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Local
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public
records

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Over the last couple of weeks challenges have continued to be brought against a new county ordinance enacted by the board of supervisors on July 12, which charges fees of up to \$150 per hour to those requesting public records for the county staff time to fulfill the requests.

The First Amendment Coalition wrote an open letter to County Counsel Christian Curtis on August 29 saying the ordinance is "unlawful" and in violation of the California Public Records Act. It cited several legal cases and precedents to back up that claim.

The letter was written and signed by the group's Legal Director David Loy.

In Loy's letter he described the FAC as "a nonprofit public interest organization dedicated to advancing free speech, more open and accountable government, and public participation in civic affairs".

In addition, Kate Maxwell, publisher and co-founder of the Mendocino Voice, wrote an open letter to the county on August 31 in opposition to the ordinance.

The letter was co-signed by more than two dozen supporters, largely from the journalism community. For transparency, I'll let you know that I've asked Maxwell to be among that list of co-signers.

Others who co-signed the letter include Kym Kemp of Red-Headed Blackbelt, Matt LaFever of Mendo Fever, Chris Pugh of the

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Traffic stop leads to arrest

By Sgt. James Wells, for MCSO

On Thursday, September 1, at 10:41 pm, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a vehicle code violation. The vehicle stopped on Meadowbrook Drive near Della Avenue in Willits.

The driver was contacted and identified as William Young, 34, of Willits. The deputy conducted a records check on Young and was advised his driver's license was suspended and he was on formal probation with a term "obey all laws."

The deputy further noticed Young was displaying signs and symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. After

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Above, from left: Angela Gessner, owner of The Cheesecakery, uses her Instapot to make the cheesecakes. Blueberry and lemon is a classic and beautiful color and flavor combination. No-bake cheesecake parfaits are available in 12 ounce and 4 ounce sizes. Have a special flavor request? That's no problem for The Cheesecakery, this pineapple upside-down cheesecake parfait was created at the request of Howard Hospital, one of her clients. Below: With a simple order, this fresh-berry topped cheesecake could be yours!



Cheesecakery

Angela Gessner bakes - and no-bakes - a large variety of delicious cheesecakes

Like many of us did in March 2020, during the beginning of the pandemic, Willits' Angela Gessner started looking for a new hobby to pass the time. Purchasing an Instapot, Gessner joined some Facebook groups to gain inspiration for her new kitchen gadget.

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What she didn't realize at the time was that two years later, her new-found hobby would turn into a full blown business: The Cheesecakery.

"I saw on one of the groups that someone said you can bake a cheesecake in the Instapot," said Gessner. "I couldn't believe that was possible, but I tried it out anyway and was amazed at how good it was, especially for being so easy!"

Gessner posted a photo of the creation online, and soon after a friend asked her to make a cheesecake for them, too. Gessner agreed, making them just for the cost of ingredients for friends, but as the orders kept coming in, she decided it was time to make things official.

Gessner filed for permits and licensees through the city and county and started baking in the Little Lake Grange's commercial kitchen, allowing her to advertise her services and sell commercially to individuals, and business

Currently, her business Facebook page, The Cheesecakery, has 1,142

Read the rest of Cheesecakery

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At top: Gender reveal cheesecakes are a fun way to announce a new arrival. Above: Angela Gessner did her own reveal this way for herself and husband, Nicholas, who are expecting "the newest little cheesecake baker" in February 2023. He will join siblings Oscar, 7, Hazel, 5, and Ellie, 4. Below: The Cheesecakery offers approximately 30 flavors of cheesecake options, including Caramel Apple Pie, Orange Creamsicle, Mint Chocolate Chip, Nutella, Funfetti, Peanut Butter Cup, Pistachio, White Chocolate Raspberry, and more. See their full menu on Facebook under "The Cheesecakery."

Photos courtesy of The Cheesecake



Below, right: Angela Gessner uses fresh ingredients that she stores in the large walk-in fridge in the commercial kitchen in the Little Lake Grange. Below, left: Blueberries are carefully placed alongside other fresh berries on the ganache-topped cheesecake.





Walker Fire flares up Tuesday

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The Walker Fire in the Willits Watershed south of town flared up late Tuesday afternoon, sending up plumes of smoke, on a record-setting day of heat around Northern California.

The flare-up, reported at 3:59 pm on September 6, drew a big response with air attack and ground resources.

CAL FIRE Tankers 85, 86, 90, 91, and 96 were all working the flare-up from above, as were fire-fighting helicopters, and numerous ground resources from CAL FIRE and local volunteer firefighting departments.

Talk on the scanner turned to releasing resources by around 6 pm Tuesday. CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit reported in their 7 pm update that "fire activity has moderated," and also that "ground resources will remain at scene throughout the night."

"Very receptive fuels in brush, grass, and timber understory," the update noted.

The Watch Duty app reported "forward progress has stopped" on the flare-up at 9:09 pm.

As per CAL FIRE MEU's

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Tuesday's heat broke records

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It was a record-breaking day for heat in California on Tuesday, September 6, after only a slightly less sweltering Monday. The National Weather Service announced Ukiah broke its official all-time heat record Tuesday, with 117 degrees, 2 degrees higher than the previous record of 115 degrees set on September 3, 1955.

It was 116 in downtown Sacramento Tuesday at 5:18 pm – hotter than the previous record of 114 degrees set in July 17, 1925.

And at 115 degrees, Santa Rosa broke its previous official heat record of 113 set on July 11, 1913.

With some Willits area temperatures reported as 112 degrees or higher, did Willits break a heat record? Well, it's hard to say, as the National Weather Service Eureka no longer reports official temperatures for Willits. The "current conditions" report for Willits used to come from the old Willits Justice Center on East Commercial Street, but some years ago that changed.

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

Sending out a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Lions Club Little Lake Blues & Brews on Saturday.

It was wonderful to witness our community having fun eating, drinking and dancing.

In the process of having fun, you are further supporting your community, as all proceeds from the event go back into supporting projects and associations in your community.

Furthermore, a big thank you goes to the fantastic music provided by Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings and Blue Luke & Friends.

Barbara Holmes, for the Willits Lions Club

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, September 8: Beef Tips & Noodles, Green Salad, Roll

Friday, September 9: Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Pickle

Monday, September 12: Ortega Chicken Sandwich, Carrot Salad, Chips

Tuesday, September 13: Lasagna w/Meat Sauce,

Garlic Bread, Green Salad Wednesday, September 14: Chicken Tacos, Rice

Thursday, September 15: Baked Chicken Stuffing w/

Gravy, Green Salad, Roll Friday, September 16: Country Fried Steak, Mashed

Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie, Biscuit 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

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

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

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WTC holds

endorsement event

Willits Teachers Association is holding a "Meet the Candidates Night" and endorsement event to introduce the candidates for Willits Unified School Board to Willits educators and to engage in a 15-minute Q&A session.

This event will be held at the Willits High School Media Center on Thursday, September 8, at 5 pm.

The WTA Meet the Candidates Night will be open to all members of the local community including local media. Audience members may attend in person, on zoom, or view a recording for up to 24 hours after the event has ended.

We will open voting up for our membership to decide whether or not they would like to endorse each

Requirements for endorsement:

Attend the WTA Meet the Candidates Night.

 A simple majority of WTA voters (more than 50%) vote yes to endorse you. This is done on a candidateby-candidate basis.

· Up to three candidates may be endorsed if the membership so chooses.

 If more than three are selected for endorsement. a maximum of three candidates shall be endorsed to be determined by the highest amount of votes won.

• Written answers to the questions below, which will be shared with membership/media

1. Please provide us with a brief summary of vour background: education, length of time in the community, etc.

Why do you think we should consider you for an endorsement? 3. What do you believe to be the most pressing problems facing this district? What is your plan to

2. Why are you a candidate for the school board?

address these problems? Thank you very much to the candidates for volunteering your time to run for this very important position that affects the education of our students and the working conditions of our educators. We very

much look forward to meeting you and hearing what

you have to say about the issues.

- Brandon Ludwig, president, Willits Teachers Association, brandonludwig@willitsunified

WELL forum: 'Our Energy Future'

Willits Economic Localization presents a Zoom forum, "Our Energy Future: Save Money / Save the Climate," on Thursday, September 22, from 6:30 to

• Geof Syphers, CEO of Sonoma Clean Power

 Keith Rutledge, REDI (Renewable Energy) Development Institute)

Jonathan McChesney, Radiant Solar Technology,

The zoom link is http://tinyurl.com/WELL-Energy-

For more info or access options, contact Madge at mstrong@willitsonline.com or 707-459-1493.

