Online & Print Willits First day of fall is Thursday, September 22! A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits Donations Accepted Edition No. 470 Thursday, September 22, 2022 **Brooktrails**

board ouestions **Sherwood** Road speed limits

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The Brooktrails Township Board of Directors met on Tuesday, September 13, and all board members were present. Director Tony Orth attended remotely via

Director Ralph Santos expressed concern about the speed limit signs along Sherwood Road, in light of the fact that there was a recent accident resulting in a fatality. He noted that half of the posted signs are 40 mph and the other half are 45 mph signs. He said, "When I first moved up here the speed limit was 35 mph, and now that it's been raised, people drive up to 60-65 mph and it's becoming very dangerous. It's scary and ridiculous."

Director Tony Orth stated that there was a traffic study done that brought about the uptick in the speed limits that are posted. He further suggested that "cautionary signs" could be posted that might help. General Manager Tamara Alaniz suggested that the board write a letter to California Highway Patrol and the

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Wild weather in Willits

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When the weather forecasts started predicting measurable amounts of rain and cool temperatures for a few days, and maybe even thunderstorms, it was surprising enough. But between the first bout of rain, overnight Saturday into Sunday, and the heavy rain Tuesday afternoon, some areas around Willits have gotten over 5.5 inches of rain.

Sunday morning was quiet in town, as rain fell steadily, running down the streets and collecting in the low spots. Late that afternoon, a pause – with a patch of blue sky - allowed the collected rain to drain off the surface.

There were many reports on social media of people getting 2 to 3 inches of rain from that first storm. The National Weather Service Eureka posted a map at 2:44 am Monday morning showing 2.7 inches fallen in the Willits area from midnight Saturday midnight Sunday.

There was a little more rain here and there

Read the rest of Weather

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Above, from left: There was something for everyone at the Friends of the Library Book Sale, including this book about the geese and ducks and swans of North America. The banner announcing the sale hangs in front of the library. Matt Jennison gives this Mark Greaney book a quick read to Magnolia while she enjoys her "latte." Rows and rows of books were available to purchase. Below: The



great room in the Willits branch of the Mendocino County Library was set up in categories for shoppers to easily buy the used books.

Fall's FOWL Sale

Friends of the Library holds annual book sale much to the delight of readers of all ages

There was a steady stream of shoppers over the three-day book sale put on by the Friends of the

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Willits Library last weekend at the Willits Branch Library. Starting with 120 boxes of books, they managed to end up with only 50 boxes after things were said and done, and FOWL Treasurer Beth Rosen said that was in line with the group's goals for the sale.

"We were able to get rid of a lot of books fast!" said Rosen. "Children's books are always Read the rest of a hit and went fast."

FOWL

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Maureen Jennison

the donation table.









While not a drought buster, it was certainly a welcome sight to see more than 5 inches of rain fall in and around the Willits valley earlier this week. We can hope for more, but it's a great start to the rain year.

Below, from left: Always a wide selection of books to choose from at the FOWL sale, including fiction, non-fiction, classics and kids' books. At bottom, left: Melinda Clarke holds a book about birds. At bottom, right: Beth Rosen holds "You're the Only One I've Told," and helps check people out at

Photos by

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at WUSD.

School board

hears update on

federal

review

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The public portion of

the September 14 Willits

Unified School Board

meeting convened at 5:15 pm at the Willits High School Media Center.

WUSD Superintendent

Mark Beebe introduced

Arora Chavez, executive

of

Programs, who gave an

update on the federal

program monitoring that

is currently underway at

WUSD, and the district's

The federal program

monitoring, according to

Chavez's Power Point

presentation, "is an overall

determination of whether the

local educational agency is

meeting statutory program

and fiscal requirements for

Chavez updated the

board on the various ways

that WUSD is addressing

the findings of the federal

review, emphasizing the

use of categorical funds for

literacy for English Learners

categorical programs."

Student

director

response.

BOS asks staff to cut some unfilled positions

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On Tuesday, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved directing county staff to consider eliminating about 45 vacant positions from the county books, unless heads of the departments can give good reason as to why they should be retained.

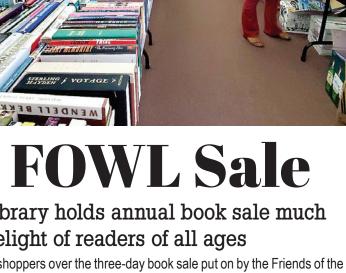
The county currently has around 400 vacant positions, and has been discussing the possibility of eliminating some for several months.

Chair Board Williams and Third District Supervisor John Haschak said their wish would be to put the money saved by the cuts towards those currently working for the county, boosting their salaries or benefits.

This was an idea which some county workers and union representatives have been pushing for, saying the money freed up could be used to enact a sorely needed cost of living

Read the rest of Positions

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Museum calls for volunteer actors for 'Stone Stories' event at Little Lake Cemetery Submitted by Mendocino **County Museum**

The Mendocino County Museum will host an afternoon of dramatized obituary readings at the Little Lake Cemetery on Sunday October 23, from 4 to 5:30

A stone really can tell a story ... with the help of volunteers and genealogy resources.

Volunteers and staff have dug into researching the legacies of those interred at the Little Lake Cemetery, and have uncovered fascinating stories about the lives of its

Marvelous and tragic stories have emerged such as John Blosser's passion and commitment to music and his meticulous insistence on building his own violin.

The story of the tragic death and faith-based life of Roxanna Baechtel is powerful and heartbreaking. Of course, the evening would not be complete without an interpretation of the infamous shoot-out between the Frosts and Coates.

If you are interested in helping bring these stores to life: we want you! The museum is looking for 8 to 10 men, women, or children 12 and up (with parental support) to participate in the dramatic reading of obituaries curated by staff.

Topics will cover death, gun fights and/or hangings, so parental discretion is advised.

An enthusiasm for history and a love for dramatic reading is required; but memorization is NOT required. Participants must commit to one rehearsal (date TBA) and participation in the final performance wearing period attire at the Little Lake Cemetery

To get involved, call the museum at 707-459-2736 by September 30.

For more information about the Mendocino County Museum, please visit www. mendocinocounty.org/ museum.

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Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

September 2022 update

By Supervisor John Haschak

Rain is coming down as I write! The much anticipated first rains of the season and lower temperatures bring to the position of the newly formed the feeling that everything is going to be all right.

This is a much needed reprieve from the fire season and heat waves. The Walker Fire was way too close to my house, and the unprecedented temperatures were certainly worrisome. Of course the fire season isn't over yet, and the drought persists until much more rain comes, but it feels good.

Working together can lead to significant actions. Case in point: Caltrans' Clean California program working with the county, Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and Solid Waste of Willits, offered six free dump days in Covelo.

It was a beautiful sight of people cleaning up their homes and land. I helped direct traffic as the line of vehicles would begin two hours before the transfer station opened.

Volunteers cleaned up creek beds and the Tribes offered assistance to elders who needed help removing some of the bulk items from their properties. Overall, the participation far exceeded Caltrans' expectations, and everyone working together made their community a better place to live.

Budget part 2

Systems and processes usually keep things moving openly, transparently and properly. When we don't have appropriate systems and processes, things can go astray quickly. This seems to be the case with the county finances.

When the board of supervisors (4-1 with me as the dissenting vote) voted to consolidate the offices of Treasurer/Tax Collector and Auditor/ Controller against the advice of the officeholders, there was very little in the way of information about the benefits of this consolidation. Now we see that the negative effects forecasted and overwhelming

workflow placed on the shoulders of one elected official are daunting.

Chamise Cubbison was elected Auditor/ Controller/ Treasurer/ Tax Collector – or ACTT. She is struggling to wrap up the auditor duties while taking on the added Treasurer/ Tax Collector duties. Both Auditor Cubbison and former Treasurer/Tax Collector Shari Schapmire warned of this exact occurrence. The board is frustrated that timely financial statements are not happening. The public is trying to figure out what is

On September 13, we had a BOS meeting to look at what the board needed for reports and what Cubbison would need as far as support, staffing, and resources to make it happen. Instead of efficiencies and streamlining, we are seeing an increase in the ACTT's salary by \$25,000 due to the increased responsibilities, need for more staff and resources, and the consolidation of responsibilities and oversight in one person. Since this is what the board decided, we need to provide the staffing and resources to make this work.

Some of the issues brought up will return to the budget ad hoc committee, some will go over to Information Services, and the Executive Office will take over some responsibilities such as payroll. The county's budget is a known entity. The county has money and reserves, but not having up-to-date knowledge of revenues and expenditures throughout the year makes it difficult to run the county government and negotiate in good faith. If we don't have a clear idea on what our finances look like and what the projections are, then it limits our ability to sign ongoing contracts with the bargaining units.

We must do better for the people of Mendocino County and the staff that work as public servants.

I am available at haschakj@ mendocinocounty.org or 707-972-

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

My name is Danielle Barry. I would like to thank the Willits community for always supporting me from high school rodeo, to 4H / FFA, and running for Willits Frontier Days

I have almost completed my first month of college at Feather River College in Quincy and will be competing in my first college rodeo in a couple weeks.

