity. His memory was of a vital downtown Willits with late-night activities and thriving businesses.

Although it may be impossible to entirely bring back the past, and the realities of adult life may cloud reminisces, Smith believes that encouraging people to get out of their houses with an activity that can involve the entire family as well as others who enjoy interacting with their town folk, can bring back vitality and sociability to the town's weekend evenings and possibly begin a movement toward having a place to go to meet others.

"I grew up here," mused Smith. "I went to kindergarten through second grade at Brookside. I went to Baechtel Grove and then graduated from Willits High School. I went away to the army for 20 years and came back again. I came back to take care of my daddy about eight years ago.

"During that time, my wife got cancer, and passed away yesterday," lamented Smith. "About three or four days before she passed away, I was just sitting on the couch feeling depressed and wanted to think of something to do when I got back to Willits. I have to keep my mind busy. That's when I came up with the idea of having a cruise night."

Newly dubbed, Cruisin' Knights, took a couple weeks of trials to get the formula correct, a time and a place to meet, some structure around which to enjoy each other's vehicles, some muscle cars, motorcycles, four-wheel drives, huge trucks, and anything with a motor that moves.

Some drivers brought their project cars from the '60s and '70s, with original substituted parts, with deeply layered paint jobs or older rusty trucks that have been road-tested for many years. All were happy to talk about what they and their vehicles have been through. The idea was to meet, enjoy each other's cars and stories, and cruise down Main Street en masse a few times and let the town know there was life after nightfall.

A driver named Snoop (for his resemblance to the rapper Snoop Dogg) brought two things he loved, his 1962 deep-green Impala with a new engine and transmission, telescoping hydraulic lifters to raise either the

front or back of the car to dizzying heights, and his son, Cruizito, who always could be found asleep in the back car seat. Two-year-old Cruizito works on cars with his daddy and knows what all the tools do.

John Barney brings either his Harley-Davidson bike or his mysteriously motored white Tesla, on which he opens the front and the back in order to amaze the others with its lack of a visible engine. Engaged couple Ron and Nancy arrive in Ron's Camaro to take part in the cruise down Main Street from the Evergreen Shopping Center to Willits High School.

Rick Hendricks can be seen in his blue 1969 Firebird. Necole Aguilar and her boyfriend, Darren, along with his 11-year-old daughter, Macy, enjoy cruising along in their red Toyota Landcruiser (don't call it a Jeep). Wallace Clark goes big with his huge black Dodge Ram truck. Serena Alley always brings her son, Keenan, in her 1978 Camaro Z-28. Mike Tobin can sometimes be found atop his Harley, as well as members of the United Arms Organization bike club.

Getting into the spirit of the ride, Crystal Madison, who was there with husband Sean, wore a bright yellow '60s party dress. Smith's cousin, Gail Smith, took over organizing when he went on a two-week drive across America, and Paula Paniagua handles much of his social media chores to help get the word out where the group will be meeting.

The original meeting spot was the Evergreen Shopping Center parking lot at the south end of town, but last weekend the group was invited to meet in the parking lot of the Sherwood Casino. Listening to some of the participants, it is easy to see why they enjoy their cruise nights. Young EJ said, "I like the cruise because I get to spend time with my mom and dad. He's a good driver." Necole Aguilar remarked, "I'm really enjoying this. I think it's a great thing for the community. All these young people are enjoying it too, seeing what it's like to get together with people." Wallace Clark doesn't do the late nights but still enjoys getting together, "I stay out with them until about 10 pm. It takes me back to the old days."

The group, now dubbed, Cruisin' Knights, meets every Friday and Saturday night at 8 pm, at either the Evergreen Shopping Center or Sherwood Valley Casino. Details and the current meeting place and other information are available on their Facebook group page: [www.facebook.com/groups/592775378380247](https://www.facebook.com/groups/592775378380247). Whether someone wishes to make a twice-weekly event of it or just wants to go once in a while, the Cruisin' Knights will welcome them, no matter what kind of car they drive (even an occasional Kia).