2022 Patriot's Day Ceremony

Each year, American Legion Post 174 has conducted a "Remembrance" ceremony honoring local firefighters, law enforcement and first responders, and commemorating the valiant efforts that occurred

This year the Post will conduct a brief ceremony on Sunday, September 11 at 10 am at the Little Lake Firehouse at 74 East Commercial Street. The ceremony is expected to last 20 minutes.

Please join us as we pay tribute to those who died and those who gave so much on that "day of infamy" and the following days.

Note: Seating is not provided due to the brevity of the ceremony.

- American Legion Post 174

County shelter overwhelmed with spay/neuter applications

Posted by the Mendocino County Animal Shelter

On September 2, the Mendocino County Animal Shelter announced on Facebook they would no longer be accepting applications for spay or neuter services through the shelter or the Care-A-Van, or even taking any more names on their wait list.

"Due to numerous variables the Animal Care Services Clinic and Care-A-Van at this time are not in a position to accept any more spay & neuter applications nor set any future surgery appointments for animal owners needing a spay or neuter surgery

"This does NOT mean operations have stopped at either location," the post explained. "However, wait lists are currently at an excess of 4 to 5 months wait time, and we simply cannot keep up with the volume of people who are wanting to schedule services.

"We cannot add any more people to the wait list at this time as the list quickly becomes unmanageable, and we cannot guarantee that people will receive a

"For any updates, please keep an eye on the "Mendocino County Animal Shelter" page on Facebook, and on our website https://www. mendocinocounty.org/government/animal-careservices/clinic-low-cost-spay-neuter

"We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time."

Senior Center

Harrah Senior Center invites all to their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 11, from 8 to 11 am, at 1501 Baechtel Road.

Outdoor Dining is available; prices are \$8 for adults. \$7 for Senior Center members, and \$6 for children

Menu includes 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them (choice of sausage or bacon); 2. Biscuits & Gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them; 3. Meat sides: 3 slices Bacon or 3 Sausage

Pancake Breakfast

Call the Senior Center at 707-459-6826 for more

Seeking nominations for 2022 Art Champion Awards

Submitted by Alyssum Wier, Arts Council of Mendocino County

The Arts Council of Mendocino County is now seeking nominations from the community for the 19th Annual Mendocino County Art Champion Awards. Art Champion Awards will be made in the following four categories: Business Champion for the Arts; Individual Champion for the Arts; Artist Champion; and Educational Champion.

Nominations are due by Friday, September 16. The awards will be presented before the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in October. A public reception to honor the Art Champions will immediately follow the awards presentation.

The Art Champion awards are annually presented in October to coincide with National Arts and Humanities Month. National Arts and Humanities Month is a coast-

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Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held on a No Bail

status due to the probation

Editor's Note: According

to the Mendocino County

Jail Booking Log, Young was

released on September 7, at

2:37 pm on \$5,000 bail.

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to-coast collective celebration of culture in America. dedicated to giving millions of Americans the opportunity to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and encourage them to begin a lifelong habit of active participation.

To learn more about National Arts and Humanities Month, visit the website for Americans for the Arts at www.americansforthearts.org or the website for the California Arts Council at https://arts.ca.gov/

To link to a Mendocino County Art Champion nomination form, to review the award criteria, or to see a list of past winners, go to the website of the Arts Council of Mendocino County at www.artsmendocino. org/programs/art-champion-awards/

Library Book Sale, September 16-18

back! After a Covid delay of two years am to 3 pm. the Friends of the Willits Library is delighted to once again host the Fall

Book Sale September 16 to 18. The sale will be held in the Willits Library Conference Room, 390 East sponsoring a DVD sale at the Willits Commercial Street. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm on Friday, September 16 and

On Sunday, September 18, books 30. or until all DVDs are gone.

Saturday, September 17.

The fall Willits Library Book Sale is will be on sale at only \$3 a bag from 10 Volunteer cashiers are still needed. If

> you can help with a 2-hour shift, please sign up at the library. Friends of the Willits Library is also

Library this month, during open hours. Sale will continue until September





Claws for a Cause

Supporters of Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center enjoy an evening of fine dining while bidding on many amazing auction items

There were so many ways to win last Saturday night at the Claws for a Cause dinner and auction. There was the door prize, a brilliant red deck chair, won by Josh Leach. There was the two-night stay at the Sweetwater Inn and Spa's Redwood Cottage in Mendocino, which included massages and dinner for two at Cafe Beaujolais.

Mathew Caine

There were those who won the bidding at the silent auction for some interesting, creative and valuable goods and services. And there was the live auction, netting several big winners who would be taking home or awaiting delivery on some amazing one-of-a-kind prizes.

Every one of the over 300 people who attended the fun-filled evening was a winner in their ability to help fund the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, an organization which has positively impacted hundreds of challenged young people throughout the years by empowering them to find their potential. But the biggest winner of all was the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center itself which will benefit from the estimated \$95,000 which the event grossed (the final net figure will be available later after all accounting has been completed).

Through the years, Claws for a Cause, which has been spearheaded by the Willits Rotary Club, has been responsible for both raising awareness of the fine work done by the riding center and raising funds to keep it going. The proceeds go toward feed and veterinarians for the horses or toward upgraded facilities, such as the recent cover for the arena so the school can continue to operate in adverse weather conditions, or the new office building which houses the hippotherapy program and client intake.

As the diners filed in, they were given a paddle which was utilized in the bidding and for certain auxiliary drawings. Lydia Colvig, co-president of the board at Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, was first to speak.

"I wanted to tell you a little bit of history about the center," began Colvig. "It was started in 1993, which was 29 years ago. I was 11 years old. Back then, it was called the Mendocino County 4H Trail Program. I was one of the early volunteers.

"That experience helped shape my career," said Colvig, "and those of the friends who grew up here. Today, we are serving children with disabilities, at-risk youth and adults. We're also resuming hippotherapy, which is our physical therapy on horses, with the Adventist Hospitals in early 2023." She went on to recognize the Diamond Sponsors: METALfx, NC Financial Group,

Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital, and Sparetime Supply, each of whom was given a plague in appreciation Aimee Swearengin Gore, also co-president of the board at Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, spoke about their Fund-A-Need for the current year, which is to rebuild the

old fencing around the arena. Each level of giving, from \$2,500 to \$100, will be shown

appreciation with the name of the donor on placards placed strategically on the new fence. Erin Holzhauer, with the program from its inception as instructor and director, introduced Crystal Peterson, mother of one of the young clients, who explained how the program has helped her son for the last three years.

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The dinner, deftly prepared by Chef Read the rest of Adam Celaya, consisted of a perfectly



















of Seabiscuit looks over the 300-plus diners. At top, right: This perfectly cooked lobster awaits its clarified butter bath

Above, from left; Lvdia Colvig, co-president of the board at Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, introduces the board members and staff. METALfx President Henry Moss accepts a Diamond Sponsor plaque. Artist Anna Judd was given a bouquet for her work on the collaborative mandala on display at the event.