I have had some great opportunities because of all of you that have supported me. Again, thank you for all the support and encouragement.

Danielle Barry, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

The North County Friends of Mendocino College want to shout out a BIG thank you for those community members who attended the recent Willits Chamber Mixer at the North County Center on Friday, September 16, to support our local Mendocino College students.

The North County Friends of Mendocino College, hosts of the Chamber Mixer, want to thank those that made this evening special. Donations to the auction were provided by Willits Furniture, the Cooley Family, Coro Wines in a lovely wood box, Marilyn Simpson, Kemmy's Pies, Scoops Deli, Loose Caboose, Flowers by Annette, and Pinches Septic Service as well as a donation of libations from Visit

Tom Allman was outstanding in his role of master of ceremonies and auctioneer. The funds raised during this fun evening will go directly to North County students to help assist with their college fees. A large thank you goes to our college staff for all their valuable help. Scoops Deli did a great job providing a delicious assortment of appetizers.

The North County Friends of Mendocino College is a group of volunteers assisting in the education and service programs benefitting students in the North County. Please contact Tim King at tmking@savingsbank.com to learn more about our group or to join!

> Tim King, Jim Harden, Jolene Carrillo, Marilyn Harden, for North County Friends of Mendocino College

Sexual kidnapper

sentenced to 15 to life in

state prison

In October 2021, a local man approached

and attacked a frail local woman he did

not know in a Willits shopping center. He

repeatedly beat her before dragging her

against her will behind the shopping center's

grocery store where he attempted to sexually

assault her. He eventually skulked away,

Another man riding his bicycle later in the

same area happened upon the scene, saw

the bloody and obviously injured woman, and

thought she may be dead. He immediately

The crime investigation by local law

enforcement was greatly assisted by shopping

center security cameras that captured, among

other things, images of the defendant dragging

the woman behind a dumpster. Using the

images, law enforcement quickly identified

Defendant Jose Miguel Perez, now age

24, formerly of Willits, was convicted by plea

in April of felony kidnapping with the intent to

commit rape and felony assault by force likely

The defendant also admitted as true a

sentencing enhancement that he personally

inflicted great bodily injury that caused

the victim to lose consciousness due to a

Friday morning, defendant Perez was

sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison

by Mendocino County Superior Court Judge

Still engaged in recovery, the victim was

present in the courtroom for the sentencing

and addressed Judge Dolan and those in the

courtroom, making a compelling victim impact

The law-enforcement agencies that

developed the evidence used to convict the

defendant were the Willits Police Department

and the investigators from the District

The attorney who prosecuted the defendant

from arraignment through sentencing was

Assistant District Attorney Dale P. Trigg.

to cause great bodily injury.

traumatic brain injury.

Carly Dolan.

statement.

leaving the victim for dead.

called 9-1-1 for help.

Posted by Mendocino County District

Willits Library collecting coats for kids, teens

Willits Branch Library will be collecting child-size coats through September 23. Please bring your gently used, clean coats that no longer fit your child to the library for

These coats will be distributed on Saturday, September 24, on a first-come, firstserved basis. Stop by between 11 am and 5 pm to pick out a coat for your child. (One coat per child in household.)

All coats not distributed will be donated to a local thrift store.

Willits Library is located at 390 East Commercial Street. Open hours posted online to 6 pm; and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm. Call 707-459-5908 for more information

re-distribution. We are asking for coats that fit children up to age 18.

are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 7 pm; Fridays from 10 am

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 22: Chicken & Rice Casserole, Green

Tuesday, September 27: Chicken Parmesan, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Wednesday, September 28: Beef Fajitas, Rice, Beans

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

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

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



Senior Center menu for the week

Salad, Roll

Friday, September 23: Ground Beef Tostada, Rice, Beans Monday, September 26: Ham & Cheese Deli Sub, Chips,

Thursday, September 29: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Salad, Roll

Friday, September 30: Turkey and Stuffing w/Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Veggie, Roll

delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826

funds for student support

Mixer and auction at Mendocino College Willits campus raises

Higher Education

By the end of the evening on Friday, the North County Friends of Mendocino College and the Willits Chamber of The first student speaker, Guadeloupe Santamaria, Commerce's mixer at the Willits campus had raised \$2,980 toward providing students with the ability to pay for classes or to register at the center. The skillful emcee and auctioneer, former sheriff Tom Allman, helped to loosen up the pocketbooks of the

Below: Auctioneer and MC Tom Allman tells the attendees about the Coro Wine up for auction. At right: Rose Mehtlan,

North County Center operations supervisor, and Amanda Xu, dean of centers, check out the La-Z-Boy recliner donated

by Willits Furniture. At right, below: Jim and Marilyn Harden enjoy the appetizers and the conversations. At right, below,

generous Willits residents, some of Mathew Caine them former students at the college. The attendees, who realized what a valuable asset it is to have a branch of Mendocino College in town, were more than

happy to help fund scholarships for those students who

might need some aid in attending the school. "The foundation has affiliates for all of our three centers: Fort Bragg, Lakeport, and Willits," explained Julie McGovern, executive director of the Mendocino College Foundation. "The Willits affiliate is the Friends of Mendocino College North Center. It's a group of people in business, such as Marilyn Harden, who is on our board of directors for the foundation. They support that specific

"They are really interested," said McGovern, "in supporting students who are taking classes at the North Center and working with the dual-enrollment students at the local high schools, trying to facilitate collaboration with local businesses in terms of networking and employment,

A vast variety of snacks and foods were provided by Lisa Kvasnicka, of Scoops Deli and Catering. Kvasnicka is also president of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. Wine was donated by Visit Mendocino County and there was complimentary beer by Northspur Brewing Co.

The program began with a welcome from Tim King, president of the North County Friends of Mendocino College, who thanked the attendees and said: "A few years ago, we raised money to buy books for students to use here. We built a very nice bulletin board out back. We're trying to do some major projects down the road." He also mentioned that they are looking for new members.

Kvasnicka then introduced the rest of the Chamber members: Chuck and Jill Persico, John Kvasnicka, Lou Celava, Nathaniel Florez, all of whom were in attendance.

"I get the joy," said Dean of Centers Amanda Xu, "of overseeing our campuses in Fort Bragg, here in Willits, and in Lakeport. Nothing would be possible without our center supervisor, Rose Mehtlan.

"There's always amazing support from our vicepresident, Debra Polak," said Xu. "Tammy Cartwright is our center assistant. We have some student speakers here today to talk about their experience with Mendocino

College and the North County Center."

who graduated from Mendocino College in May, said: "I got an associate degree in administration of justice and psychology. Now I'm attending Sonoma State University. I love Mendocino College. If I could, I'd get my bachelor's here. A lot of teachers, like Steve Hellman, helped me a lot. It's great to have a campus here in Willits. My dad is getting

from Maryland, "I'm a 2009 graduate. I went through the associate of science nursing program. I was a firstgeneration college student. This college had so many programs that supported me and helped me to get where "I had a lot of doubts," said Sheila, "that I could complete

Next, a past student, Sheila, spoke over the internet

college coming from the family I did. The Learning Center was an amazing resource. It was like my second home. I've been to three other universities and never received so much support as I did here.

After the speakers finished, Allman took the microphone.

"I assume everybody remembers Willits," said Allman, "when we didn't have a branch of the college here. Fortunately, the people of the county passed a bond measure to build additional campuses and this was one of the first. I have attended and taught a class here.

"This college branch covers, geographically, more area than any other college branch in the county," informed Allman. "If you take a college course offered through the high school, you get both high school and college credits. There are kids who are graduating from high school now that have or are very close to having their two-year degree

The Willits North Campus' reach in the high school program goes from Leggett all the way down to Point

One by one, Allman, only interrupting the auction for occasional groan-inducing "dad jokes," took bids for the several items that were donated by local businesses: a gift box of Coro Wines, a cord of firewood from Stan Cooley, blooms from Flowers by Annette, a Kemmy's Pie once a month for a year, septic tank pump service from Jim Pinches, a plush La-Z-Boy recliner from Willits Furniture, a Loose Caboose gift certificate, a private voice lesson from Marilyn Simpson, and a gift certificate from Scoops.

Allman also offered a 50 / 50 raffle which ended up splitting \$280 between the school and the winner.

The North County Center of Mendocino College is located at 372 East Commercial Street. For information, call 459-6224 or visit www.mendocino.edu/north-countv-









Above, left: Scoops Deli and Catering provided a vast selection of comestibles. Above, right: Tim King, president of the North County Friends of Mendocino College, thanks the attendees for supporting the school. Below: Nellie Larsen poses with her bouquet from Flowers by Annette and her daughter-in-law, Lisa Kvasnicka. At bottom: Sheila, who received an associate of cience in nursing from the Mendocino College North County Center, spoke over the internet from Marvland.

