

# Willits Weekly

A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits

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## Election forum for school board, ballot measures

Submitted by WELL

An election forum for the November 8, 2022 election has been scheduled for Sunday, October 9, from 2 to 5 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, in Willits.

The program will start at 2 pm with presentations and Q&A on Mendocino County's Measure O, the proposed Library ¼ cent sales tax, and Measure P, the proposed Fire Prevention & Fighting ¼ cent sales tax.

From 3 to 5 pm, there'll be a forum, including Q&A, for candidates for Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees – there are eight candidates running for three seats on the WUSD board.

The candidates for school board appearing on the ballot are (in alphabetical order): Robert Chavez (incumbent); Colby Friend; Jeanne King (incumbent); David Lilker; Paula Nunez (incumbent); Jeffrey Ritchley; and Jennifer Sookne; plus an authorized write-in candidate, April Lamprich.

There will also be tables in the back for information from any other candidates or measures on the November ballot.

Sponsors of the forum are: Little Lake Grange; WELL (Willits Economic Localization); League of Women Voters of Mendocino; and Mendocino Women's Political Coalition.

## Humane Society's plea for help

Posted by HSIMC

You have heard us here at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County say it before, and now things have gotten serious – not only are we at capacity, we cannot financially sustain the current need of homeless animals in our community.

Sadly, HSIMC has come to the decision that we must close our doors to all new intakes, in order to stay open. We have put a complete halt on all incoming dogs and cats for the next six weeks.

Over the past two years we have pushed the limits of our rescue, but have been unable to financially sustain the level of growth we have experienced. Calls for help with homeless animals and owner surrenders continue to come in, and our team has worked so hard to adapt to the increased needs of our community and surrounding communities.

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Plea

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Above from left: The quintessential visual of the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show: the "Wall o' Apples." The inside of the main hall showcases food, displays, apple tasting, and much more. Fresh produce grown from around the area is shown on rows of shelving for all to enjoy. Below: Even though the sign on the outside of this ram lamb's pen said he was not very friendly and not to pet, he was sure happy to smile for a photo.



Photos by  
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## Sunday at the County Fair

### Annual celebration of apples, livestock, wool and more held last weekend at the Boonville fairgrounds

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While many assume the August Redwood Empire Fair in Ukiah is the county fair, that title is actually held by the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show held in September in Boonville.

This fair also features exhibits, displays, a carnival, and livestock showing. In addition, they have a car show, parade, apple tasting, nightly live concerts, rodeos, a giant pumpkin weigh-off, the Wool and Fiber Festival with live shearing demonstrations, and even sheepdog trials as a part of their event lineup.

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Boonville

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Above, left: The Smiths, Willits' three-generation goat-raising family, has brought does and kids from Wingwood and Goat-San Dairy Goats farms to Boonville Fair for decades, including, from left: Walter Smith, daughter Fauna and grandson Nikau on goat Allini, wife Karen Smith, daughter Trinity Smith Malmanis, and grandsons Ian and Finn, right. Above, right: A lovely, first-place rose arrangement by Frankie J. Delgado of the Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H club is on display in the floriculture building.



Above, from left: Bags of fleece are on display, some available for sale, too, during the Wool and Fiber Festival held at the Mendocino County Fair and Apple Show in Boonville. The sheepdog trials are a special Sunday-morning treat to watch on the field at the fairgrounds, where extremely obedient dogs try to corral extremely less-than-obedient sheep with the help of their patient handlers. The carnival goes strong during the day and the night, giving another level of excitement to fair attendees. Below: Two things one must do when attending the fair in Boonville: get a cup of Gowan's Apple Cider, left, and a slice of apple pie – a la mode if you're feeling fancy and have a small toddler along for the day – from the Country Kitchen booth.



## BOS to hear water committee priorities

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Last week board of supervisors standing committee members held a public meeting focused on water issues, and discussed, with stakeholders in the community, water project priorities throughout all five districts in Mendocino County.