At left: Rotarian Joe Bratt dips into the tank for any lobsters that escaped the basket. Below: Attendees peruse the silent and live auction items prior

to dinner. Photos by Mathew Caine

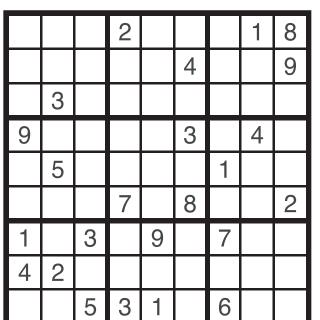


At far left: Mike Smith, one of the longtime organizers of Claws for a Cause, poses with auctioneer Rachel Britten. At left: Josh Leach shows off the door prize that he won, a bright red deck chair from



Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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

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SCHEDULE

FOR SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 11

Passenger Operations on Main; Willamette

and stationary engines for rest of day; Kelly

Springfield steam roller; Ohio Steam Crane begins operations; Bucyrus Erie 50 B and

Bucyrus Erie 22B shovels in pit; Engine

10:30 am: Buffalo Springfield moves to

Drill; Ranch Car open 12 to 1 pm; Bucyrus

12:30 pm: Bluestone Heisler takes over

1 pm: Bucyrus Erie 50B shovel begins

move back to shop, and parks; Willamette

2 pm: Estep Yarder start and run at Loading

3 pm: Begin to shut down all steam

equipment; Ohio Steam Crane moves to

Pit Track; Railroad operations begin final

switching operations: Street Printing ends

4 pm: End of Roots Festival 2022

exercises Washington Duplex Loader

House Tours begin, until 3 pm

Erie 22B Demonstration at pit

Passenger Operations on Main

Park for Street Printing

Above: The Roots yard is filled with antique equipment, much of which is operating during the September event. At

Roots of Motive Power 2022

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9 am: Operations begin on main track - 10 am: Mountain Quarries 202 begins Port of Olympia #2; Railroad Crew; Bucyrus Erie 50 B steam shovel moves to pit at rear of facility; Kelly Springfield steam roller

10 am: Ohio Locomotive Crane; Bucyrus Erie 22B at shovel pit; Willamette Loader Operation; Buffalo Springfield steam roller heads to park for Street Printing

11 am: Willamette exercises Washington Loader; Tractor group 11 am: Estep yarder start and run at demonstration, all day; Bucyrus Erie 50B Loading Spur Tractor Group Demonstration Steam Shovel Demonstration begins at pit - to 3 pm; Earth moving after 50B departs at rear of property; Street Printing begins pit; Street Printing begins in Park until 3 pm in Park with Buffalo Springfield until 3 pm; 12 pm: Willamette exercises & Keystone Kelly Springfield Steam Roller

12 pm: Bluestone Heisler takes over Passenger Operation until 4 pm; Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur: Willamette exercises Skinner Engine & Erie

1 pm: Ohio Locomotive Crane Operation; Kelly Springfield Steam Roller; Bucyrus Erie 22B Demonstration at pit; Mountain Quarries #202 on the Main 180 degrees behind B M&S #1

2 pm: Willamette exercises Eureka horizontal spool donkey

3 pm: Bucyrus Erie 50B Steam Shovel demonstration at pit (rear of property); Ohio Locomotive steam crane demonstration; Kelly Springfield steam roller at Engine House

3:30 pm: Estep Diesel start and run at Loading Spur; Willamette, Bucyrus Erie 50B, Ohio, Kelly steam down

4 pm: Railroad operations conclude

4 pm: BBQ begins in park; auction and





community. At left: Auction items filled the table of Motive Power steam up. Below, left: Roots' Chris Baldo holds a Willits Weekly logo print made by a certain newspaper gal, who failed to notice until after it was printed that images needed to be carved in reverse (duh)! Let this be a reminder! Below, right: Wendy Wilmes holds tomatoes she grew that were included in the 2021 auction.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



cooked filet mignon, surrounded by fresh

vegetables from Ridgewood Ranch. The

lobsters, efficiently boiled by members of



The rest of Claws

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34. Places CLUES ACROSS 35. Bluish greens 1. Autonomic nervous system

10. Polynesian sarong

12. Evildoer

city

11. Chapter of the Koran

13. Japanese commercial

15. A way of binding

16. Early Christianity

French historian

17. Kids' term for bugs

activity

21. Work unit

22. Bundle

18. Beloved family holiday

23. A number or amount

24. Military official (abbr.)

27. Norma Jean's stage

name

not specified

BAKING

BROWN

BUTTER

CAKE

CONFECTION

COOKIES

DESSERT

EGGS

4. Kids love it in summer 37. Having the shape of a cube 8. Dashes

> 38. They star at weddings 39. Indian god associated with reproduction

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40. Ocean sunfishes 41. Slowly leak through

42. Plant part

43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN 1. Accumulate on the surface of

2. Not a good feeling Got smaller

Helped a golfer get

around 5. Military forces

9. Japanese seaport

25. Queens ballplayer 6. Partner to ways 26. Type of gibbon 7. Low, one-horse sleigh

14. Lead singer of Heart 36. Argued publicly 15. Pigeon sound

17. Vital part 19. People who are not Jewish

> 20. Shed tears 23. Pokes holes in the ground

10. Inclined to favor

12. Avid reader

24. Beverage receptacle 25. Stone used to surface

26. French-Belgian river 27. Type of phone

28. Long-lasting light bulb

29. Type of medication (abbr.) 30. German city

31. Animal disease

33. Get away from 34. Dormouse

32. They're in martinis

36. Database management

Allman's suggestion. A two-night stay at Ridgewood Ranch's new not-yet-readyfor-occupancy refurbished coach house bed and breakfast came with a plaque that would commemorate the first winners to fine programs the community has to offer. stay at the new facility.

The Icebox gelato wagon's party for 100

people was also sold twice to the first- and

A two-night stay at Holly Madrigal's

"Casita" in Mendocino was sold twice due

to her generosity and MC / auctioneer Tom

with a winning bid of \$550.

the Willits Rotary, came with lots of clarified commemorative bobble-heads, 48 cubic butter and bibs for the messy but tasty treat. feet of compost, delivered with four hours of tractor service, and many other amazing After the dinner, with the bids closed for items were auctioned throughout the night. the silent auction, and the band, The Heat Strokes, having retired for the evening, Artist Anna Judd created a stunning the live auction began. The first item, a mandala from the art of over 60 clients, selection of whiskeys, some from the local staff and volunteers. The painting went distillery Low Gap, started the excitement

with 24 bottles of quality wine, a one-of-

a-kind metal sculpture and fire pit from

METALfx, tickets to a Warriors game with

for \$1,600 in the auction. The "Cascade" of Giving," in which attendees pledged varying amounts of money, from \$100 to \$2,500 netted \$17,000 for the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center. It's a cliché to say "a good time was had

by all," but in this case, it seems to be true. Some left a bit poorer in funds but richer in knowing that they had supported one of the

For further information on the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, visit their Facebook page, call 707-391-3873, or second-place bidders. A wine refrigerator email seabiscuitridingcenter@gmail.com.









Above, from left: One of the more colorful booths is this offering from Ginny Ozelton. New dispensary Element 7 was one of the sponsors of the event. Willits Lion Dean Bauman and his wife, Sharon, work the drink and raffle table. This was a fun event for attendees of all ages who danced the afternoon away. Below, from left: Recreation Grove park is filled with locals who wanted to finally get out and enjoy the sun, music, and each other. Slide guitar bluesman Roy Rogers plays with his Delta Blues Band. Blue Luke warms the crowd up with his energetic blues rifts.





hope there are a lot of families here today. This is a celebration for Willits.

The Willits Lions Club is happy to put it on. It's a celebration of our town's

resiliency. We've been through a few things and we'll have a few more to

"Pooba Freeman, my fellow Lion," continued Duley, "came up with the

idea for this celebration. This is his dream, his vision, and the Willits Lions

Club was happy to help turn it into reality and that's exactly what's happened

today. The community came up with almost \$10,000 to help support this

event, as sponsors. We really didn't have anyone say no when we asked

go through but today is a day to celebrate our little community."

Agape **Bible Church** Willits, CA 95490

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Where love is first and the Bible is central Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m. - Worship dult Sunday School 9:00 a.ı Info? 707-459-1905 www.agapebiblechurch.com

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Blues & Brews

Roy Rogers and Blue Luke get people up and dancing at free concert in Rec Grove park

them for funds.

The weather was perfect, especially in the shade of the stately trees of Recreation Grove Park. The music was unbeatable for aficionados of several genres of the blues. The food was tasty and filling. The beer and wine flowed throughout the afternoon.

Mathew Caine It was a time to dance or a time to just sit and appreciate that over 400 of the local residents could finally get together and share an event with their families and friends in the beautiful outdoors with room to relax and

The event was billed as Little Lake Blues & Brews. It featured the performances of local guitar luminary Blue Luke and the headliner, one of the best and best-known slide guitarists in the country, Roy Rogers (not

"Sounds the way good bourbon tastes, smooth and with a kick," said a review in Spin Magazine. Yes, he is that good. Rogers, along with his Delta Rhythm Kings, fascinated the crowd with his deft handling of the slide guitar and his double-necked instrument. Blue Luke was also excellent and a sure crowd pleaser.

The Little Lake Blues & Brews has been several years in the making from conception to reality, beginning with an idea by Da Grand Pooba, a local entrepreneur, Willits Lions Club member, and all-around unique individual. Even though it was delayed a few years by the pandemic, the event marked a coming out and celebration of the resiliency of the people of Willits.