Photos by Mathew Caine







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photography by maureen (moore) Jennison

School Photo Schedule 2022/2023 m excited to see you all again and can't want to photograph all the smiling faces! Here's who I am planning to see and when - mark down notes on those calendars and more information will come about times and details as the date approaches!

Wednesday, 9/28 and Thursday, 9/29: Willits Elementary Charter School Tuesday, 10/4: Sherwood Elementary School Tuesday, 10/4 and Thursday, 10/6:

Lavida Independent Study Charter School Thursday, 10/6: Willits Charter: A Public School for the Arts & Sciences Wednesday, 10/12: First Steps Daycare Friday, 10/14: Shanél Valley Academy Thursday, 10/20 and Friday, 10/21: Deep Valley Christian School

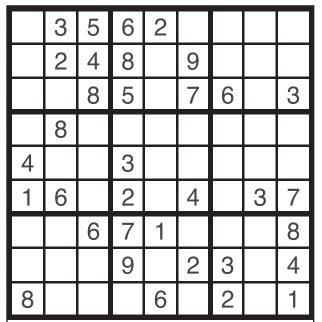
Senior photos for Willits High School, Sanhedrin High School and the Willits Charter School will be in Januar 2023 like usual - more info on those as they get closer, too!

Ouestions?

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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 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

CLUES ACROSS 1. Fall down

5. Gas usage measurement 8. Golf score 11. A superior grade of black tea

14. Eating house 15. Delay leaving a place 16. People now inhabiting

17. Canadian flyers 18. Walks back and forth

20. Frequently 21. Humans have two 22. Surrounds with armed

25. Made proper 30. Medical buildings 31. Patty Hearst's captors 32. Hits with a drop shot

33. Italy's PM 1919-20 38. Promotions 41. En __: incidentally

43. Queens baseball team 45. Commoner 47. Expenses in insurance

world (abbr.) 49. Payroll firm 50. Broadway actress Daisy

(52) of Willits was

contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges

of disorderly conduct

August 21 to September 3 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **139 incidents** investigation in the 300 block of in this 14-day reporting period.

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Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

August 21

6:08 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Tuttle Lane.

2:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

August 22

No incidents to report. August 23

No incidents to report.

August 24

1:01 pm: DEGURSE, Nathan Paul (24) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of domestic battery, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of metal knuckles, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia August 28 and violation of probation.

report of vandalism in the 300 block of East Hill Road.

3:42 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

August 25

6:10 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:37 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:11 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2:43 pm: Officers initiated a fraud Franklin Avenue.

4:34 pm: ESTES, Ashleigh Anne contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 11550 H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance) and on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

August 26

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

12:48 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

August 27

12:40 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

6:46 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of

12:46 pm: Officers responded to 3:12 pm: Officers responded to a a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

August 29

4:30 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive and issued a warning

6:21 pm: MATTSON, Cheryl Kathleen (50) of Ukiah was contacted in the 100 block of Barbara Lane. She was arrested on felony charges of elder abuse and assault with a deadly weapon, and on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order and resisting an officer.

10:19 pm: LOPES Sr., Anthony

responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Shell Lane and Baechtel Road and issued (37) of Seattle, Washington was a warning. August 30

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Officers initiated 6:26 pm: hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of Baechtel Road.

(alcohol).

6:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of Central Street.

August 31

5:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

9:42 pm: LANDRUMJOHNSTON, Georgette Mamie (57) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street following a report of an unwanted subject. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of trespassing.

September 1

11:18 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

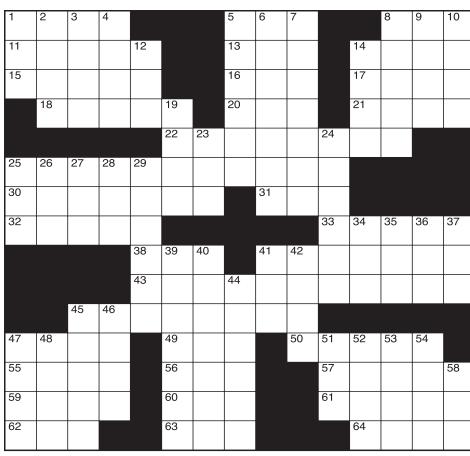
September 2

10:29 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial

September 3

9:09 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a



55. Skipper butterflies

57. Daniel , French composer

59. English children's author 60. Midway between east and southeast

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation 62. Patriotic women's group

63. The woman 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN 1. Parts per thousand (abbr.)

2. Jump 3. Eaten as a vegetable 4. Residual paresis after

anesthesia 5. Brunchtime staple

6. Makes money off of 7. Refined

8. Nocturnal S. American 9. From a distance

10. Officials 12. It helps you see

14. Central Canadian indigenous person 19. Invests in little enterprises 58. Get free of

Weather

From page 1

23. They help in tough

24. Industrial port in Poland

26. Peyton's little brother

27. Alcoholic beverage

28. Newspapers need it

34. Distinctive practice

37. Belonging to a thing

engage in them

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overnight Monday, but Tuesday was mostly quiet, weather-wise, until late afternoon, when big peals of thunder and startling lightning strikes had a go. From around 4:30 pm to 6 pm, thunder was heard around Willits, and lightning seen

The National Weather Service called the storm around Willits. slowly moving to the northwest, one of "the most notable current storms" in the area that day. "These storms are capable of 11:59 pm: Officers producing small hail and brief heavy rain."

> Multiple reports of heavy rain and pictures of hail showed up online, and Highway 101 drivers reportedly pulled over to wait out the storm. Flooding was reported in the No. 2 northbound lane on 101 on the Willits grade.

> More reports of some areas getting 2 inches, or not quite 3 inches of rain were posted Tuesday evening, including one of 1.5 inches in 1.5 hours. Other local areas didn't get heavy rain

> during this thunderstorm. PG&E did report a power outage in Pine Mountain Tuesday afternoon, right after the lightning strikes up in Pine Mountain, with 252 customers affected. PG&E crews achieved restoration of power by 11 am Wednesday morning.

> At around 5:30 pm, a possible residential fire on the 3000 block of Ridgewood Road in Pine Mountain was called in. A full wildfire response started, but air attack was held due to the rain and continuing lightning strikes. Then ground response was instructed to stage where they were, as those on the scene were unable to find a fire at first.

They did find a lot of "water dogs" – a weather phenomenon seen after heavy rainfall, as in thunderstorms - wispy cloud forms that can look like columns of smoke from a fire.

But then came the on-scene report: "Not as reported, illegal burn pile, cancel the balance [of fire response], Engine 1152 will

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit posted a reminder on social media Tuesday about the continuing danger of fire, despite this current

"Cooler weather is welcomed, after the hot summer heat, and the rain gives hope that relief is on the way, but don't let these

"We are beginning to enter the most critical time of year for fire. With California suffering from extreme drought, vegetation is extremely receptive and ready to burn.

"CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit wants residents to remain vigilant when it comes to fire safety. Remember that debris pile burning is still suspended in Mendocino County – NO burning is allowed. Visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org for more information on how you can prepare for wildfire."

Forecasts for the Willits area are predicting the temperature to be in the mid to high 80s this weekend, and sunny.





Hometown Flavors

Community-minded owners serve up tender slow-cooked meats with friendly service at Smokey's BBQ on Main Street

River N'Doye, who, along with Gane Jackson, has recently opened a new

Mathew Caine restaurant venue at 42 South Main Street. "We really pride ourselves in putting a lot of time and hard work into making our meats come off as a slow-smoked food, but we're really fast with

If the reviews of their early customers are any indication, they should be around for quite some time. N'Doye owns the building, which she inherited from her mother.

our service.'

"We have an investment in our community," she said. "There are a lot of people who wanted to buy this building outright. I've never had any interest in selling it. It's all about location. You can't buy the proper location to match the budget. I think we're in the right spot at the right time. This is an historical building right here in downtown Willits. One of the reasons it had so many difficulties in the past keeping tenants, is that it was not actually set up as

"Originally, it was the very first Moon Lady when Marie moved to town around 1995. Over the years, we have converted it into a fully functioning restaurant. We've put in plumbing. We've put in an ancel (exhaust) system. We've put in all the kitchen ware. We've developed it into what this town needed, which is a commercial kitchen."

Indeed, the little building, with its distinct style, has been home to many food establishments in the past. Hopefully, the current management team can keep it going.

Smokey's BBQ is named after the huge smoker, situated on the back patio, which is capable of producing great quantities of perfectly cooked meats and fish for large events or small get-togethers, or Africa. It's very important to me to not only be a part more often, the customer who wants only one item.

Smokey's chef, Gane Jackson, has a friendly relationship with the device, one of patience and proclivity for creating tender, tasty foods.

"I've been barbecuing since I was in my early teenage years," Jackson explained. "When I was in my early 20s, I ran a restaurant in San Francisco. I was general manager in the Marina District. It's always been a passion of mine. It's always come natural to me.

"I came up here," he said, "when I had an opportunity to purchase some property in Laytonville about six years ago. I took the plunge. I left Los Angeles and moved up north. I originally 707-409-4331.