At top, left: Trucks, cars and motorcycles take part in the twice-weekly event. At top, right: Serena Alley and her son, Keenan, enjoy the camaraderie of the twice-weekly rides in their 1978 Z-28 Camaro. Above, left: Notable Willits songstress Necole Aguilar and Macy ride in Darren's Landcruiser. Above, right: John Barney will either ride his hybrid motorcycle or his Tesla, which he opens to show the lack of an engine at either end.

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At far left: Three members of the United Arms Organization plan to ride with the group from the Evergreen Shopping Center parking lot. At left: Snoop has his car tricked out with layers of green paint and a hydraulic system to lift the front and back. Below, left: Nancy and Ron are regular riders on Cruisin' Knights. Below, right: Crystal Madison with her husband, Sean, dresses the part for the cruising night. At bottom: About 30 cars show up for the first night at Sherwood Casino.



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Submitted by Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency

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Above, from left: Michael Foley and Sara Grusky of Green Uprising Farm peer at the puddle of water that used to be a large pool at this time of year. "It's never been this low," Grusky lamented. The couple is making changes to meet this crisis and continue farming. These raspberry plants were the first to have the water shut off. The green ones in the closer rows are Foley's "secret plants" that he continued to water on the side. Sara Grusky is found smiling and watering the pole beans, which were one of the first garden plots that didn't get watered for a few days while the farmers decided what plants to keep and which to let go.



Above, left: Michael Foley scoops out fat solids that will drain off the whey and then be pressed to make goat cheese and goat-milk paneer for Indian dishes. Above, right: The whimsical Green Uprising Farm sign is seen on East Hill Road out of Willits. Just across the driveway is their farm stand where you can purchase their fresh produce. Below: Michael Foley keeps a daily water-usage chart in order to keep track of usage and how well plants are doing in the different zones on Green Uprising Farm.

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# Water Woes

## Green Uprising Farm is forced to deal with climate change and drought as their irrigation source nearly runs dry

"Did you tell Ree I really don't want to talk about water?" Sara Grusky asked of her husband, Michael Foley, as they both laughed. This reporter was visiting their Little Lake Valley farm to get an in-depth perspective around how they're dealing with the severe lack of that precious resource, water, since late June.

Grusky continued, "When I think about how, for the past 14 years, our lives are intertwined with our plants. And when your lives are intertwined with plants and you live in California growing plants in the summertime, you are intertwined with irrigation and water."

"There has not been a season in the last three years that we haven't had impact from climate change – whether it's wildfire or drought," Grusky said in an earlier interview.

This excerpt, copied from a letter to the Willits community, explains their situation. It was handed out at the July 29 farmers market: "This is difficult for us to acknowledge. But, we want to share with you that the creek bed below our farm is almost dry. We saw that the pools were shrinking and did not monitor our water usage in time. Due to the drought, perhaps there was nothing we could have done to stop the draining of our usually reliable pool of water, short of stopping pumping, which we now have done.

"Upstream and downstream from us, Davis Creek still exists, although the water does not appear to be moving. Davis Creek has been the only source of agricultural water for our farm. All of us who live here have a very special relationship to our creek, and yet we have harmed it and the plants and creatures who lived around it.

"We want to share this with you, our friends and supporters," the letter continues, "because we believe honesty and transparency are essential to help us all grow, change, learn and understand how better to cope with these times of drought and climate change that we are facing."

The farm has a legal water diversion from the state water board for Davis Creek flow. In the letter they write: "But, that is just bureaucratic procedure which has nothing to do with the reality on the ground. The reality we are facing is

that all of our ecosystems are disrupted and in crisis due to drought, wildfires and climate change. And, there is the increasing stress on our water table due to the bigger and bigger cannabis grows that are moving into Mendocino County."

The farm used about 3,000 to 4,000 gallons daily to keep plants lush and healthy. When the pool was drying up, they were devastated and knew they had to implement drastic changes right then.