Dusty Duley, city planner and Lions Club member, who was instrumental in obtaining sponsors and permits, enjoyed helping bring the party to the people.

"It's a family event," said Duley. "My whole family's here. I





from Smokey G's and Big D's BBQ trailer are At left: Maria Alatorre worked her elotes (corn on the cob)

cooker which she served with butter and salt or mavonnaise and hot sauce. Below: Some of the attendees have to get off their chairs and

onto the dance floor when Rogers plays his hard-driving blues. Photos by Mathew Caine





Starlight Lounge **Poetry Reading**

at Willits Community Theater

Two nature poets. Maya Khosla and Geri Hulse-Stephens are featured readers at a Starlight Lounge Poetry Reading at the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, September 10 at

Maya Khosla is a wildlife biologist and writer. Her poetry books include "All the Fires of Wind and Light" from Sixteen Rivers Press (2020 PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Literary Award), "Keel Bone" from Bear Star Press (Dorothy Brunsman Poetry Prize), and "Web of Water: Life in Redwood Creek" (from Golden Gate Parks).

Her writing has been featured in documentary films including "Village of Dust, City of Water," about the water crisis in rural India. Maya served as Sonoma County Poet Laureate from 2018 to 2020, and, as such, brought Sonoma's communities together through poetry gatherings and field walks after the My Thoughts: This is a great movie (underline "great"

Little Lake Valley resident Geri Hulse-Stephens has been writing poetry for over 30 years. On New Year's Day of 2020, before the word "pandemic" had integrated into our daily vocabulary, she resolved to write a poem every day for a year. She mostly succeeded, with the exception of about five nights that year. This poetry fetish continues, but with slightly less

Geri's poetry is inspired by her devotion to nature and to spirit. In midlife, she worked in the field of counseling, as she used esoteric healing techniques to promote personal transformation. For the past 20 years she has worked as a botanical consultant and wetland specialist.

Of her work as a botanist. Geri writes: "I work much of the year as a botanist, which means I spend most days from dawn to the close of day outside, in wild places, and in all kinds of weather. These places feed my poetry. They shake me into new perspectives and sometimes offer up surprising sights and jump off that bridge

An open reading will follow the featured readers. Entrance to the reading is by donation, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. With regard to COVID-19, masking and vaccinations are recommended but not required.



Stephens left, and featured poets at Willits Community Theatre on Saturday,

Classic Film Series: 'The Sting'

The Story: Depression Era suspense/ comedy/ gangster/ crime thriller, with just the right amount of drama, i.e. "just enough for you the audience to care."

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

Dan Essman

Henry Gondorf and Johnny Hooker (Paul Newman and Robert Redford), two impossibly devil-mayconfidence maestros, are devising an elaborate con.

THE STING

All should go well, but there's some serious risk involved. It seems their mark is the notorious gangster Doyle Lonnegan (Robert Shaw). Lonnegan is prideful, ruthless and brutal, one might even say "murderous."

and add exclamation point!). Normally, when it comes to spoilers, I am the very soul of discretion. But in this case, I must warn you all, some fancy cast members you well-seasoned audiencers (jaded movie-goers)

would expect to be invulnerable, well they will get shot. And there will be blood. But no more spoilers. I've said too much already, and will say no more.

What is absolutely necessary for me to reveal is the following: "The Sting" won 10 Oscars in 1974. Best Picture. Best Director (George Roy "We'll

when we come to it" Hill). Best Actor Robert Redford. Best Original Screenplay. Best Costume Design. Best Film Editing. Best Production Design. Best Original Score (resurrected the name and tunes of Scott Joplin). Best Cinematography. Best Sound Mixing. This flick will thrill you all, and keep you guessing until the very end. I promise. So, attention Willitsians: this

Parents: Probably a little too confusing for younger children. Poker. Booze. Tobacco. Murder. A dead body or two, maybe more. Fisticuffs. Face slamming. Pretty women on the burlesque stage. Pretty women from a brothel on a merry-go-round. No, I think we can all agree that this is not a movie for the kiddies. That noted, I'd have absolutely loved "The Sting" when I

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

2Much Fun! plays at Szechuan Asian, September 17

There's a new band in town, and they're "2MuchFun!" Check them out at the Szechuan Asian Restaurant, 47 East Mendocino Avenue in Willits, on Saturday, September 17, from 6 to 8:30 pm.

2MuchFun! is multi-instrumentalist, Paul Haley, and guitarist/ vocalist, Dave Pierce. They've teamed up to dish out a tasty buffet of family-friendly, musical favorites, sprinkled with original songs.

Both men grew up in Los Angeles neighborhoods - Paul, in North Long Beach, and Dave, in Echo Park - but didn't meet until settling in Willits. The two

met through volunteering their musical services at Howard Memorial Hospital.

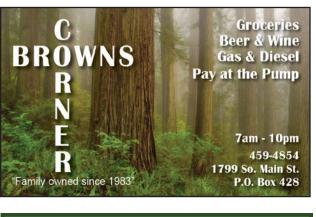
2MuchFun! draws their inspiration from a diverse range of musical influences - from The Beatles to The

You can check out a sampling of some of their offerings at their website, https://operationjazzrescue.com/ or on Facebook at www.facebook. com/2MusicGuys. Reach them by email at dpierce@dpierce.com, or 530-

At right: 2MuchFun! is multiinstrumentalist, Paul Haley, left, and guitarist/vocalist, Dave Pierce.

518-9550.











Above: On behalf of United Disaster Relief of Northern CA, Danilla Sands, left, receives a check from 100+Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County volunteers Kasie Gray, Holly Madrigal, Sarah Marshall, Carolyn Welch and Karen Christopherson.

Northern California Disaster Services is 100+ Women Strong recipient

Submitted by 100+ Women Strong

100+ Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County congratulates the winner from their latest gathering on June 3 at Rivino Vineyards. After presentations by three nonprofits, more than a hundred local donors cast the most votes for United Disaster Relief of Northern

Formerly the Mendo-Lake Complex Fire Relief organization headed by Danilla Sands, director of disaster resources, during the 2017 fires, United Disaster Relief of Northern California has since expanded services in Mendocino County and neighboring

"[United Disaster Relief of Northern California] is very grateful for this opportunity, not only to win the funds to help secure our new building, but also for the opportunity to share our story and the great work our team of volunteers have accomplished over the last five years," says Sands, who started her volunteer work in disaster relief in 2015 during the Valley Fire in Lake County.

"I found I enjoyed helping others, navigating the donation material processes, and connecting the dots to resources for fire

In 2017, when the Redwood Fire started in her own community, Sands started a Facebook group and within two weeks gathered donations in a building along with other volunteers and community

"After a few months, when other donation centers would close," says Sands, "I knew, working directly with fire survivors, that they needed services long term. Many were still in hotel rooms or trailers and could not store the material donations that were being given to them at the early stages of their recovery.

"Clients also needed help," she continues, "navigating the grants that were available to them and the deadlines of those grants. We helped them fill out FEMA paperwork, deliver furniture, help connect building resources, and so much more. We continued to keep our doors open and each year we have helped new disaster clients, and with COVID-19 we helped the community with personal

"We started as a donation center," Sands adds, "and have now become a source of life for many disaster clients throughout Mendocino County and the surrounding areas. Trusted by many, we advocate for our clients to help them get all available resources during the different stages of their recovery. We are one of a kind the difficult moments that are present and hope to secure our new building with the community's support."

United Disaster Relief of Northern California will use the 100+ Women Strong funds to secure a 7.200-square-foot building located at 1240 Airport Park Boulevard in Ukiah. The building allows Sands and the team of 30 volunteers to provide full services to clients and the community more efficiently. The facility has a front lobby, food pantry, washer and dryer, storeroom, conference room. massage-chair room, office space, break rooms, a shower, and a warehouse. The location is also more convenient and right

"What mattered the most was the audience believed us," Sands shares to emphasize her gratitude. "After years of spreading the message of what short-term and long-term recovery was, people were finally listening and believing our clients and our volunteers. Short-term recovery is one-to-three years, long-term recovery is

"If it takes clients, even with insurance, three years to get back on to their property, long-term support is just as important. When the audience voted for [United Disaster Relief of Northern California], I felt they finally believed us, they believed our clients. It was a big win for our clients."