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"We are slow-cooked fast food," declared Simone had another business partner but she ended up coming down with cancer, which put everything on hold. Then I met and partnered with Simone. She saved the day.'

So far, the partnership seems to be working. producing savory smoked meals with plenty of sides to sate even the hungriest of appetites.

"The food brought me down here. I live way out in the boondocks. I got word of this place and I'm here," said one customer in anticipation, braving the road all the way from Third Gate to partake

Another customer, Vicki, with young Bella in tow, said that she had heard of the barbecue joint from her mother and had to try it out. Word of mouth seems to be working for the fledgling business. Even though they have not had a formal opening, they are enjoying a growing reputation amongst the people of Willits.

It's no surprise that N'Doye would know what would satisfy the locals.

"I call myself 'roots deep,' said N'Doye. "I was born and raised right here in Mendocino County. I was born of the back-to-the-landers generation of wild and flamboyant entrepreneurs that moved from the East Coast to the West Coast and made a conscious choice to be part of a community.

"In my heart, that's the most important aspect of why I'm in this business, so that my kids have something they really feel rooted to and connected to. I want them to feel that they can go anywhere in the world and know that they can always come back to this community and be an integral part of it, somebody that offers to the community, and to keep it as a blue, eco-friendly environment. That's at the heart of everything I do," N'Doye said proudly.

"I am married to a man from Senegal. West of this community, but to be an example of diversity, make it a safe place for all walks of people to have a connection to a sweet home town

"Gane and I have a great working relationship," she continued, "where we're constantly lifting each other up and find solutions to difficult problems. Our biggest challenge right now is just letting people know we're open Tuesday through Saturday, 12 to 8 pm.

Daily specials, which may include salmon or crawfish cake sandwiches, are posted in front of the shop or on their Facebook page: www.facebook. com/707MendoBbq. Call ahead for special orders:

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Family owned since 1983"



At left: Co-owners Gane Jackson and Simone River N'Doye welcome customers to their new barbecue restaurant on Main Street.

Above, left: Smokey the smoker cooks meat slowly, retaining the flavor and moisture. Above, right: Full meals come with a choice of two sides. At right: Fresh salmon is slow-cooked on the smoker. Below, left: This historical downtown building houses the new Smokey's BBQ. Below, right: Ben prepares vegetables for the sandwiches and

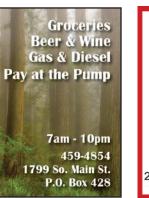






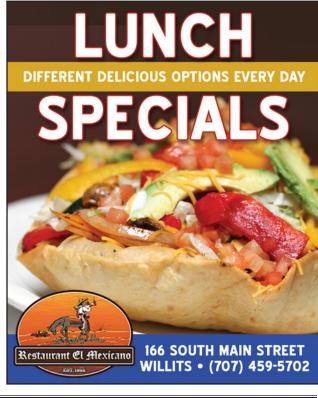
Above: One of the daily specials, a crawfish cake sandwich, is savory and crisp. Below: The menu board tells of the usual fare available at the counter, with daily











Thursday, September 22 Happy first day of Fall!

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market at the old Rexall parking lot, downtown. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Thursday, September 22, 3 to 5:30 pm. 90 South Main Street. Enjoy "Tobin's Tales," story time from the Willits Branch Library and the Farmers Market Association, from 3:30 to 4 pm. Tobin will be offering readings of children's books for the community at large.

Our Energy Future: Save Money/Save the Climate': A Zoom forum sponsored by Willits Economic Localization. Presenters include Geof Syphers, CEO of Sonoma Clean Power, Keith Rutledge of the Renewable Energy Development

Institute, and John Takes founder of North Bay Solar Electric. September 22, 6:30 to 8 pm. The Zoom link is tinyurl.com/ WELL-Energy-Forum. Info: Madge Strong at mstrong@willitsonline. com or 707-459-1493.

BACE Autumn Equinox Celebration: "Join us for a tremendous evening of music, art and movement

Come through early for Movement & Sound bath, amazing bites by @zocalove and check out the new art by @tribe13gallery." Tickets are \$25 presale (available at eventbrite.com), or \$35 at the door. Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 pm. BACE, 109 North Main St.

Friday, September 23

"ImPRESSED, A Celebration of Printmaking": This is the last weekend for this showing at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. "ImPRESSED celebrates the art of printmaking and community. Prints from local artists, both

contemporary and beloved, will come together to inspire an appreciation for the fine art of printmaking. The museum's hours are Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street

WCA presents: "Bonnie Belt, 40 Years of Art", and Diamondstone, Paintings and Upcycled Work": "A retrospective of Bonnie Belt's ceramic work

from the past 40 years, and paintings by Laura Diamondstone." These new exhibits open Friday. and a "Meet the Artists" event will be held Saturday from 6 to 9 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Open Friday to Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Exhibits run until October 30.

Kyle Madrigal "Soul Lifting Original Music" at Brickhouse Coffee: "Amazingly gifted local musician" Kyle Madrigal plays every Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main

Shanachie Pub: Carlos Selections. "Carlos Hernández and Taylor playing Reggae riddims and Hip Hop beats. Hernández, trumpeter from Puerto Rico, offers diverse music groups with musicians that he has worked with since his first visit to Northern California back

in 2016. Genres from jazz to latin, from reggae to funk, to music without labels. Visit www.facebook.com/mayequa. riday, September 23, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South

"Garraoke" Night at Diggers

by Garrett Moore on the 2nd and 4th ridays of every month. "8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!' Friday, September 23. Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Willits High School Football: The Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams take on St. Helena at Willits High School, Maize Field, 299 North Main Street. September 23, JV plays at 5:30 pm, and Varsity at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, September 24

Celebration of Life for Les Tarr: A memorial gathering will be held for Les Tarr, longtime Willits residents and musician "who played bass with just about everyone." Les had a popular radio show, "Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr," and was MC every year at the Willits Toy Run. The memorial will be at the Rec Grove, Saturday, September 24, from 2 to 4 pm, with music and cake! Bring memories and stories to share; bring a dish to share if you like.

Willits Summer Art Walk: "Our downtown is brimming with talented artists and creative activity. Plan to spend the evening exploring art,

> history, music, and dance." Many local venues are involved, showing art exhibits and displays, and providing food and drinks. These include Art on the Plaza (99 S Main St), Willits Center for the Arts (71 E Commercial St), Re-Evolution (15 W Mendocino Ave), Shanachie Pub (50B S Main St), Scoops (110 N Main St), BACE (101 N Main St), Kemmy's Pies (299 E Commercial St), and the city library and museum. Last two walks willitscenterforthearts.org.

Shanachie Pub: Saturday Scramble with Tyler B. Every second and fourth Saturday from 3 to 6 pm. "You're invited to bring any instrument you can play and sign up for a 'band' to

What's Happening Around Town Shanachie Pub: Wormhead. An alternative rock Wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes band formed by multi-instrumentalist and frontman or Gluten-free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Jeremy Cremer. This show features the band Local Farm Fresh Eggs, Real Butter, Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea." \$9 per diner, \$8 for seniors, playing an acoustic set. Visit wormheadband.com. Saturday, September 24, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, \$5 for children under 10. Sunday, September 25,

50B South Main Street. 8 to 11 am. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Willits Area Cyclists Meet the Artists at WCA: Willits Center for the Arts Brooktrails Trail Day: Presents "Bonnie Belt, 40 "This Sunday we will Years of Art," and Laura be doing some cleanup Diamondstone, Paintings and work on Thimbleberry, Upcycled Work". Meet the and artists being showcased in Huckleberry if we get these new exhibits on Saturday, a solid turnout. Duties

September 25, from 6 to 9 pm. will include hauling, "A retrospective of Bonnie Belt's ceramic work from the past 40 years, and raking, and paintings by Laura Diamondstone." Exhibit opens We will be meeting Friday and runs through October 30. Willits Center at the Thimbleberry for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Saturday, Trailhead, off of Poppy

Malachai Schindel

September 24, 6-9 pm. Sarah Rose McMahon, Malakai Schindel and Forrest Glyer at the Willits Community Theater. with Special Guests Kyle Madrigal and Lhasa **Summers:** This group of longtime collaborating local musicians comes together for a special

concert at the Willits Community Theatre. musical histories that include Real Sarahs, Schindig and the Dirt Floor Band among other acts, they have a diverse mix of backgrounds and influences that range Americana and folk to jazz and world music. Tickets are \$20, available

at wctperformingartscenter.org, or you can call 707-459-0895. Saturday, September 24, 7:30 pm. Willits Community Theater, 37 West Van Lane.

Sunday, September 25

"Harvest Sharing" at the Little Lake Grange: "A free outside community event sharing our delicious season's bounty of food, food-related items, and local herbs in the grange's back parking lot. 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/ of 2022: September 24 and October or medicinal herbs, fresh or dried. Please drop off 29, 4 to 8 pm. For more info visit the harvest you wish to share between 9 am and 12 pm." This event will be in conjunction with the Grange Pancake Breakfast that same morning. Sunday, September 25. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: "The

Friday, September 29

Kyle Madrigal "Soul Lifting Original Music" at Brickhouse Coffee: "Amazingly gifted local musician" Kyle Madrigal plays every Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main

COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

Dan Essman

sincerely tries.

really, but not

unhappy. And of

always the pub.