They discontinued drawing water and changed overhead sprinkler systems to drip – an amazing savings of 60 to 75 percent of their water usage. They turned off water to about six garden rows of various sizes and determined which ones they could cut back on or carefully hand water. They were already reusing the water from the produce wash station, buckets of water collected under any leaks, dishwater, "And we're not planting, planting, planting like we've done up until now," Foley said.

Other mitigations include applying for a grant for creek restoration through Trout Unlimited and Mendocino County Resource Conservation District. The belief is that by raising the water level in the creek, it will contribute to raising the water table.

During this emotionally charged crisis, the couple finds insights and lightness. They recently revealed to one another about "secret plants" they were still giving water to, unknown to one another.

"We feel guilty about continuing to water them. We should let them die but just can't," Grusky admitted. For the herbalist side of Grusky, she decided to keep watering Bidens pilosa and Sida – both are powerful immune-support herbs. Her husband has been keeping some of the raspberries his daughter and their farming copartner, Allegra Foley, planted.

Grusky talked about her thoughts that arise while hand-watering each day, "What I reflect on as I water plants or decide not to water them, is how our daily lives and

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CASE NUMBER 21PR00126

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of AGNES HENZC.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Steve F. Hencz, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Steve F. Hencz, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: August 13, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: E, of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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Attorney for petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, Neary and O'Brien, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits CA 95490, Telephone: 707-459-5551  
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSEPH HAROLD HILL

CASE NO. 21PR00125

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of JOSEPH HAROLD HILL.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Taylor William Drew in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Taylor William Drew be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone: (707) 459-5551.  
Publication Dates: 07/29, 08/5, 08/12/2021

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PROJECT NO. 2021-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:

The work shown on the project plans entitled:

**CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS**

For:

**California-Penn Water Main Replacement Project - Project No. 2021-01**

The work for this project includes replacement of approximately 713 linear feet of existing water main with new 6" C-900 pipe, installation of new water services and meters, installation of one fire hydrant, installation of new 6" gate valves, restoration of concrete sidewalks, and trench paving.

**IN**

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &

The work described in specifications books entitled:

CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS  
CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET  
CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET

For:

**California-Penn Water Main Replacement Project - Project No. 2021-01**

**IN**

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California **will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on September 7th 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.**

**THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$322,000.00**

Interested bidders should contact the City at 707-459-4605 \*1 in order to obtain a complete copy of the Bid Book, Proposal Packet, Award Packet, Contract, General Provisions, Special Provisions, and Project Plans:

A non-refundable fee of \$40.00 will be collected for each set that is obtained from the City of Willits.

Plans and specifications are also available for review at the following Builders Exchange offices:

**Construction Bidboard (Ebidboard)**  
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San Diego, CA 92130  
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Email: support@ebidboard.com  
Website: www.ebidboard.com

**Dodge Data & Analytics**  
830 Third Avenue, 6th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
Phone: 877-784-9556  
Email: support@construction.com  
Website: www.construction.com

**Humboldt Builders Exchange**  
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1030 Apollo Way  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407  
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707-542-2027  
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CITY OF WILLITS: s/Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk  
DATED: 08/02/2021  
Publication Dates: August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2021

### AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SANDRA HARTMAN

CASE NO. 21PR00130

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: SANDRA HARTMAN

A Petition for Probate has been filed by SARAH O'ROURKE in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that SARAH O'ROURKE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: August 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

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Attorney for Petitioner: MARGARITA S. RICE, ESQ., CARTER RICH PC, 305 N. Main Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Telephone: 707-462-6694  
Publication Dates: August 5, 12 and 19, 2021

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Big Sale

Agape Thrift Store Big Sale, Saturday, August 14, 9 am to 3 pm, 354 North Main St. 30% off total purchase price.

### Big Yard Sale

Big Yard Sale at 957 Birch Road on Saturday, August 14, from 9 am to 4 pm, and on Sunday, August 15, from 10 am to 4 pm. A lot to pick from!

### Computer Help

Need help with your computer? PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email uicearhail@gmail.com

### Firewood for Sale

1 true cord of 16-inch dry firewood, \$300 and up. Will deliver. Call 459-2868.