Supervisors Glenn McGourty and John Haschak led the September 21 meeting as the board's committee representatives, with McGourty guiding the process of running through the priority list and gathering input from several in the county who called in to comment.

The committee now plans to take these five priority projects, as well as other suggestions given by the community, to the full board of supervisors on October 4 for discussion and possible action.

For the Third District, the top water priority was listed as, "delineating and mapping the groundwater basins of Little Lake, Round and Long Valleys."

"Creating a better understanding of the water

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Water

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## McGuire, Newsom celebrate new housing bills

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State Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire joined Governor Gavin Newsom and other legislative leaders Wednesday morning at a San Francisco press conference on Newsom's signing of "historic housing legislation." Sen. McGuire represents Mendocino County as part of his California State Senate District 2.

The bills, that the Los Angeles Times called "a historic deal between affordable housing groups and labor unions," would encourage housing construction in commercial corridors now occupied by often-empty malls or offices, close to city services and public transportation, building up instead of out, to prevent sprawl.

Gov. Newsom's press release on Wednesday's event said Senate Bill 6 and Assembly Bill 2011 would

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Housing

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

**Thank you**  
To the Editor:  
On behalf of the Evans and Ramirez families, we would like to thank everyone in our Willits community who came out and donated time, effort, money and prayers to the bake sale for our Natalie, Izzy, and baby Ryan Miguel. The outpouring of generosity was both overwhelming and greatly appreciated. It makes me proud to live among such an amazing caring community. Thank you so much – we are so grateful! Please keep Natalie and baby Ryan Miguel in your prayers.

**The Evans and Ramirez families, Willits**  
**Major construction at Senior Center**  
To the Editor:

A major construction project is underway at the Willits Harrah Senior Center. This will result in decreased available parking and at some point during the project, we will be unable to accept thrift store donations. I want to thank Kevin Bouthillier of Bouthillier Construction for his cooperation and understanding. Kevin and I have worked out a three-stage construction project plan. This staged construction method will allow all senior center programs, services and activities to continue without interruption. Senior center staff will be parking off-site to leave limited parking spots for our seniors and thrift store shoppers. If the south parking lot is full, please park on Baechtel Road. Please keep an eye out for poster board signage, and please stay clear of the construction project. We have had a few incidents of people walking through the construction site. We don't want anyone getting hurt. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 707-459-6826.

**Richard Baker, director, Harrah Senior Center**  
**Blessing of the Animals**  
To the Editor:

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be offered at Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 1, at 11 am. The church is at the corner of Commercial and Main streets, and the blessing will be under the arbor in the parking lot just north of the church. All animals are welcome to come for a blessing; in the past, there have been all kinds, from spiders to horses. All animals must be on a lead or in a carrier, and must be accompanied by a human who can keep them safe. Children who do not have a live pet at home are invited to bring a favorite stuffy for a blessing. Animals that don't do well with strangers can stay in their cars and we will come and bless them also. The short service will begin at 11 am with some songs led by Greg Schindel. We'll say a few prayers, give thanks for the animals, and remember those who we've lost, and end with blessing each one. We do this each year at this time in memory of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on October 4. Francis saw all the animals and all of creation, including all people, as his brothers and sisters, and joyfully proclaimed God's love for all. For questions, call Betsy at 459-3390.

**Reverend Betsy Bruneau, Willits**

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## Most COVID testing mandates dropped

*Submitted by Public Health Officer Andy Coren, MD*

September 26 – As the acute phase of the COVID pandemic hit our communities, the California Department of Public Health, followed by our Mendocino County Health Department, issued many orders meant to control the spread of the virus. These included closing businesses and schools, mandatory masking, and, for some, mandatory testing and vaccines.

These orders were based on the best scientific evidence to protect our communities from loss of life and to protect our health care facilities from being too overwhelmed to care for those suffering from accidents and other diseases. Public Health orders that people had never seen in their lifetime were needed at that time to avert disaster.