Then, the streets

are full of the

Hungry zombies on

learns to whack 'em

obvious, but worth telling.

they're

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they survive?

even better.

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Shaun

in the head. He finds his inner manhood and

realizes he has to save his friends, his girl, his

mum. The odds seem to be against them. Will

My Thoughts: The title rhymes with "Dawn of

the Dead" and the flick is clearly an homage.

Dreary folk wandering around London on their

daily whatevers. Then we see the zombie

folk wandering around London. The joke is

Simon Pegg is Shaun. He wrote the

screenplay. He's done more than 100 movies.

He's produced, written, directed, done voice

over; he's done everything and knows what

he's about. This movie has a cult following -

fans rave. Rotten Tomatoes gives it 92% critics

score, and 93% audience score. This is truly

a party movie. Watch it with friends. It will be

Parents: "Shaun of the Dead" is rated "R"

because ... "hungry zombies." So, no children.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his

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Bonnie Belt, '40 Years of Art'

Willits Art Center.

through October

The Willits Center for the Arts Presents: "Bonnie

Belt, 40 Years of Art," a retrospective of Bonnie Belt's

ceramic work from the past 40 years. Also featured

is "Laura Diamondstone, Paintings and Upcycled

Work". Bonnie's work sells internationally. For the

past 40 years, she has immersed herself in ceramics,

creating exquisite objects to delight and amaze

people with her skill. A native of Needles, California,

she moved to Willits in 1994, and tells us, 'An artist

must make the choice to be a professional or just

SF Bay Area native Laura Diamondstone is now

nestled in Anderson Valley tending to home, land,

and animals, Laura is "grounded with belief in nature,

research, inspired people, the arts, and giving back,

all of which inform my creative process." Laura's

paintings sing with color and wait till you see her

bubble wrap.

unbelievable work with

The show opens Friday,

September 23, and you can

meet the artists on Saturday.

September 24 from 6 to 9

pm. Exhibits run through

October 30. Sponsored

by the Sherwood Band

of Pomo Indians. Willits

Center for the Arts, 71 East

Commercial Street.

have her art as an accompaniment to another life.'

Teenagers will probably love it.

dead-

Classic Film

Series: 'Shaun of

the Dead'

The Story: Very British Horror-backslash-

Shaun and his best buddy/couch potato Ed are

working class guys. (Well. Ed deals weed, but

is out of product at the moment). Shaun works

as a salesman of electronic paraphernalia,

stereos, cassette players, and such. He

Situation Comedy

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Shanachie Pub: Gonzalo Bergara Quintet Live CD Release Party: "Back for the first time since May of 2016 is Gonzalo Bergara. That Friday and Saturday night were recorded live at Shanachie Pub, and now the CD from that weekend is finally available for us all to take home & enjoy! The all-acoustic group play a modern variant of 1930s Django Reinhardtnspired gypsy jazz. Composer and lead guitarist Bergara mixes a cascade of arpeggios with the

sounds of Paris and his native Argentina." Visit www.gonzalobergara.com. Friday September 30, 9 pm, "limited engagement". Shanachie Pub, 50B

KLLG 97.9 Hometown Radio Willits Birthday Bash: "Music and dancing at Little Lake Grange with Funkacillin, Greg and Malakai Schindel, and Wendy Dewitt, plus our world-famous KLLG silent auction. Beer by Northspur Brewery, wine by Frey Vineyards, and food by Turtle Island Tacos. This event is dedicated to the memory of Lanny Cotler, Les Tarr and Mike Burgess." Tickets are \$15, available at J.D. Redhouse, and at the door. Friday, September 30, 7 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Saturday, October 1

Willits Arts Party: "Everyone is invited to the Willits Arts Party, a free fun-for-all-ages celebration of the ARTS, on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10-5 at Recreation Grove. Sponsored by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, the Willits Community Theatre, and the Willits Center for the Arts, the Willits Arts Party will showcase performance and visual arts. Attendees can browse art vendor booths and enjoy DJs, original music and dance, hula hooping, food trucks, live art demos, dancing to the soul sounds of Funkacillin, and more!" For more information visit www.facebook.com/WillitsArtsParty, or contact margi@mcn.org. Saturday, October 1, 10 am to 5 pm, Recreation Grove Park.

> Willits Weekly's Centerspread Calendar is back! Please send listings and digital graphics to willitsweekly@gmail. com by our deadline, end of day Monday for each Thursday edition.



reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

become a WAC member go to wactrails.wixsite. Wednesday, September 28

History Makers: Print and Play with Trains at the Mendocino County Museum: "Children aged 2-6 and their grownups are invited to the museum from 1-3 pm! Use toy trains to create your own railway line and add colorful scenery with stamps and drawings, or enjoy playtime and build a track with our wooden train set." Wednesday, September 28, 1 to 3 pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street.

appropriate clothing, water, and a lunch or big

snack." Sunday, September 25, 9 am to 2 pm. To

sawing,

casting.

Drive. Bring sturdy

shoes, work gloves,

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic Night: Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from

3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Every Wednesday. September 28, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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best 'scratch' pancakes and local farm eggs to perform a 15 minute set with other local musicians. of children's books Meet new musicians, discover new genres and be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods. All explore your creativity!" Saturday September 24, 3 to 6 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street. you can eat pancakes, choose our Sourdough

The Willits Branch Library is proud to announce its first book club, "Elementary!" - solely devoted to new and classic mysteries. Any adults who appreciate a good whodunit are invited to sign up at the library's circulation desk and get ready to meet and talk all about the riveting tale, "The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery" by Richard Osman. Hosted by Librarian Benjamin MacBean the first Thursday of every month, starting on October 6, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. For more information, visit www.

Mendocino County Fair

The Mendocino County Fair & Apple show is this weekend at the Fairgrounds in Boonville, Friday, September 23 to Sunday, September 25 from 9 am to midnight. "This major event includes elegant floral displays and feature booths, racks of glistening jars of home-canned specialties, tables of tatted, quilted, knitted, and other domestic items, photographs and paintings that are absolutely the finest of quality, and of course 4-H and FFA livestock, all beautifully groomed. Anderson Valley apples, cider, and local wines are all available for tasting. The entire family can enjoy the football game, C.C.P.R.A. Rodeo, Sheep Dog Trials, a Classic Car Show and Parade, Sadie the Balloon Lady, Fables of the West, Hypnotist Kellie Karl, and the carnival." Live music featuring the Scott Forbes Band on Friday, Dean Titus & the Cowboys on Saturday, and Los Cautivos & Los Elegantes DTC on Sunday. See full schedule online at https://mendocountyfair.com/ Tickets: Adults \$10, juniors 13-18 \$8, kids 7-12 \$6, and kids 6 & under free. September 23-25, Mendocino County Fairgrounds, Boonville.

Holiday Crafts Fair Call for Artists

Willits Center for the Arts is now accepting entries for the 35th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, December 9 and 10, with space at both the Willits Community Center and Willits Center for the Arts. "Calling all artists and crafters! This is a 2 day show Friday, December 9, noon to 7pm and Saturday, December 10, 10am to 4pm. All interested artists, hand crafters, and specialty foods entrepreneurs, who hand-make their own products, should request application forms by email from Bonnie Belt at belt.bonnie@gmail.com."

For further information visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org/holiday-craft-fair, or call Bonnie at 707-459-4792. Booth space starts at \$80. Acceptance is subject to quality of work and earliest postmark date. Applications will be accepted until October 15, 2022 or until all booths are filled.



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Talk on prehistoric art, Willits Senior Center, October 3

Join us for a trip to the pre-historic era and view artworks from as early as 42,000 BC. This Monday, October 3, 1:30 pm presentation, "Art: The Invention of a System, Prehistory," will be on the new big screen in the Willits Senior Center dining room. Join us for a new look at old art. Presented by the Willits Center for the Arts. Senior Center. 1501 Baechtel Road.



KLLG 97.9 Hometown Radio Willits Birthday Bash, Little Lake Grange, September 30

"KLLG is having a Birthday Bash, celebrating six years of being your Community Radio Station, and also in dedication to Larry Cotler who started KLLG, and Les Tarr, host of an excellent blues show, and Mike Burgess! They will be greatly missed! We will have live music by Wendy Dewitt, Greg and Malakai Schindel and Funkacillin. Northspur Brewery will provide beer and Frey Vineyards will provide wine. Turtle Island Taco Truck will be serving food. A silent auction will be happening with donations from our awesome local businesses, including Ace Copy, Art in The Plaza, Brewed Awakening, Brickhouse Coffee, Buster's Burgers, Coast Hardware, Clark's Trailer Park, Davhi's Kitchen, Edie's Smokeshop, J.D. Redhouse, Little John's Bar, El Mexicano, Mazahar, Mirror Mirror on the Wall, Sparetime Supply, Smokey's BBQ, Cafe 77, Taqueria Bravo, Unique Boutique, Willits Furniture and Wild West Express. Event sponsors include the Community Foundation of Mendocino County and Rob Smith. So come and help us celebrate September 30, Friday, 7 to 10 pm (doors open at 6 pm) at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Tickets available at J.D. Redhouse and also at the door for \$15. Hope to see you there!"