### For Rent

1 Bedroom Studio Apt. In Willits at Private Residence. \$875.00 month plus Last, \$1000.00 Security Deposit. Proof of Employment Required. No Smoking or Drugs. Water & Garbage Paid. Phone 972-7075.

### Freezer Empty? We can help!

Due to health concerns in Mendocino County, John Ford Ranch will be taking meat box orders (not individual package orders) for pick-up: Rancher's Choice Box - 50 pounds: steaks, roasts, and ground beef. Still \$325 (\$6.50 per pound). Hamburger Box: 25 pound box of hamburger in 1 or 1.5 pound packages: \$150. Natural ranch-raised grass fed beef, no hormones or antibiotics. Call 459-5193 to arrange pick-up. Leave a message, and we'll call back.

### Fruit Group

PESTICIDE FREE: Freestone Peaches & Nectarines Yellow & White 24lbs \$33; Roma & Regular Tomatoes 30lbs \$34; Pluots 26lbs \$34; and Bartlett Pears 24lbs \$27. August 12 & 26. Brenda 459-9335 or 485-4294 email thefruitgroup95490@yahoo.com

### Gleaners Update

Willits Grateful Gleaners harvest fruit to share with people in need. If you have extra or if you are willing to help, call (707) 367-7391.

### Gym Yard Sale

Giant Gym Yard Sale – Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley (across from the Broiler). Saturday, August 14 – 8 am to 4 pm only.

### Help Wanted

Outreach Worker. Earn as you learn. \$15/Hour. 32 Hours Weekly. Send resume to wsidirector@willitssejorcenter.com (please include 3 references) or pick up job application at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, or call Richard Baker at 459-6826 for more information

### Help Wanted

Community Wellness-Healthy Mendocino Program Recruiting for Mendocino County: Healthy Mendocino is hiring a part time Project Coordinator to improve community health by engaging communities; maintaining the website; and coordinating outreach efforts. The work is county-wide with an office in Ukiah or Fort Bragg. May be eligible for hybrid/ remote hours. To learn more and For full job description details & required employment application visit the NCO jobs page, https://www.ncinc.org/about-us/jobs/ or call (707)467-3200 ext 302 or 331

### Help Wanted

North Coast Opportunities: Head Start Child Development Program Recruiting for Willits: Associate Teacher I-II, Preschool Classroom \$ 14.58- \$ 16.65/hr DOQ. Bilingual Preferred. Lead Teacher I-II, Preschool Classroom \$ 14.58- \$ 16.65/hr DOQ. Bilingual Preferred. For full job description details & required application form visit www.ncinc.org/about-us/jobs/ or 707-467-3200 Open until filled. EOE

### RV/Trailer Space for Rent

Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Tony (707) 510-5895. See at "http://www.oaknvine.net/lp"

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## Roots of Motive Power's 39th annual Steam Festival set for September 11, 12

**By Alexis Rutherford England,  
for Roots of Motive Power**

Roots of Motive Power volunteers just finished up their annual Steam Safety Class this past weekend, and we are all ready for the 39th Annual Steam Festival.

This class is normally held the 1st week in April. We had to shuffle around our normal schedule of classes this year because of COVID. It's a lot hotter around these steam engines in August, but our volunteers braved the heat to teach and learn steam safety.

The advanced class ran the Heisler Locomotive both days, and the beginning and intermediate classes spent their afternoons in the Ohio Crane Locomotive and with the Willamette Steam Donkey. There aren't very many places out there where you can get hands-on live steam experience, and Roots prides itself on being one of them.

Every year, the weekend after Labor Day, Roots holds its two-day Steam Festival. This year the dates are September 11 and 12, from 10 am to 4 pm. Free as always.

During our festival we run every piece of equipment in our yard that works, and we can find operators for. You can usually see double header locomotives on the track, the Bucyrus Erie 50B steam shovel, antique tractors, Mack trucks, steam-powered road rollers, and much more. Saturday after the festival we will have our BBQ, live music, Northspur Brewing Company beer, local wines, and an auction. On the menu is tri tip, pork roasts, lamb, bean, salads and bread.