For more information, ways to donate, or receive assistance, you can contact United Disaster Relief of Northern California, by visiting their website at www.UDRNC.org. To donate to the building fund, visit www.ncoinc.org/united-disaster-relief.

100+Women Strong is an all-volunteer run organization dedicated to supporting nonprofits in inland Mendocino County. Their next gathering is on Thursday, October 6, at Nelson Vineyards. To participate and for more information regarding 100+ Women Strong of Inland Mendocino County, visit https://100strongmendo.

Willits' Vicki Ham elected governor of Founder Region Soroptimist

Submitted by Soroptimist International

August 30 – Vicki Ham, of Willits is serving a two-year term as Founder Region governor of Soroptimist, a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

As region governor, Ham will serve as the top administrative officer for Soroptimist clubs

in her geographical territory, which covers Northern California, the State of Hawaii, the

U.S. Territories of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau. Ham is a member of Soroptimist International of Willits, one of 3,100 Soroptimist clubs that improve the lives of women and girls through volunteer projects in the community. A

member since 2008, Ham has held several leadership positions including region treasurer, region governor-elect, club treasurer, club vice-president, and club president.

"As a Soroptimist," Ham states, "I am focused on helping women and girls achieve their goals through access to education. As a woman, I want to help these women overcome the obstacles in their paths to achieve their dreams and goals. We can all 'Dream Big and Bee the Dream!' When we educate women, we improve the lives of their families as well as our communities."



Ham received her Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in Dramatic Arts at University of California, Santa Barbara. Ham is a retired accounting manager for recruitment firm Robert Half International. Ham is also active in the American Legion Auxiliary, PEO, and is church council secretary of St. John Lutheran Church.

Soroptimist (www.Soroptimist.org) is a global volunteer organization that

provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Soroptimist celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021. If you want to help in improving the lives of women and girls in our community, contact the Willits Soroptimists at siwillits@ soroptimist.net.

THE STING (1973)

Movie Times for September 9 thru September 15



(PG) 2 hrs 9mins Fri.: 4:00 & 7:00pm Sat./Sun.: 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00pm Mon.-Thurs.: 4:00 & 7:00pm All Tickets \$6

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Celebration of Life Brooktrails Trail Trek, September 24

Submitted by Crystal Bowles

Crystal and Davey Bowles are hosting a "Celebration of Life Trail Trek" through Brooktrails, with the help of North Coast Striders, on Saturday, September 24.

The Trail Trek is in memory and honor of their son, Sam, and his perseverance through all of the struggles he constantly endured, and for their daughter, Bronach, for her supporting spirit, strength and continuing zest for life.

Bronach and Sam were best friends, reveling in the time and antics they shared together. These kinds of memories and those shared with family and friends give us courage to face throughout each day.

Sam was not competitive – he lived in the moment, literally taking life in stride and finding every moment "worthwhile," a word he found deep and personal

We are hoping this will be a fun way for families to get together, to enjoy the outdoors and each other's company. It is not exclusive to athletic enthusiasts, but open to everyone. Though running is not required, we will have some prizes for top finishers of the 5k and 10

COMING SOON TO

WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

SAVE THE DATE:

mile treks, and a pin for all participants.

Any profits above the costs of putting the event on will be donated to the three charities linked to registration: Tyler Robinson Foundation Inc., Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeastern CA and Northern NV, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Inc.

The Brooktrails trails are minimally maintained and can be rugged and rough terrain - appropriate attire

Trail Trek options on September 17 include: the Nutmeg / Par Course loop, approximately 1 mile long and you can do as many as you like; a 5k figureeight trek through the Par Course and the trails along Lake Ada Rose and the park; and the 10 Mile Trek, starting at the Par Course and wandering through the mixed fir, oak, and regrowth of redwoods forest.

To sign up visit https://endurancecui. active.com/new/events/81713931/

If you want to volunteer time on the day of the event, pre-event trail cleanup, or help with event planning or donations, please contact Crystal Bowles at crystalbowles7@gmail.com



Above: The Bowles family, Sam, Davey Bronach, and Crystal. Below: The September 24 Trail Trek in Brooktrails is a Celebration of Life for Sam Bowles



SAVE THE DATE

Ranch Rodeo coming up on October 8 at **Rodeo Grounds**

The 11th annual Ranch Rodeo is coming up, and this year's event will see the return of the BBQ Cook-Off and the return of rodeo riders doing ranch-oriented tasks on horseback and on foot. There will also be the addition of a

cornhole tournament as well as bull, bronc and ranch bronc livestock riding events, too. The all-day event starts at 9 am at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. If you are interested in participating,

contact chairpersons below and stay updated by watching the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Facebook page for more info.

Cornhole: Steven Spackman: 707-391-

BBQ Cook Off- Mattie Owen: 707-367-

Ranch Rodeo: Marcy Barry: 707-272-5395 Bulls Bronc and Ranch Broncs: Marcy Barry: 707-272-5395









NEXT WEEK: Over 21 Club

THE STING

Above: Rotary Club members and food vendors from the July 30 Festival in the Redwoods fundraiser: from left to right: Ann Alumbaugh, Kitty Norris, Barbara O'Reardon, Judy Ann Corzine, Della Bennet, Jennie Jergenson, Victoria Petty, Jaynene Johnson with her baby Nyjah with Kellan Thomas, Cathie Gernhardt, Adam Celaya, Richard Baker, Jenny Senter, and Jennifer Sookne. In front, Allisha Rigano and

Willits Rotary honors food vendors from Festival in the Redwoods

(WHOLER)

Submitted by Willits Rotary Club

At a recent meeting of Rotary Club of Willits, members honored the food vendors who played a big part in making our first annual John Cross Memorial Festival in the Redwoods a huge success! Representatives of Soroptimists, PEO, The Zocalo Collective, Adam Celaya, and Willits Senior Center were in attendance. Unable to attend were Smokin G's and Big D's BBQ, Kemmy's Pies, Future Farmers of America, and Northspur Brewery. A

representative of longtime supporters of Rotary Club of Willits, Sparetime Supply, was also unable to attend.

The numbers are final: The net profit from the July 30 fundraiser at the Brooktrails Golf Course was \$17,000, which will be divided between Willits Senior Center and the scholarship fund for Willits area high school graduates.

Now & Then Films, September 16

The Now & Then Film Series presents "The Need to GROW," an award-winning documentary narrated and executive produced by Rosario Dawson. Friday, September 16 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street in Willits.

Brilliant and inspiring, this film should be shown in all communities, worldwide, to educate everyone from childhood that preserving our natural resources is the best way to thrive on

It is estimated that there is approximately 60 years of farmable soil left on Earth.

"The Need To GROW" follows the personal journeys of innovators working to heal our broken food system and their solutions to regenerate our planet's dying soils.

For more info, visit www.earthconsciouslife.org/theneedtogrow

Your donation of \$5 to \$20 will be used to support Now & Them Films' showing of these important movies. Serving organic popcorn with real organic butter







Museum remembers old Howard Hospital with a pop-up display

Submitted by Mendocino County Museum

will have a small pop-up display honoring the old Howard Memorial Hospital (1928-

Out of tragedy, came a Willits icon. The Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital came into fruition after the untimely death of its

After an automotive accident, and lack of a "real" hospital in the area, 15-year-old Frank R. Howard passed away due to his display, so we as a community can stand injuries in 1926. This led his father, Charles together and fondly remember this fallen S. Howard, owner of Seabiscuit, to donate icon \$30,000 (~\$510,000 in today's money) to begin construction on the hospital, with a donation from Dr. Raymond Babcock of \$42,000 (~\$715,000), and others in the community following.

In 1927, groundbreaking began, and by 1928 the first patient was admitted. Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital kept expanding, eventually growing out of its walls, requiring a new building to be constructed to continue providing services to the area. The new hospital opened in October 2015.

Now that the old building is slated for demolishing, we at the Mendocino County

September 6 - Through the month of Museum want to add our respects to the September, Mendocino County Museum history, the workers, the patients, and the legacy of the Frank R. Howard Memorial

> We invite audiences to visit our pop-up display and share their own fond memories of Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Were you born there? Or know someone who was? Worked there?

> Write a little note about your memories on our provided notepads and add it to the

Photograph postcard of hospital around

The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street. Regular open hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 4 pm.

This weekend, September 10 and 11, the museum will be open – with free admission - from 10 am to 4 pm as part of the Roots of Motive Power's 40th annual Steam

For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Museum at 707-459-2736 or museum@mendocinocounty.org.