- Cheryl Abney for KLLG Radio



All-star local musicians, WCT Playhouse, September 24

Mendocino County musical stars Forrest Glyer, Malakai Schindel, Sarah Rose McMahon, Lhasa Summers and Kyle Madrigal will perform together in a special series production at Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, September 24 at 7:30 pm.

The five were all raised in the Willits area and have been playing together for many years, in various combos. In this unique show they bring together a wild and eclectic mix of musical backgrounds and influences including Americana, Blues, Country, Folk, Rock, Psychedelia, Jazz, Electronic and World Music.

WCT Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door, or online at: www. wctperformingartscenter.org.

Ongoing Events

IMPRESSED

MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

AUGUST 12 - SEPTEMBER 25

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the second and Fourth Friday of every month, with host Garrett Moore. From 8 pm to midnight, "then get down until closing!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Kyle Madrigal "Soul Lifting Original Music" at Brickhouse Coffee: "Amazingly gifted local musician" Kyle Madrigal plays every Friday from 11 am to 3 pm. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

Willits Garden Club: Meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 11:30 am, with the next on October 11. Potluck lunch, garden-related speakers and programs. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse. More information at www. willitsgardenclub.org

Free Home Hardening Inspections Still Available: To apply contact info@ sherwoodfirewise.org

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twice-monthly food distribution in Willits, now located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields. Groceries To Go, Senior Basket (for low income seniors 60 or older), and Diapers all distributed the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

The below all take place at the Willits Center For The Arts, 71 East **Commercial Street:**

Lifeline Life Drawing: Drop in Life Drawing Group. Thursdays, 1-4 pm. Sliding scale. For info call Margaret at 459-9251.

The Willits Photography Club: "invite you to join us for friendship, inspiration, and sharing. Beginners to professionals are welcome." Meetings are the second explore your creativity!". From 3-6 pm

Saturday of each month, with the next one taking place on October 8 at 10 am.

Capoeira: "Community, Confidence, Wellness". Mondays and Wednesdays in September, 5-7 pm. For info call Tony at 831-332-3684.

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Helen Scott

Helen "Bea" Scott died on June 23 at the age of 99 after a long and eventful life. Bea moved to Fort Bragg 20 years ago after constructing a new home along with her beloved by a favorite nephew William "Bill" Barker (Lorri) of Willits friend Dave Hope. They lived just outside the fog belt, and and six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 20

enjoyed landscaping their new home with many rhododendrons and a lovely fish pond.

She is survived by her three children Thelma Pyatt of Eugene, Oregon, Eddie Scott of Willits (Karen), and Janice Scott (Bob) of Concord.

Bea loved her artwork and continued to paint in oils into her early 90s. She especially loved to paint seascapes and learned more to enhance her style after moving closer to the ocean.

Bea and Dave had a well-loved companion - a beautiful and loyal Welsh terrier dog named Sandy who died recently - we're sure of a broken heart due to her missing Bea.

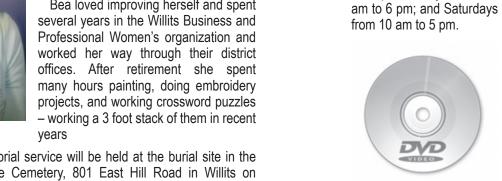
She and Dave enjoyed 18 years together prior to his death in 2020. Bea previously lived in Willits for more than 50 years with her husband, Noble E. "Scottie" Scott, who

Bea was predeceased by her parents William and Corda Barker, five brothers and two sisters. She is also survived great-great-grandchildren.

> Bea created a set of family history books (her and Scottie's lineage) which included personalized stories and photos and was embellished with pen and ink. The family was thankful that she managed to get through a serious health problem in her 50s and went on to live a long and healthy life.

Bea loved improving herself and spent

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OBITUARY |

John Haydon

John Preston Haydon, born July 7, 1942 in Willits.

California, passed away August 6, 2022 at the age of

80 years old. He was proceeded in death by his parents

He is survived by his daughters Stephanie

Contreras (Sal), Connie Duran, Rebecca Whitman

(BJ); grandchildren Marcela Peech (Tomas), Isabella

Duran, Stephen Haydon, Michael, Danielle, Anthony

Contreras, Samantha Haydon, and Sophia Whitman;

and great-grandchildren Dominic Lopez and Natalia

He is also survived by his brother Donald Haydon

(Nancy); nieces and nephews Christina, J.J., Lisa,

Michael Haydon; and Jacqueline McGehee (Daniel).

John Haydon has

been laid to rest in the

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

Fictitious Business Name Statement

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Registered owner: Aaron Unroe 1635 Padula Drive, Willits, CA This business is conducted by

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Alive With Memories

Little Lake Cemetery and the Willits Cemetery are historic places to celebrate life

Before Willits was incorporated, in 1888, local residents gathered at Little Lake Cemetery to lay loved ones to rest and celebrate their lives. Names of the first settlers

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can be seen and recognized, as they are familiar around town, on buildings and streets. The dates on some of the headstones go back to the mid-1800s. One early settler

In some cultures, there is a holiday around the death of ancestors, where everyone goes to the cemetery for a colorful celebration. We now have gatherings on Memorial Day, at our cemeteries, to honor local military veterans at rest.

These days, both the Little Lake Cemetery in the valley and the Willits Cemetery on Hwy 20 are places to celebrate life. Love ones have created beautiful and intimate spaces to sit with their departed ones and talk with them, perhaps raise a glass to toast them, or listen for a message felt in their heart.

The well-tended grounds offer a scenic place for quiet contemplation and savoring memories. Many of the sites feature personal vignettes portraying the lives of those not forgotten. The engraved names come to life as a violinist, a truck driver and a father that loved motorcycles. Flowers, rocks and seashells create loving spaces to honor those who are cherished and missed.

Our local cemeteries offer a peaceful place to remember loved ones and reflect upon

It has been said, "The only place where you can find equality is in the cemetery."



At top, from left: An angel trumpets the joy of life. A winged cherub sits with a loved one. Statues can be found at the Little Lake and Willits cemeteries, like this one of a child delighting in a

At left: Silk flowers and decorations make for a peaceful spot to sit with a

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- 1 large head cauliflower 1/4 cup butter or margarine
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 - 1/2 cup California Rhine, Sauterne or other white dinner wine 1/2 cup water
 - 1/2 cup shredded, blanched almonds
 - Salt and pepper 1/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese

Trim and wash cauliflower; separate into flowerets. Drop into boiling, salted water; cook 10 to 15 minutes, or just until tender when pierced with a fork. Meanwhile, prepare sauce. Melt butter and stir in flour. Add milk, wine and water; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is thickened and smooth. Add almonds, salt and pepper. Drain cauliflower carefully; place in greased baking dish. Pour over sauce and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) for 20 minutes.

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3-Ib. chuck roast

- Salt 1 carrot, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced Sprig parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse black pepper 3 cloves
- Pinch each: sage, rosemary, marjoram, sweet basil and bay leaf
- 3 cups California Burgundy or other 3 tablespoons butter or margarine

Season roast on both sides with salt. Place meat in a glass or porcelain dish. Add all other ingredients except butter (meat should be covered by wine). Cover

dish; refrigerate 2 days, turning once a day. Drain meat, reserving marinade. Brown meat on both sides in melted butter; add wine marinade; simmer 2 to 21/2 hours or until meat is tender. Serve with spaghetti, rice, mashed potatoes or polenta.

My choice of wine to accompany this dish: CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON OR PINOT NOIR

NOTE: For a good polenta recipe to go with the beef, see Page 34.









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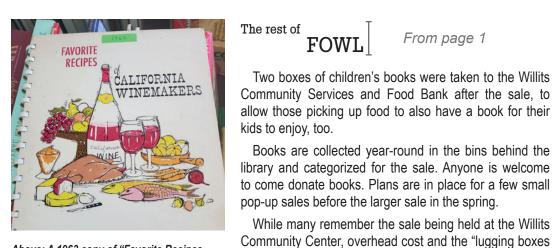
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The rest of

Brooktrails

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library.

county Department of Transportation asking questions about recent accidents in relation to the speed limit signs that are posted. The board agreed that a letter would be a good way to start the process of addressing the issue.

Counsel Chris Neary reported that within the past couple of months he has worked to get nonprofit status for the county Fire Chiefs Association. He also said, "We are now working for the Brooktrails Firefighters to have the nonprofit status so that they can receive charitable contributions."

General Manager Alaniz updated the board on the recent cleanup of the Dogwood Lane and Dogwood Terrace dumping area. She shared that on Saturday, September 10, about 30 people came out and made good progress in

clearing out the area. There will be an additional cleanup day scheduled in the next month.