The auction is Roots' only fundraiser every year. This helps us pay for operating costs to continually bring free events to the community. Sunday there will also be steam printing in the park from 11 am to 2 pm.

The Mendocino County Museum will offer extended hours, 11 am to 4 pm, Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12 in conjunction with the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival. View current exhibit "Wonacott the Photographer in Your Town" and new additions to "A Collector's Journey." Enjoy FREE admission both days!

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identities are integrated. It's a very deep and complicated relationship we have with these plants. They're our food and medicine. We take care of them and they feed us and delight us."

To quote the last paragraph from their letter to the community: "Meanwhile, here on the farm, we are living with the day-to-day heartbreak of deciding which plants live and which plants die. All of these plants are our friends and companions and the delight of our summer is to watch them grow and develop.

"Even though it doesn't really make

financial sense," the letter continues, "we are purchasing water to try to keep some of our plants alive. We are not sure what the path forward looks like. But, we are committed to being a community farm, so we know that the path forward must include perspectives and participation from our community of friends and supporters.

"We also know that the deepest form of food security will require us to learn from the indigenous people and local plants of this place and include in our diet the foods that love



**Above: Volunteers at Roots of Motive Power's annual Steam Safety Class on Saturday. At left: Roots Trainmaster Chris Baldo takes the helm of his Heisler Locomotive.**



## "Mousey" Clatty

August 27, 1952 -  
July 2, 2021



With much sadness, our sister Mercedes "Mousey" Lynn Clatty passed away on July 2, 2021 in Nice, California.

Mousey was born on August 27, 1952 in Santa Rosa, California. She attended elementary and high school in Willits and continued her studies at Butte College in 1970-71 near her Grandmother's beautiful ranch in the foothills of Paradise, California.

Mousey's love of horses led her to become Sweetheart of the Willits Frontier Days in 1969, and she was runner-up in the California Rodeo Queen Competition the following year. She was loved by her many students in Willits to whom she gave riding lessons over the years. Many Willits residents remember her for her knowledge of horses and the soft spot in her heart for animals, especially her little Chihuahua, "Taco."

Mousey is preceded in death by her mother Ethel Clatty-Turner, father Mel Clatty Sr., and her sisters Sharon Moody and Jan Rickey. She is survived by her sister Leah Oberdorf and her brothers Mel Clatty Jr. and John Clatty, as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



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**Sparetime Supply**  
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**Wednesday 8/11/2021 through**  
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**This event is closed to the general public and entry to the park will not be permitted without prior authorization**

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old Ukiah woman had been confirmed as Mendocino County's 53rd death.

"At this time," the notice stated: "Public Health asks all Mendocino County residents to exercise caution when placing themselves in situations that could expose them to COVID-19, especially considering the new more infectious Delta variant. Mendocino County Public Health asks that you follow all CDC and CDPH guidances at this time. Vaccination, masking and social distancing remain the best options for combating the COVID-19 virus."

New data posted by Mendocino County Public Health this week continues to show a rising number of COVID cases around the county. The Tuesday, August 10 Public Health update (one day's data) reported 53 new confirmed cases of COVID in Mendocino County, bringing the total of current active cases to 340, with 10 currently hospitalized, and 9 in area intensive care units. The daily case rate is up to 32.63 (7 day average, 7 day lag).

As of the August 10 data, 321 COVID patients are currently in isolation, up from 140 as of the August 3 data. Of those 321 currently in isolation, 187 are in the Ukiah area (up from 98 in the August 3 data); 74 are in the North County area, including Willits (up from 29); 40 are in the North Coast area (up from 7); 162 are in the South Coast area (up from 5); and 200 are in the South County area (up from 1).

#### Upcoming COVID vaccination, testing dates

Mendocino County Public Health posts upcoming COVID testing opportunities and vaccination clinics on its COVID-19 webpage.