We are now moving past that acute phase and, although there is still a pandemic taking hundreds of lives each day in California, we have progressed to a point when Public Health can change our response to this threat. Instead of orders for everyone to rely on, it is better for us as a community to understand the threats and evidence-based responses, and act responsibly with changing circumstances.

We have learned a great deal from living with COVID for over two years, and we have developed a strong immunity due to vaccinations, boosters, and infections.

Consequently, California Department of Public Health has rescinded several orders. On September 17, required routine COVID testing for unvaccinated, partly vaccinated, and unboosted individuals ended in many contexts (except where specifically required by federal requirements), including:

- Health care workers in general and psychiatric hospitals, intermediate care, adult day care centers, pediatric day health and respite centers, ambulatory surgery centers, chemical dependency recovery hospitals, residential substance use and mental health treatment facilities, dialysis centers, and hospice facilities;
- Adult care facilities and direct care workers, including all in-home health aides, IHSS, hospice and regional center employees;
- Workers in shelters;
- School employees;
- Correctional facilities;
- Additionally, visitors in health care facilities including acute hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and long-term care settings will no longer require proof of recent negative COVID test.

Note that: Skilled nursing facility employees must still test, based on federal requirements of CMS. Facilities should maintain testing capacity to be able to ramp up testing if there is an outbreak or if conditions change in the future. Requirements for vaccines, masking, isolating and quarantining in skilled nursing facilities are not changed at this time. Employers are still required to track and keep workers' vaccine and exemption records. Any updates from the Centers for Disease Control regarding timing of required vaccines and boosters should be followed.

The best place to get more information about changes in state Public Health orders is the California Department of Public Health website at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)

You can also get in touch with the Mendocino County Public Health Call Center with any questions at 707-472-2759.

## 'Strong recommendation' to mask dropped in most indoor settings

*Submitted by Public Health Officer Andy Coren, MD*

September 26 – We continue to progress in this COVID-19 pandemic, and most California counties, including Mendocino County, are now in the low Centers for Disease Control Community Risk Level. Therefore, as of September 23, the California Department of Public Health has now ended the current "strong recommendation" for all to mask in most indoor settings, moving to an advisory for individuals and communities to decide what precautions are appropriate.

Universal indoor masking will continue in healthcare settings (acute care general hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, long-term care facilities, and outpatient health care facilities (for example, clinics).

New recommendations consist of advice on how best to protect yourself and others, depending on the evidence-based risk in each community and for each individual.

In communities at a low CDC Community Risk Level, indoor masking is optional. More vulnerable people should still consider wearing a high-quality mask (N95, KN95 and KN94) in crowded indoor areas.

In communities at a medium CDC Community Risk Level, indoor masking should be considered. More vulnerable people should consider wearing a high-quality mask (N95, KN95 and KN94) in crowded indoor areas.

In communities with high CDC Risk Level, indoor masking is recommended.

If you have a household or social contact who is vulnerable, wearing a mask is recommended when with them. No one should be prevented from wearing a mask to protect themselves.

Special cases:

- In correctional facilities, shelters for homeless and emergency shelters for excessive heat, cooling, fire and air pollution, the above recommendations do apply in non-clinical areas as long as the community is in a low CDC community level, and there have been no outbreaks (three epidemiologically linked cases in 14 days). If there has been an outbreak, either the entire facility must follow universal masking or universal masking may be limited to units that are separate and closed and do not allow mixing of residents or staff with the general population. When the community level is medium or high, then everyone (residents, staff and visitors) in the whole facility should wear a high quality (N95, N94 or KN95) mask until the outbreak has ended (14 days have passed with regular testing and no positives).
  - In correctional facilities with integrated hospital or skilled nursing facility, staff and inmates should continue to mask. Where there is a small separate area of the correctional facility associated with medical care, and in isolation and quarantine areas, masks should be worn by all inmates, visitors and staff.
  - People who have been exposed or diagnosed with COVID but released before 10 days is finished, should complete their 10 days of quarantine or isolation wearing a high-quality mask.
  - Employees who are subject to Cal OSHA ETS or ATD requirements must follow Cal OSHA regulations.
  - In K-12 schools, students and staff are subject to the CDPH guidelines for the general public.
- Note: There is no distinction made based upon vaccine status, though vaccinated and boosted individuals suffer a fraction of the total number of hospitalizations and deaths that affect unvaccinated people.