Alaniz continued: "We are going to have to have discussions about raising rates and fees in this coming year. Base rates and volumetric rates and fees will have to be raised in the near future. There will also be an 8% rate increase for trash pickup – Solid Waste of Willits, due to the high cost of fuel. I'm mentioning all of this now in order to 'prime the pump' so to speak, to prepare everyone for what is going to be coming."

The board then voted unanimously to approve the Accounts Pavable in the amount of \$245,303.71

There is an election coming up for the representative for independent special districts at the Mendocino County Local Agency Formation Commission, known as "LAFCo." The Brooktrails board unanimously candidate Candace approved

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Horsley to run for a four-year term in the 2022 LAFCo Special District Seat Election.

Two boxes of children's books were taken to the Willits

Books are collected year-round in the bins behind the

While many remember the sale being held at the Willits

effort" have both made the larger room at the library an

ideal location to hold a more cost- and effort-effective sale.

As with many things, the sales are run on volunteer

effort, and there is currently an opening on the board of

directors. Rosen noted that applications are available at

the library, and there is always a shelf of books available to

The group returns those funds by supporting the library

and programs held there, including purchasing books and

periodicals (including a subscription to the New York Times

and Wall Street Journal which are both now available to

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reading program and other special events held at the

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Finally, the board considered Resolution 2022-04 "Making Findings on the Golf Course Operations Agreement." Brooktrails Golf Course Managers Marcus and Jacqueline Newby were present to answer any questions that the board members had. Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea made a motion to approve what was identified in the board agenda packet as "Draft One" - to defer the capital reserve contribution that the operators have been previously assessed, through this year until June 2023, and to further approve the Tuesday closure of the golf course that the operators have requested.

Golf Course Manager Marcus Newby went to the podium to answer questions from the board members. Director Orth asked him to make a statement regarding why the board had been asked to take the action regarding the deferral of the capital reserve contribution and the requested Tuesday closure of the golf course.

"We took over the management of the course in 2019." Newby said, "and when COVID hit, the course had to be closed for two months, and we had to take out a massive business loan. Business declined immensely, and we've been under water ever since. Prior to COVID we had 16 to 20 events every summer, and last year we had one, and this year we've had three.

"The bigger entities such as Adventist Health and the Lions etc. have not scheduled golf tournaments because of COVID," Newby said. "The Festival in the Redwoods that the Willits Rotary Club had a few weekends ago was a wonderful event, and we are hoping other organizations will realize that our golf course is a beautiful, safe venue to stage similar events."

Director Ed Horrick then complimented Newby on his excellent management and the long hours

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that are put in and said, "In looking over the figures, I can see that the Newbys, in the final analysis, are making the minimum wage for all of the hours that are devoted to the golf course management."

The meeting then came to an end with the board voting unanimously to approve the Golf Course Resolution.



The rest of Review

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Chavez pointed out that while some of the issues flagged have already been addressed, several others are still being dealt with. A request for a continuation of the WUSD response has been submitted.

The federal program monitoring review concerns a wide range of issues, including English Learners identification and assessment, the use of Title 1 and Title 3 funds, the re-classification of English Learners based on changing proficiency scores, professional development for teachers and staff regarding English learning and literacy, English Language Advisory Committee representation, parental notification, teacher evaluations, and more.

Chavez indicated that meeting the goals of the project will be a lengthy and challenging process, especially at Sanhedrin High, but that teachers have been working hard to ensure the coordination between all school sites in this effort. She expects that WUSD will be granted the requested extensions, ensuring that English Learner students have access to all school programs, and that all staff are trained in the curriculum, from reading to PE, with a goal to making all learning inclusive, equal, and accessible.

Superintendent Beebe thanked Director Chavez for her focused efforts, remarking that despite the difficulties involved in a federal review, they can provide a wealth of useful data and feedback.

Three Brookside Elementary staff, Principal Kathleen Crossman, and teachers on Special Assignment Marian Lohne and Diane Johnson, then weighed in with another Power Point presentation updating progress on literacy at

Many steps have been taken and are still being implemented. Through use of a grant allowing for a new learning specialist position, and in coordination with Ukiah schools, they examined data obtained before, during, and after the distance learning required during the COVID pandemic, incorporating learning comprehension and word recognition, making data-driven decisions, and applying these factors across all curricula.

They identified Brookside as an important literacy learning laboratory, and invited both parents and board members to work alongside them as learning partners.

Board member Alex Bowlds thanked both Chavez and the Brookside staff, indicating that he'd like to see the district do better regarding to issues at Baechtel Grove Middle School. He expressed his gratitude for the rising literacy numbers, noting that supply chain issues regarding computer chips continue to impact the Blosser Fire Alarm project.

Member Paula Nunez reiterated the importance of making sure that decisions about inclusion are based on science and best practices. Board member Robert Chavez also commended the three presenters, noting that they are doing, "the important work" for students and families.

Willits Teacher Association President Brandon Ludwig spoke next, thanking Director Chavez and the Brookside Elementary team, referring to them as the "Brookside rock stars." He commended all the Willits educators who have been prepping classrooms, taking professional development trainings, and improving campuses.

Ludwig reiterated that WUSD still suffers from staff shortages, having seen many teachers move to nearby school systems which are able to offer higher salaries and improved working conditions. Blosser is particularly shortstaffed, requiring teachers to fill the gaps.

He spoke directly to issues at Baechtel Grove Middle School, including staff shortages, weak discipline, and safety issues. He emphasized inadequate supervision of students at that site during lunch and break times, inviting parent supervision for this cohort of children who are undergoing the often-difficult transition to their teenage

The WTA has organized break time visits by both teachers and board members, soliciting their feedback and suggestions. He noted that some positive progress has been made, pointing to the new fire safety system, and improved communication systems, and thanking the board for their participation.

A short report was received from Custodial Services, indicating progress on many fronts, despite short staffing.

Board member Paula Nunez also thanked Chavez for her efforts, commenting that it is fortunate that muchneeded changes have been made at Baechtel Grove, and stressing the importance of not allowing anyone to fall through the cracks. She also complimented the Book Room at Blosser, with hopes that all the needed books are on their way, and thanking the WTA for their work and

Superintendent Beebe commended the Brookside Literacy Team, adding that he hopes their approach will be contagious throughout the district, and expressing his excitement at the upward trend in literacy data. Beebe concluded with hopes that there be a similar literacy component in all district schools.

Board member Jeanne King thanked Superintendent Beebe for his efforts in building relationships and trust with all the parties, and noted the positive increase in public attendance at the board meeting.

Public input began with a big thank you for the Blosser Book Room. This was followed by a comment regarding the need for student lockers at Baechtel Grove from a parent who has watched his daughter and other students have to carry heavy books and supplies to all of their classes and activities. Discussion followed, noting both advantages and disadvantages to lockers, including cost, noise, and sanitation concerns. Feedback from the board concluded with a suggestions that the parent reach out to the Baechtel Grove Site Council on this matter.

Nikki Agenbroad, director of Fiscal Services, responded to a question with regard to several maintenance-related expenses, concluding that proactive maintenance may allow for savings in the long term.

All agenda items were approved, with discussion around chaperone ratios, charter school sports, parent involvement at Blosser Lane, and textbook adoption.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Positions

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adjustment raise to help them deal with high inflation

among other challenges. The supervisors directed that any positions being considered for elimination must be vacant for at least one month, and that they exclude those that are revenuegenerating, related to public safety, or non-general fund

Initially the board was looking at only considering eliminating positions which have been vacant for 18

However, County Human Resources Manager William Schurtz said that once you factored in the other criteria for eliminating positions, that would leave only four positions available to consider cutting. And only one of those was currently being funded and not being recruited for – an animal facility attendant.

The board then considered dropping the time of vacancy down to 12 months before eventually settling on one month.

First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty cast the lone dissenting vote on the motion, which was put forward by Haschak, saying that one month was too short a time for positions to be vacant to consider eliminating them.

"I would like to see this pushed out a little bit more because there are probably some departments that are in recruitment, they probably will fill the position," he said. "I think six months is more reasonable.

However, Williams responded that he thought looking at positions after one month of vacancy would help to examine whether there is rapid turnover for certain jobs, and whether they should remove them or reclassify them.

"The reason I support one month is I think some of the positions at one month likely have churn, and I'd like to understand why," he said. "So if the department comes back and says, 'We keep hiring people and they get promoted,' well that's fine, we'll keep it open. But this at least gives us a way to get some eyes on it, to understand why those positions are vacant."

Schurtz said that HR does have quite a bit of flexibility in allowing requests from department heads to hire people at higher or different job classifications.

"If they need to bring somebody in at a higher step, a new hire, they can do that," he said. "It's just that code requires that it be approved through Human Resources... In my tenure here, we have never denied a higher step to hire someone into county employment."