Upcoming vaccination opportunities include:

August 13: Ukiah Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Building. 9 am to 1 pm and 2 to 4 pm. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available. (Parent or Legal Guardian must print and sign a consent form for minors for Pfizer vaccine). Walk Up Only. (No Appointment Needed)

August 14: Mendocino Coast Clinics, 205 South Street, Fort Bragg. 10 am to 3 pm. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available. (Parent or Legal Guardian must print and sign a consent form for minors for Pfizer vaccine). Drive Thru Clinic. Clinic Parking Lot

August 15: Ukiah Concerts in the Park, Todd Grove Park, 600 Live Oak Avenue. 5 to 8 pm. Pfizer and Moderna 1st/2nd doses available. (Parent or Legal Guardian must print and sign a consent form for minors for Pfizer vaccine). Walk Up Only. (No Appointment Needed)

Upcoming COVID testing opportunities include:

August 13: Round Valley Library, 23925 Howard Street, Covelo. 9 am to 12 noon. Hosted by OptumServe. Walk-ins welcome. You can pre-register at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

August 13: Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits. 2 to 5 pm. Hosted by OptumServe. Walk-ins welcome. You can pre-register at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

August 27: Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. 9 am to 12 noon. Hosted by OptumServe. Walk-ins welcome. You can pre-register at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

Ukiah Fairgrounds: Each week, Saturday-Thursdays, 9 am to 5 pm (Closed from 1 to 2 pm for lunch). 1055 North State Street, Ukiah. Hosted by OptumServe. Walk-ins welcome. You can pre-register at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

Information from the County of Mendocino's COVID webpage, <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus>

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old Avertano Diaz-Martinez of Modesto were transporting two male juveniles ages 15 and 16 for the purpose of forced labor at a marijuana cultivation site.

Subsequent to an on-scene investigation, Francisco, Sumano-Casillas, and Diaz-Martinez were booked into the Mendocino County Jail.

They were all booked on felony charges of 236.1(a) PC, Human Trafficking to Obtain Forced Labor or Serve, and felony charges of 273a(a) PC – Child Endangerment, Cruelty to a Child-Inflict Injury. The three were each held on \$25,000 bail.

The juveniles were turned over to the County of Mendocino Child Protective Services.

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his FFA Reserve Champion Lamb to Rocking B Ranch; Gunner Globe of the Willits FFA sold his hog to Dominic Grossi and won sixth in market; Ivan Estrada of the Willits 4-H sold his Reserve Supreme Goat/4-H Champion Goat to Healing Herb Farms; Jace Kroh of the Willits FFA sold his hog to JD Redhouse & Company and won fourth place in market and sixth place in showmanship.

John Michael Kale of the Willits FFA sold his goat to 101 Trailer & RV Supply and won fourth place in market and in showmanship; Kaleb Whitehurst of the Willits 4-H sold his hog to Sparetime Supply, Inc.; Katie Roach of the Willits 4-H/Fort Bragg 4-H sold her steer to 101 Trailer & RV Supply; Logan Sanderson of the Willits FFA sold his hog to EKR Electric and won eighth place in market; Madison Forrester of the Willits FFA sold her lamb to Rocking B Ranch and won first place in her market class and second place in showmanship; Mariah Ochoa of the Willits FFA sold her goat to Adams Tire of Willits & Fort Bragg and won first place in market and third place in showmanship.

Samantha Arms of the Willits FFA sold her lamb to Peterson Tractor and won second place in market and fourth in showmanship; Tanner Dudley of the Willits 4-H sold his hog to Les Schwab Tire Center Willits; Tessa Klee of the Willits 4-H sold her goat to Geiger's Long Valley Market; Tessa Simpson of the Willits 4-H sold her hog to 101 Trailer & RV Supply; Tinley Logan of the Willits 4-H sold her goat to Paul Riley Drywall; Walker Klee of the Willits FFA sold his steer to B&B Industrial and won fourth place in market; Wyatt Klee of the Willits 4-H sold his hog to Scarlett Meat Co.; and Zeontrey Henson of the Willits FFA sold his hog to Sparetime Supply, Inc. and won fourth place in market.