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It is with a heavy heart but much optimism that I am writing to inform any friends, neighbors, or patients who haven't heard yet that I am closing my orthopaedic surgery practice in Willits. I am joining a large medical group in Hawaii.

It has been an honor to be treated with so much respect from the community that I grew up in. I will always treasure the old **Howard Hospital motto of "Neighbors** helping neighbors", as that is what I have tried to do here. Those who need records can email requests to jrhdawson@willitsortho.com.

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Cheesecakery

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followers, and she produces orders for events for Costco of Ukiah and Adventist Health's local hospitals, too.

"I'm so excited to be making so many orders for individuals as well as for local events and businesses," said Gessner. "I am also excited to talk to some local businesses about carrying my goods in their retail stores, too!"

There's quite a variety of options, too.

Gessner offers full-size, 7.5 inch and small-sized, 4 inch cheesecakes, and no-bake cheesecake parfaits in 4 ounce and 12 ounce sizes and also bite-sized cheesecakes.

The large sizes are ordered individually, as well as the 12 ounce parfaits. The small cheesecakes are ordered in sets of two. The 4 ounce parfaits and bite-sized cakes are sold by the dozen.

The Cheesecakery also offers a three-layer cheesecake cake, with two layers of traditional cake, and a third layer of cheesecake in the middle, all filled and topped with frosting and decorations.

Traditional recipes with Oreo or Graham Cracker crusts are available, as are keto, sugar-free and gluten-free

Orders can be placed for catering jobs at birthdays, weddings, baby showers, work or family functions, or just because it's Tuesday, and you really need a double-crusted cheesecake to make it through the week.

Gender reveal cakes are a fun new trend Gessner is enjoying making - including one for her own family! She baked a cheesecake with a little blue batter inside to announce the upcoming arrival of she and her husband, Nicholas' son, in February 2023

"I've never been a baker," laughed Gessner, who said she'd mildly helped her mom bake some cookies before. "It's just not my thing, I've always preferred cooking including pasta and chicken dishes in my Instapot - but this has turned into such a fun and amazing business, and I really enjoy coming up with new creations and flavors for my growing number of clients!"

If you would like to support this local, womanowned business by placing an order, or would just like to know more, contact Gessner through Facebook at her "The Cheesecakery" page, on her website http://Thecheesecakery707.com/, or email her at thecheesecakery707@gmail.com, or text or call 408-469-

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The following company is doing ousiness as Sparetime Supply Distribution, 300 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA

Registered owner: Sparetime Supply, Inc., 475 East San rancisco Avenue, Willits, CA

This business is conducted by a The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed ove on May 20, 2017. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorde on August 10, 2022.

/s/ Jaime L. Wilkes, Vice Presiden Publication dates: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

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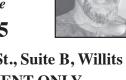
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Free Harvest Sharing at the Grange, September 25

Submitted by the Little Lake Grange

At this time of gratitude for the bounty of harvest, you are invited to a Harvest Sharing at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, on Sunday, September 25, from 9:30

This is in conjunction with the Grange Pancake Breakfast that will be that morning.

The Harvest Sharing will be outside in the back of the Grange with tables ready for your donations of food-related items to give away, and for you to come and get whatever you and your family may need for FREE! (no money involved)

Bring extra harvest from your garden, and food related items like extra dried or home-canned goods.

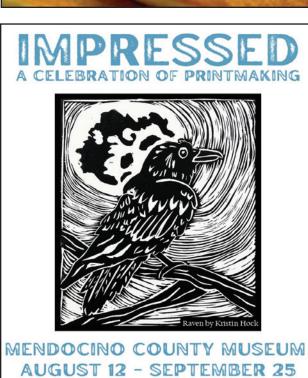
Herbalists are also invited to bring culinary and/ or medicinal herbs, fresh or dried. There will be a table specifically for herb-related items.

Items may be dropped off between 9:30am and noon – the event will be staffed throughout the morning, so you can drop your goods and leave, if need be.

This event is sponsored by The Elderbroads weaving and mending community.

Co-sponsored and hosted by Little Lake Grange









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The "Family

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at the Rec

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Grove.

METALfx throws Family Day Party in the Rec Grove Submitted by METALfx

METALfx is sounding more and more like a great place to work these days, recently treating their employees to a fun-filled "METALfx Family Day" party in Willits Recreation Grove Park. Enjoying perfect weather and a high turnout, the family-friendly event provided a great opportunity for the entire METALfx family to socialize outside of work. let loose, and have some fun together.

One of the most popular activities of the day was the unique opportunity for METALfx employees to let off some steam (or show their love) for their management team by throwing down \$1 for three tries to dunk their favorite manager, or \$20 to simply run up and push the dunk button, all which resulted in raising a whopping \$2,250 in donations to support Willits Sober Grad.

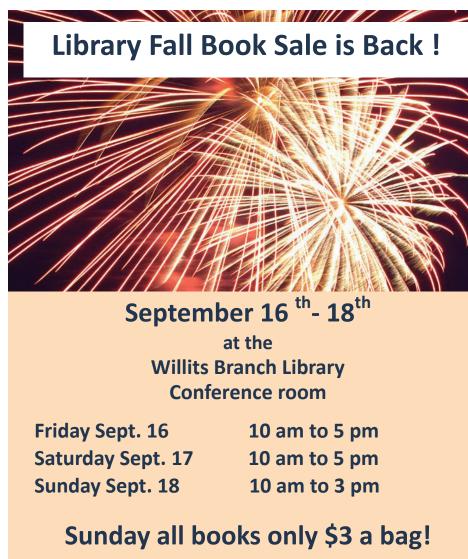
METALfx managers are good sports, reflected by donation total, which is equal to a grand total of 125 actual dunks being served. METALfx Managers Anthony Wilcutt, Rick Hendrix, Sean Convery, and Kristy Moss were dunked numerous times, with President Henry Moss being recognized with a honorary "taking it for the team" as he was dunked 53 times of the total 125 dunks.

In addition to the dunk tank, employees and family members enjoyed a BBQ meal and drinks catered by Scoops, three bounce houses, toys, games, snow cones and popcorn for the kids, a cornhole tournament, and a music DJ. The day was deemed an overall success and will be an annual METALfxsummer family event going

Below, left: "Dunked" METALfx managers Anthony Wilcutt, Rick Hendrix, Adrian Lopez, Sean Convery, Kristy Moss, and President Henry Moss with the check for Willits Sober Grad they raised by being dunked. Below, left, bottom: METALfx Associate Sean Adams' daughter Cypress Adams, left, with Kara Lynn Reiter and her mother, METALfx Associate Chrystina Patterson. Below, right: METALfx Associates Rick and Jennifer Sneed, with Gattlin Sneed and Remington-Rose Sneed.







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Hot hot hot

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After more recent changes, too, these days when you go to the National Weather Service Eureka website and search for "Willits CA," you are presented with current conditions for "Soda Creek" which, based on the latitude and longitude reported on the NWS page, is a good 20 miles east of Willits – and generally hotter in the summer.

People like to argue about the weather – and about how hot it was at their home or business in "Willits" or "Ukiah." But even with the most accurate devices, temperatures (and precipitation) in local microclimates can differ widely - even in the City of Willits, let alone in the 95490 zip code.

National Weather Service has "cooperative weather observers" that report official temperatures from their weather stations. The observers use highly accurate devices, called "maximum/minimum temperature sensors." which use electrical resistance to record the temperature. The devices are also placed and used under controlled

But there are other non-official local weather stations to look at, including many at the Weather Underground website, in the Willits area: www.wunderground.com/ weather/us/ca/willits/95490

If you go to that link, then click "CHANGE" near the top, left, the page will reload with a selection of Willits area stations – zoom in or out to see more or less – all showing temperatures.

At 3:45 pm on Tuesday, September 6, Willits area stations showed a range of temperatures from a "low" of 105.8 degrees to 112.3 degrees.

No rolling blackouts

Despite advance warnings about rolling blackouts due to excessive demand on the power grid - and an urgent warning Tuesday evening asking Californians to conserve energy, the California Independent Systems Operator has not instituted any rolling blackouts - yet.

The Flex Alert warning, and plea to residents to use less power between the hours of 4 to 10 pm, has now been extended through Wednesday evening.