At left: Ray and Sue Roland, owners of Roland's Bistro, welcome the community back to their south-town restaurant in the Evergreen Shopping Center after their six-week closure. Above: A petite fillet, mushrooms, sautéed squash and mashed potatoes make a fine dinner for a meat-eater. Below: Regardless of the main-dish choices, the fried asparagus is the best answer for an appetizer, even pleasing the palates of the tiniest diners. At bottom: Eggplant parmesan and penne pasta is a special treat for non-meat eaters.

## Back to Roland's

### Roland's Bistro back open after six-week closure

On their second night back in business, the dining room was filled with diners excited to have a meal at Roland's Bistro after the eatery reopened last week following an unplanned closure.

Owners Ray and Sue Roland needed to make a change to their living situation here in Willits, finding a new home for themselves in the Redwood Valley area.

During the also unplanned change in housing, the pair was forced to shut down their restaurant and scramble to downsize their belongings and get settled – here or elsewhere – before turning their attention back to the business.

"We were shut down for about six weeks, and were unsure if we were going to have to move out of the area if we couldn't find somewhere else to live," explained Ray. "We finally found

– Maureen Jennison



At left: Sue and Ray Roland prep for the upcoming night's meal. Below, from left: The menu at Roland's Bistro features everything from tasty appetizers to tasty dinners to delectable dessert. The lovely waitress Kimmy Lansing is back, too, and she still remembered to not rattle off meaty specials to the dining vegetarian. With the skill of a true chef, Sue Roland flips the sautéing veggies with a snap of her wrist.

Photos by Maureen Jennison



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## 'Yes on Measure O' campaign for libraries update

*Submitted by Yes on Measure O Campaign*

The library-funding initiative will be on the November 2022 ballot as Measure O, and the campaign is in full swing to get out the vote to provide Mendocino County libraries with stable funding.

This sales-tax increase will not raise the current sales tax. It will help with library building repairs and improvements, and library materials and services.

How can you help support the library funding campaign? Go to the Measure O website [www.YesOnLibraries.org](http://www.YesOnLibraries.org), where you can read all the details about Measure O, make a donation through PayPal or with a check, register your support, and be added to the list of supporters, and request a lawn sign or a sign for your business window.

The 1/8-cent sales tax provided to the Mendocino County libraries by Measure O will be deposited in a special library fund along with the 1/8-cent sales tax approved in 2011, which Measure O now protects for the future. Since a 3/8-cent sales tax is expiring this year, there will be no net increase in our current sales tax.

If you haven't been to your local library lately, stop by and see what a wonderful resource it is for our communities. It's a great place to check out books, music, movies, access the internet, enjoy story times, crafts, special programs on topics of interest, and get help with research projects and homework.

Contact Carolyn Schneider for more information: 707-513-6657.