The supervisors asked that most of that freed-up money go towards generators for local libraries to serve as gathering centers during power shutoffs and other emergencies.

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Mendocino County's Department of Transportation will be receiving about \$1.4 million for "road and bridge repairs," and just over \$1 million for "road resurfacing & widening Eastside Potter Valley Road."

*Results provided by Carrie Oliver*

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close contacts and others without any symptoms can transmit this virus.

"In addition, Mendocino County has stalled in its vaccination rate, with only 53.8 percent of the total population fully vaccinated, as of August 4, 2021. Since April 17, 2021, the county's seven-day average of COVID-19 daily case rate increased from 2.4 new cases per 100,000 residents per day to 19.4 cases per 100,000 residents per day, as of July 27 2021.

"Transmission is particularly widespread among the county's unvaccinated population. Hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients have also increased, from a seven-day average of 1-2 patients in county hospitals in May 2021, to a seven-day average of 15 patients in county hospitals as of August 2, 2021."

The order continues: "The three COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the U.S. have been shown to be highly safe and extremely effective at providing protection to individuals and communities, particularly against severe COVID-19 disease and death, and are recommended by the CDC for all populations for whom the vaccine is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"The Health Officer strongly recommends that all eligible persons in Mendocino County be vaccinated against COVID-19.

"On July 27, 2021, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidance for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>).

"CDC recommends that fully vaccinated persons wear a mask in public indoor settings. On July 28, 2021 CDPH aligned its Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings with the CDC and recommends universal masking in public indoor settings statewide (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>).

"CDC and CDPH also endorsed that fully vaccinated people at higher risk for COVID-19 infection, as well as unvaccinated and not fully vaccinated persons consider wearing a mask in non-public indoor settings. Household

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agencies slated to receive at least \$1 million include the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, the Coastal Valley Emergency Medical Services, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the Mendocino County Department of Transportation, the Community Foundation, the Resource Conservation District, and the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District.

In addition, various "Mendocino County Facilities & Information Services" will be receiving quite a bit of money, including \$1.5 million going towards microwave radio communications infrastructure.

The Redwood Valley area, where the 2017 fire took place, was perhaps the biggest winner in terms of receiving settlement money.

The Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District department will be receiving a new \$1 million "type 1 structure fire truck," a \$500,000 "type 3 wildland truck," \$95,000 to help with ongoing clean-up efforts for the 2017 fire and 2020 storm, \$100,000 for a new "2 bedroom modular," and \$135,000 for "4 warning sirens and poles."

The Redwood Valley Fire District will also be receiving \$500,000 for new fire hydrants and \$150,000 for special locks on them to prevent water theft – though the board agreed to move the funding for that to a separate grant, freeing up more money from the settlement to be spent on other endeavors.

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transmission and small gatherings are major drivers of COVID-19 transmission in Mendocino County.

"Universal indoor use of face coverings, also known as masking, is the least disruptive and most immediately impactful additional measure to take. This order is part of a strategy to support the continued operations of businesses, activities and schools.

"As of this date, the Health Officer strongly believes that schools can and should reopen in full for in-person classes for all grades at the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year.

"The Health Officer will continue to assess the public health situation as it evolves and may modify this Order, or issue additional Orders, related to COVID-19, as changing circumstances dictate."

The order continues with more details about the face covering requirement, and some exemptions, below:

This Order directs that face coverings shall be worn, regardless of vaccination status, over the mouth and nose, (exemptions below) in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and workplaces, such as, but not limited to: offices, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters, family entertainment centers, schools, daycares, and State and local government offices serving the public.

Acceptable face coverings include a cloth mask (of 2 or more layers of tightly woven cloth), a hospital grade, or N95 or KN95 mask. Additionally, a face shield covering above the eyes to below the chin, with a bib tucked into the shirt or blouse would be acceptable for those who cannot tolerate a mask, including some of those listed below under "Exemptions." Though not prohibited, bandannas, gators, balaclavas are not adequately protective.