"There are other things where departments can under-fill other positions with a different type of classification as long as it doesn't cost more," he continued. "So they can meet those changing needs ... and then come back later and make some permanent adjustments if they need to

"I think that Human Resources is very aware of the challenges that a lot of the departments have," Schurtz said. "And we're happy to entertain any kind of brainstorming or whatever we can do to make it easier and have a better result with the departments.

Early on in the discussion, Chair Williams and others seemed to have some hesitancy about getting rid of county positions, saying that some were very much needed in understaffed and overworked departments like Planning &

County Chief Executive Officer Darcie Antle agreed with

"It's something that we've looked at in depth with Deputy CEO [Cherie] Johnson and William Schurtz," said Antle. "And I don't think removing these types of positions is beneficial, especially in considering the situation we're at right now with not enough employees to carry out the mandated core services that we need, and also the revenue generating positions."

But Williams at one point in the discussion changed direction saying, "I've convinced myself to flip as I've been listening and looking over this list.

"Although I look at a lot of these positions, and I know we have a need, we're not going to be able to pay our employees what they deserve, we're not going to retain them," said Williams. "And if I have to choose between having another 100 positions where people come and go, or investing in the people we already have, I'd rather keep the people we already have. They're working, they're rooted here, they're invested in the county. I don't want them to leave.

"And I recognize it may be mutually exclusive," he continued. "I may not be able to say I want to keep all these positions open and fill them, and bump up salaries long-

"And I know, we have county employees that are on state subsidies of various forms," he added. "We're the Walmart of employers in many cases. I think one of our core values that we put in our Strategic Plan is moving away from that model. Paying people enough that they can feel that they have a job that's dignified, they work for the county, they can afford to live in our community. That's not the case today."

As he has at several recent meetings, Patrick Hickey, field representative for the SEIU Local 1021 union which represents many county workers, spoke during public comment in support of the board shifting money from vacant positions to current workers.

"The county will be lucky to fill a quarter of these positions over the next year," he said. "In fact for years, for every new hire, the county loses an employee. So the county has over \$30 million budgeted for these positions.... The big picture that the board needs to focus on is that the majority of these positions will not be filled, and the money is better spent providing increases to help retain current employees and raising salaries to the level that will help

"But honestly you don't even need to eliminate any of the positions," Hickey added. "You know as a board that this money is in the budget and that the majority of these positions will not be filled, leaving those funds available....

"You can act to support county employees by providing a reasonable COLA, and at the same time increase the county's ability to recruit qualified staff for the hundreds of vacancies. This has gone on for way too long. It's time for the board to move from supportive words to taking action."

Williams described how he envisioned the process moving forward to consider removing positions.

"I think if you ask department heads, 'Do you have any positions you want to close?," the answer will be 'No," he said. "We've gone through this exercise before. I think it would create a different dynamic if we were to decide we're closing all of these unless you come forward and tell us why it's critical that it remain open and how you plan to fill

"If you can show us otherwise, we'll keep it open," he added. "But we need to talk about why they're vacant for months and months, because a position that's been vacant for a year – we can decide to keep it funded, but we're probably not going to fill it.

"If nobody applied who was qualified within 12 months, why do we think in the 13th month that'll change?" Williams asked. "We probably need to fund those positions at a different level or change the job description.

While it remains to be seen how many positions will be eliminated and how much money saved by the county, one list presented by HR Manager Schurtz during the meeting showed a plan using the board's criteria could free up around \$1.6 million annually.

Cannabis Equity update

An update from the Mendocino Cannabis Department was approved in the consent calendar at the meeting, and there was some good news in the report regarding the county's Cannabis Equity Grant program.

While there previously had been concern that the county would not get out their initial allotted state money for equity grants to applicants in time, the update said they had met the deadline and are now on track to continue receiving

"The department is pleased to announce the processing of over \$1.5 million in direct grant checks issued as of September 2, 2022," the report read. "Additionally, the county has completely spent down Round 1 grant funding and anticipates completing the spend down of Round 2 funding by the end of September. The recent spenddown amounts mean the county has met the benchmarks established to ensure eligibility to apply to [the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for a fourth round of funding this fall.'

According to a table in the report, out of about \$2.46 million in cannabis Local Equity Entrepreneur Program grant funding for "Rounds 1 and 2," about \$2.38 million had been allocated to applicants as of September 2.

And out of 283 completed grant applications, the report showed that 206 have been "certified equity eligible." The Cannabis Equity Grant program is meant to assist some in the county enter the legal cannabis market.

Another chart in the report showed more specifically what categories the funding had been spent on by the various grant recipients: \$312,420 went towards "solar projects that reduce the use of internal combustion engines improving air quality"; \$251,975 was spent on "fixtures and equipment"; \$188,727 went towards "water storage upgrades"; \$151,064 was used for "CEQA compliance. environmental clean-up, and remediation projects"; and \$116,495 was spent on "supplies ranging from electrical wire to soil and amendments.'

As stated in the MCD update, one of the main hold-ups previously for dispersing the equity grant money was that "County Counsel flagged the direct grant program due to concerns raised over the county's responsibility should a LEEP awardee misuse direct grant funds."

The update stated that they had received guidance from the governor's business office on what was required, including informing applicants of eligible uses, "periodically collecting and reviewing documentation" from applicants and attempting to recover any misspent funds.

Once the policy was made clear to applicants and put in place, "County Counsel reviewed and approved all pending agreements" according to MCD.

In another announcement in the update, MCD is now teaming up with various state entities to launch a new "Technical Assistance Pop-Up meeting series" to help cannabis applicants complete the permit process.

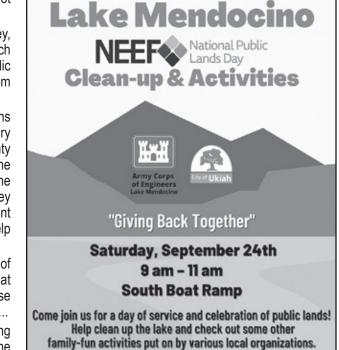
The series will be "focused on assisting applicants and

Environmental Quality Act compliance, annual state licenses, environmental permits, and grant funding." The "meetings are available to applicants and permit holders with active AG numbers and are by appointment

permit holders with achieving local permits, California

only," according to the update. Some of the agencies staffing the meetings include the Department of Cannabis Control, the State Water Resource Control Board Water Rights Division and Water Quality Division, and Mendocino County Planning and

The meetings take place at various locations around the county, with the next in Fort Bragg on September 23 followed by Laytonville on September 30.



Hope to see you there!

New Willits Arts Party set for October 1

Submitted by Willits Arts Party

Everyone is invited to attend the new Willits Arts Party, a free, fun-for-all-ages celebration to be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Recreation Grove.

In collaboration with the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Willits Center for the Arts, and the Willits Community Theatre, the Willits Arts Party will showcase both performing and visual arts in the Northern California

Attendees can browse diverse art and craft vendor booths, watch and engage in live art demos, enjoy DJ and original music and dance, hula hooping, super-funk band Funkacillin, and more.

Activities will include multicultural performing and visual arts activities and experiences for youth as well as adults, and provide an opportunity for area artists to show and sell their work. Food carts will provide a range of diverse foods and beverages, and local civic and nonprofit organizations will offer wellness, community and arts-related outreach.

For more information about the Willits Art Party or to inquire about vending opportunities, email margi@mcn.org or call 707 813 4048. To keep up with the latest about this new event, visit "Willits Arts Party" on Facebook.





Bonded Pair Shayla and **Minnie**

Here comes double trouble! Meet Shayla! This happy girl has a daughter, Minnie. They are bonded, so they need a family who wants to bring two new loves into their life.

Shayla is the yin to Minnie's yang. These two girls are the perfect combination. They are sweethearts with big smiles and lots of wags! These two Chihuahua-mix dogs are kid and dog friendly.

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

Foundation at 510-900-2275.

Harry the Hunter

Harry surrendered to us when his owner could no longer keep him. They described him as sweet and loving, as well as being a great "mouser," catching

anything from mice to small lizards. This 3-year-old cat likes his quiet time, and loves pets and head scratches. Could this handsome boy be a part of your family?

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view

appointment to meet Harry or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com.

Devoted Rosey

Meet Rosey the sweetheart senior! This happy girl has SO much love to give. Even when recuperating from surgery, she's happy as a clam (and sometimes looks like one)! Her propeller tail and wiggly butt never stop moving. She even takes treats gently.

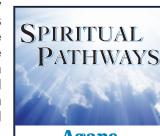


At age 9, she is where we all hope to be in our golden years. Rosey has pep to her step, and is strong, curious and nimble, and really loves her walks. However she is most content snoozing (snoring) on the couch.

Rosey would love someone who is able to give her the same devotion, love and care that she will give. Also this senior girl requests a nice comfy forever couch! Which we don't think is so much to ask, right?

Apply to adopt Rosey at www.mendohumanesociety.

com. 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.



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Church Celebrating Life In Christ 25 Hazel Street, Willits **Modified Worship Service** 10 a.m.

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Willits, CA 95490 Father Aaron Bandanadam Mass times: Confessions by appointment: 459-2252 Sunday Mass inside: 9:00 a.m. English

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