The Willits area doesn't generally have to worry about rolling blackouts designed to force-save electricity, as residents are on the same power circuit as essential services like the hospital, and the Willits Police Department which can't be shut down in a rolling blackout.

What PG&E calls "PSPS" - public service power shutoffs - are a different story. When PG&E shuts down power proactively due to fear the power system may start a wildland fire, essential services are not exempt.

Cooling Center

The City of Willits opened the Willits Community Center at 111 East Commercial Street as a Cooling Center Tuesday and Wednesday, also now on Thursday. The center is open from 8 am to 6 pm (possibly later). "Please come and enjoy the cool air, bring a book, games, and relax," the City of Willits Facebook post said.

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"This is a fundraiser for our Willits Lions Club," he said. "With the event paid for by the sponsors, all the money we raise today goes to the good causes that the club supports. We have alcohol donated by Barra and Frey Winery. Northspur Brewery, and Hare in the Forest. All the alcohol sales go directly to the Lions Club.'

The money brought in will help the club continue its altruistic work in gifting scholarships to Willits High School seniors and several other worthy projects.

Around 30 vendors were arranged in booths at the outer edges of the party, offering art, information, and very tasty food. Maria Alatorre brought her machine for cooking "Elotes" (corn on the cob) with various dressings, which were a big hit. Jaynene "Mama J" Johnson with Zocalo Collective occupied the kiosk and served a selection of treats from a spicy bean salad to her signature "Love Handles" (fried pastries with meat and veggie fillings.) Smokin G's and Big D's BBQ's "Dirty Fries" could be seen along with their other carnivorous fare throughout the park.

Several craft booths were also offering their wares. such as Ginny Ozelton, whose brilliant paintings attracted passersby. Tim Cerrato and his wife, Veronica, had a selection of colorful crafts. Sienna Reno and Carlos Hernandez showed imported earrings from Colombia. Crystal Thompson's "Crafted by Crystal" booth offered a selection of loom-knitted monsters and celebrities.

Melissa Galliano, who is setting up Fridays at the Luscious Beauty Boutique & Day Spa had her "permanent bracelets" on display. Element 7, the newest dispensary, was giving tastes (without medication) of their gummies.

There was a solemn moment as Pooba dedicated the concert to his friend, Doug Prado, who had recently been in a fatal motorcycle accident.

"A very dear friend, if I can hold myself together, a friend I have laughed with, shared music with, gone to shows with, and someone who has inspired me to never give up," said Pooba as he asked for a moment of silence for all who had

"People have been really on edge and we have needed this so much," declared Pooba. "I promise you and the Lions promise you, and all the people who put this on promise you that this will not be the last one. In the spirit of those people who are not here to enjoy it anymore and for the people who are here to enjoy it, not only for us but for our children.

"This is a crazy, crazy town," he continued. "I moved here about 25 years ago and everybody knows that I'm a little nuts anyway [murmurs of agreement], but I care about this town a lot. I kept talking about wanting to have this show and until recently, I wondered if anyone was listening. I'm not sure if they got on board because they wanted to shut me up, but I think it's because they really wanted to have this happen, so I really thank you all."

Fees

outlets including KZYX.

opposition to the ordinance including

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance,

California News Publishers Association,

and Society of Professional Journalists

of Information Committee.

ees for public record requests

counsel have put in," the letter read.

ordinance, agreeing with FAC that it

"The supervisors and county counsel

have publicly stated their intent with

these fees is to reduce the number

of requests as well as to assess them

based on the perceived intent of the

requester, which is a clear violation of

At the August 16 board of supervisors

meeting, Curtis talked about what kind

of criteria would be best to use to

determine who could have their fees

"We can't look at things like the

state law," said Maxwell.

covered by grants.

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numbers

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we think the information is," he said. "It's really got to be something that's tied to Fort Bragg Advocate News, Bruce things like circulation - something that Anderson and Mark Scaramella of the is showing that this is something that is effectively reaching a sufficiently sized Anderson Valley Advertiser, and Sarah audience to be a worthwhile investiture Reith who works with several media of the public funds and an efficient use of the resources." In an August 25 email Sarah Reith

quality of the reporting, how accurate

The fees in the ordinance - called said that when she contacted FAC over concerns about the ordinance, "They "No. 4507" - range from \$20 per hour of staff time for more simple search got right back to me ... because they requests to up to \$150 per hour for already had this ordinance on their requests that necessitate the county's radar as one of the worst in the state!" attorneys to be involved and determine In Maxwell's letter, she cited several what information is disclosable. groups who had also expressed

The idea for the ordinance largely emerged from concerns of Curtis and others at the county that too much time and resources were being expended Northern California Chapter's Freedom for unnecessary record requests.

However, in her letter Maxwell suggested that the combination of the In an attempt to alleviate some of ordinance and the new media grant the concerns about the fee ordinance, program could be "a boondoggle that on August 16 county supervisors will cost the county more than it saves approved a resolution to set up a grant in staff time and potential legal fees" program for journalists to cover their due to the bureaucracy it adds to the records request process. However, the criteria for how to

"The creation of a media fund will decide who is in "media" and therefore inevitably take additional staff time, able to have their fees covered was generate public comment and debate, not put in place at that point, although and increase administration costs on Curtis recommended county staff by creating an additional related to circulation layer of applications, administration, labor, and grant dispersals on top of In Maxwell's letter, she expressed the public records request process frustration at the vagueness from the required by state law," the letter read. county of how the fee ordinance and

"If the goal is to reduce staff costs, the grant program would be put in as supervisors and county counsel have expressed," the letter continues. "Details of how this fund will 'neither this ordinance nor the media be created, administered, and fund will accomplish this, and is likely implemented are still not publicly to have the opposite effect. Moreover, available weeks after the fee ordinance the creation of the fund does not took effect, demonstrating the lack of address the fundamental issue, which due diligence county supervisors and is ensuring public access to these She asked that the county repeal the

In the First Amendment Coalition letter, the group went into some detail was in violation of the California Public about why they believed the fee ordinance violated the CPRA, even with the county grant program intended to pay for journalists' fees.

> "The California Public Records Act does not authorize fees for locating, reviewing, and redacting records, and no statute authorizes a county to impose fees not otherwise allowed by the CPRA," the letter stated. "To charge up to \$150 per hour for responding to record requests creates a financial barrier that deprives many people of transparency rights guaranteed by the CPRA and California Constitution. The

of an ordinance unlawful on its face." FAC cited several Supreme Court cases in arguing against the ordinance and in disputing how the county was thinking of exempting certain members

grant program cannot cure the defects

of the media from the fees. "To avoid First Amendment problems." any definition of 'media' must include not only 'the institutionalized print or broadcast media' but also any person gathering news for dissemination to the public,' regardless of circulation. audience size, longevity, business model, corporate status, or employment

status," the letter read.

"As settled by the Supreme Court long ago," it stated, "The liberty of the press is not confined to newspapers and periodicals. It necessarily embraces pamphlets and leaflets... The press in its historic connotation comprehends every sort of publication which affords a vehicle of information and opinion....' Therefore, 'it makes no difference whether the intended manner of dissemination [was] by newspaper, magazine, book, public or private broadcast medium, [or] handbill....' The same is true for any form of digital publication, the FAC letter continues.

"The First Amendment also prohibits any discrimination against non-'local' media in eligibility for the 'public records grant program and fund," it continued. "Regardless of any benign motive to support local media, the First Amendment does not permit the government to favor one segment of the press over another, whether based on geography, circulation, medium of publication, or any other characteristic For all these reasons, the only appropriate definition of 'media' is a person who is gathering information for the purpose of dissemination to the

Willits Weekly contacted County Counsel Curtis's office on Tuesday and asked if the county had any response to the FAC letter or that by Maxwell and the co-signers, but had not received a reply by press time.

Maxwell said in an email Wednesday that she has also not received any response as of yet from the county to her public letter of opposition to the fee

The board of supervisors said that they would likely continue discussions on the fee ordinance matter in their meetings this month, and regular meetings are scheduled for September

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7 am update on Wednesday, September 7, the Walker Fire has now burned an additional 25 acres with the flare-up, up stopped" in its 7 pm update the day the fire started, to 124 acres burned, and is 85% contained.

Four firefighters have been injured at the Walker Fire, two injuries were first reported on CAL FIRE's 7 pm report on Friday, September 2, and two additional injuries were first reported in the 7 pm update on Tuesday. One of the new injuries was an ankle injury.