Operators of Indoor Public Settings: Governmental entities, businesses, venue operators, hosts, and others responsible for the operation of indoor public settings must:

a. Require all employees, contractors, visitors, and patrons to wear face coverings for all indoor settings, regardless of their vaccination status; and

b. Post clearly visible and easy-to-read signage at all entry points for indoor settings to communicate the masking requirements to all patrons.

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The county's Resource Conservation District will be receiving \$500,000 for hazardous tree removal, and another \$500,000 for "fire restoration road improvements."

The Brooktrails Fire Department will be getting \$120,000 to fund "Polaris UTV Side-by-side Rescue Vehicles," and the Potter Valley Fire Department will be receiving more than \$400,000 for a new fire engine and other equipment.

The plan on how to spend the money came after many hours of testimony from various groups around the county speaking at board meetings as to why they should receive some of the settlement money.

A chart was then produced by county staff showing which funding requests had been supported by a majority of the supervisors in the discussions.

There were some additions made at the August 3 meeting prior to the approval of the plan, boosting the total spending by about \$1 million.

Following a request by Third District Supervisor John Haschak, the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council was allocated \$120,000 of "basic operations" cost for the next five years, rather than just one year as was laid out.

The Fire Safe Council also received one time payouts of \$650,000 for "defensible space assistance," and \$150,000 for a "community chipper program."

Another change following a request by First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty, was to allocate a little more than \$30,000 to Potter Valley Community Parks & Recreation towards a water well and pump, and to provide a safe space for "evacuated livestock" in emergency events.

In addition, the board agreed to allocate \$15,000 to "county cultural responsiveness on tribal lands," following a suggestion from Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren.

A governmental entity, business owner, or operator may, to the extent authorized by law, refuse admission or service to any customer or visitor who fails to wear facial coverings. In addition, those responsible for indoor public settings are strongly encouraged to provide face coverings at no cost to individuals required to wear them.

A "business" for purposes of this Order includes any for-profit, non-profit, religious or educational entity, whether a corporate entity, organization, partnership or sole proprietorship, and regardless of the nature of the service, the function it performs, or its corporate or entity structure.

Exemptions from face covering requirements: Individuals are not required to wear face coverings in the following circumstances:

a. Persons who are working alone in a closed office or room;

b. Persons who are actively eating and/or drinking;

c. Persons while swimming or showering in a fitness facility;

d. Persons who are receiving care or other service that requires removal of the face covering, including by way of example and without limitation, medical care requiring exposure of the nose or mouth, cosmetic services involving the head or face, and dental procedures;

e. Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face coverings pursuant to other CDPH guidance. The State Face Covering Guidance exempts the following individuals from wearing masks:

I. Persons younger than 2 years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.

II. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask, including persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.

III. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

IV. Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work.

The supervisors were in agreement that it was a good idea to save the last \$3 million of settlement money in case they need it for an upcoming emergency.

"We definitely want to have a reserve because we're not running out of disasters in Mendocino County," said Mulheren.

One possibility discussed for spending that emergency money that could be coming soon is getting water to the town of Mendocino and others nearby within the next few months, since they are quickly running out due to the drought.

The latest plan there, according to Supervisor McGourty, is to truck water from somewhere in the Ukiah area to the coast. Though Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams said he was told by a water trucker that such a plan would increase the cost of water from 2 cents per gallon up to 35 cents per gallon due to transporting costs.

The county is hoping to receive money from the state or federal government to help solve the crisis, but have not been assured yet that this will happen.

A CalFire investigation into the Redwood Complex Fire found that vegetation coming into contact with PG&E equipment was the cause of it, along with several other fires that year in northern California.

The Redwood Fire burned 36,523 acres, destroyed 545 structures, killed nine people, and injured 43 according to the CalFire report.

While there were more than \$25 million of requests for settlement money that were put in the category of "not funded at this time" by county staff, Board Chair Dan Gjerde believed that the money they did allocate is going to be very helpful for the county moving forward.

"I think we're going to see a lot of positive constructive things happen with these funds in Mendocino County for decades to come," he said.





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