On the first day at the Walker Fire September 1, a medic crew responding to pick up a firefighter down with a shoulder injury had to turn back, after getting to an unsafe area of the fire where "a minute before trees were falling," one of the medics reported on the scanner. The injured firefighter was nstead brought out to Highway 101 to meet the medic crew.

Some of the burning spots during Tuesday's flare-up were on the west side of Morris Reservoir, some were on a peninsula jutting into the reservoir, surrounded on three sides by water – and one flare-up was on an island. Scanner chatter included communications about acquiring a boat.

CAL FIRE released a video Wednesday showing firefighters gaining access to that fire with a boat: https:// twitter.com/CALFIRE_MEU/status/1567576942123286528 A beautiful night-time photo posted on Twitter by Press

Democrat photographer Ken Porter, shows trees alight on

Ground access to any of the flare-ups in timbered areas was not easy: Ground resources were assembling at 33710 Old Boy Scout Road, and the dozer had to pause to find out if the bridge ahead could take the dozer's weight.

The Walker Fire originally started on Thursday, September 1, around 3:45 pm, as three small fires right to the east of Highway 101 at mile marker 43.50.

The fires burned east into the Willits Watershed, up towards Morris Reservoir. The Willits Water Plant, west of 101 not far from the start of the first across the highway, was evacuated that first day, and there was concern the fire could threaten the water plant structures, but the fire did not cross the highway, either that first day or during the flare-up.

Initial response on September 1 was a full wildland turnout, too, with CAL FIRE MEU's initial September I report listing 176 responders, including 14 engines, 4 water tenders, 2 helicopters, 4 crews, 3 dozers, fixed-wing aircraft, 25 overhead personnel. In addition there were multiple water tankers making drops on the fire.

An Operational Update video by CAL FIRE MEU reported more than half the engines on the ground were from local fire departments, constituted mostly of volunteers.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office put out evacuation warnings for Pine Mountain and the Ridgewood Ranch Road subdivisions on September 1, and the slow lane of northbound Highway 101 was closed, causing traffic delays. After Caltrans inspected the lane for damage, both lanes

CAL FIRE announced "Forward progress has been September 1. CAL FIRE continued to put out updates over the next few days, with slowly growing containment figures, and noting ongoing mop-op and repair work.

Another CAL FIRE MEU video during this repair period is about how "falling modules" mitigate hazard trees after a fire, and shows a single firefighter at the Walker Fire using an ax to chop down a tree with a fire smoldering in its middle - with northbound 101 traffic in the background. See that video on Twitter at https://twitter.com/CALFIRE MEU/ status/1566246946385170433

CAL FIRE lists cooperating agencies on the Walker Fire as: Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department, City of Willits, Little Lake Fire District, Hopland Fire Protection District, Potter Valley Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Calfornia Department of Transportation, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Conservation Corps, and the California National Guard.

The cause of the Walker Fire is still being investigated.

A full wildland fire response was also dispatched after reports of fires at the Valley Oaks Trailer Park east of Willits on Tuesday, and at Bertha Keys Way on Wednesday. Bertha Keys Way is on the Sherwood Valley Rancheria way up Sherwood Road, way past Brooktrails and past the First / Second / Third Gate subdivisions.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office also put out "situational awareness" warnings via Nixle for both fires.

The fires were both "fully engulfed" trailers, with a risk of fire spilling out onto surrounding vegetation, but reports were that there was very little spread. Both situational awareness alerts were cancelled in just about an hour. No injuries were

Brooktrails Fire Department posted Wednesday afternoon about their response to the September 7 fire on Bertha Keys

"Today around noon, we responded to a structure fire on the Old Sherwood Reservation," the post read. "We were assisted by Little Lake Fire, CAL FIRE and the CAL Office of Emergency Services pre-positioned task force of engines, a water tender and dozer.

"Upon our arrival, a well involved structure was burning and starting to extend into the surrounding vegetation. With the help of a helicopter and crew, we were able to retard the spread of the vegetation fire until ground resources arrived.

"Also the Mendocino Sheriff's Office responded and issued a warning to surrounding residents.

"There were no injuries, and the Red Cross was called for the displaced residents. The cause is under investigation," the Brooktrails Fire post concluded.

Gentle Pretzel

Pretzel is a senior gentleman (7 years old) who loves people and really enjoys the company of other dogs. Don't let him spend his golden years at a shelter; come bail this handsome guy out!

Notes from Pretzel's foster parent: "Pretzel may be a senior but he is still spunky as ever! We went on a long walk tonight

and he wasn't pulling or stalling at all. He would make a great fit for a family dog as he is super kind and loving. He made sure to stay by my leg anytime a stranger walked past and was not aggressive whatsoever! He gets along so well with my little dog. Seriously the best foster I've had

so far. He still wants to play but is very easy to simmer down. A very loving well behaved dog!"

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

Joyful Jingles

Meet Jingles! He is a special guy whose tail jingles a mile a minute. He is a happy fella that may have been born with or experienced some previous trauma that has led to what we think are some minor neurological issues. This doesn't seem to inhibit him from living a normal



life, and wanting to have fun! This 1-yearold will need to find a family that not only has experience with herding breeds, but are also

willing to take on the quirks that make him so special.

will need to everyone meet in prior to the family adoption, including any children (older are recommended), any dogs to make sure

that everyone meshes together as a good fit. Positive reinforcement training is recommended to help

teach him manners and to help him bond with his new

Frisky Honey

Honey, like most kittens, is playful and loves to run

around and explore. She is playful and friendly both with her siblings and with people. We think she would do well with children and with other cats.

Honey is available for adoption at the Fish Out of Water pet store in Willits. If you would like to view other adoptable animals from the Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, please make a reservation by

calling 707-467-6453. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com.

OBITUARY |

Douglas Prado

Family and friends are grieving the loss of Douglas Prado who died suddenly in an auto accident on August 14, 2022. Douglas was born in San Jose to Bert and Martha Prado. After graduating Lick High School, in 1970, Doug worked as an auto mechanic for many years, becoming a journeyman at Hinman's Evergreen Garage.

He met the love of his life, Anne Rosamond Crowder, in 1980; they married in 1986 while Doug attended De Anza College's Parks Management Program.

He continued at Chico State University where he got a BA and MA in Recreation and Parks Management (1992). He volunteered at and worked numerous part-time jobs for county parks, national parks, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Eventually Doug became a full time park ranger/ law enforcement officer for the Bureau of Land Management out of Ukiah. His patrol sector covered 370,000 acres in nine counties. Much of his

> patrol time was spent on a KTM dirt bike. He took assignments on numerous other federal lands, wrote grants, officiated at OHV races, and did security for fire camps.

On days off Doug worked hard to create fine homestead and collaborate with Rosamond's performance art extravaganzas. As Rosamond's "Right Hand Man," with his tools and ingenuity, he helped create her 35 giant puppets and perform the One Heart Ceremony. For 17 years, they created, grew, and performed parades at the High Sierra Music Festival

together. Joyful and playful, Doug loved to host a party and to help people. His wide range of interests included cooking, meeting interesting backpacking, people. homesteading, motorcycles, swimming, listening to recorded and live music, and completing projects of all kinds. Many remember his infectious laugh.

Doug is survived by his wife Rosamond Crowder; his sister Susan Prado (his sister Kathy Corriea preceded him in death); nieces Christine Maurici, Alexa Morris, and Melanie Wade; and nephews David Corriea and Thomas Wade.

A good neighbor, a fabulous friend, a caring, kind, beautiful soul, Doug will be profoundly missed by all those he touched. A celebration of Doug's life will be held at a later time.



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

To learn more about

OBITUARY | **Mary Amick**

Mary Mabel Amick, 84 of Willits passed away in her home August 13, 2022. Mary and her husband, Willard Amick, were longtime residents of

Mary is survived by her 10 grandkids, 24 great-grandkids, six greatgreat-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Willard, all her siblings, her daughters Vicky, Mary Sue, and Sally Ann, and her granddaughter Lacey.

Mary was a homemaker, raising her three children as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and living to see her great-greatgrandchildren. Mary loved going camping, hunting, and fishing with her husband, Willard, in Quincy, California.

Mary was a stubborn, sweet and strong woman who will be missed

A memorial potluck will be held for her on September 10, 2022 at Alasia's residence. Contact her for address.





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