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- District Nurse, 22/23 Academic Year
- Speech Language Pathologist, TLR August- December 2022

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Willits Weekly's  
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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HOW TO  
SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

PRODUCE WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Part of (abbr.)
- 4. Persons
- 9. Moved with a curving trajectory
- 14. Bitterly regret
- 15. Cause to feel embarrassed
- 16. Type of toast
- 17. Bobby \_\_, NHL champ
- 18. Analogies
- 20. Mixes
- 22. Beloved flowers
- 23. Clinton special prosecutor
- 24. Avoids
- 28. Innermost brain membrane: \_\_ mater
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Remain as is
- 31. One who's been canonized
- 33. Indian king or prince
- 37. The Bay State
- 38. Forms adjectives
- 39. Give off
- 41. Partner to flow
- 42. Biblical Sumerian city
- 43. Popular clothing material
- 44. Organism parts
- 46. Central US Native

American people

- 49. Blood type
- 50. Wrath
- 51. Perennial tropical grass
- 55. Vetches
- 58. Buffaloes
- 59. Envelope type
- 60. Tuberculosis
- 64. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- 65. Pops
- 66. Indo-European languages
- 67. Fiddler crabs
- 68. Large bank
- 69. Not fresh
- 70. Scientist's device (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. High schoolers' dances
- 2. Style of rock music
- 3. Maryland athlete
- 4. Softened by soaking
- 5. Native Aussies
- 6. Some are on it
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 8. Broken piece
- 9. Wrong
- 10. Starts over
- 11. Where to hang clothes
- 12. One point north of due east

Gov't lawyers

- 13. Gov't lawyers
- 19. Mass of eggs in a shellfish
- 21. Smile
- 24. Wrap
- 25. A citizen of Iran
- 26. Island off the coast of Tanzania
- 27. Knives
- 31. Beloved 'Doctor'
- 32. Type of turtle
- 34. Leg (French)
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Self-doubt
- 40. Of I
- 41. Retired but allowed to retain title
- 45. Algerian port
- 47. African country
- 48. 'Wayward Son' rockers
- 52. Bring out of sleep
- 53. Auburn legend Newton
- 54. Heavy wooden shield in ancient Greece
- 56. Choose to represent
- 57. Peace
- 59. Work hard
- 60. Reciprocal of a sine
- 61. Express delight
- 62. Explosive
- 63. Journalist Tarbell

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

September 4 to September 17

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 4

7:25 am: BARNES, Michael Alan (51) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 69 PC (Resisting an Officer), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

10:01 pm: BAKEWELL, Nicholas Britton Dills (33) of Willits was contacted near the North Willits Bypass. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs), and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia, and drug use while driving a vehicle.

September 5

12:06 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

September 6

7:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Sherwood Road and Brooktrails Drive.

September 7

3:21 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

September 8

12:03 am: HOPKINS, Ray Komath (37) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court following a report of vandalism. He was arrested pursuant to 594 PC (Vandalism), and on misdemeanor charges of assault, resisting an officer, and disorderly conduct (alcohol).

September 9

12:10 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:31 pm: PARTRIDGE Jr., Arnold Harvey (46) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Nancy Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) 1 PC (Domestic Battery).

September 10

2:36 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

2:58 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Bonnie Lane and issued a warning.

7:06 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:52 pm: HOBBS IV, Arthur Vernon (38) of Boonville was contacted in the 4000 block of North Highway 101. He was arrested pursuant to 4463 CVC (Vehicle Registration Fraud) and on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

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With three months still left in the year we have already taken in almost 1,000 animals, which is our normal yearly intake. The need is great but with limited resources we can only do so much.

What does this mean?

For the next six weeks there will be no new intakes of dogs or cats. However, all scheduled intakes prior to September 24 will still be honored. As always, we make a promise to any animal adopted from HSIMC that they will always have a safe place to land, and we will never turn away a return. We ask that all returns reach out to us for support in keeping their pet first. And give a minimum of 24 to 48 hour notice if things are not working out, unless in the case of emergency.

We hope this six-week period will enable us to begin to remedy our dire financial situation by focusing on fundraising efforts, and finding homes for the animals currently in our care, many of which are turning into long-term residents. While our team and our hearts want to say yes to every call that comes in, our bank account has said no more. We can use your support more than ever and in more ways than one!

HSIMC is powered by our community, and we need you as much as you need us! How can you help keep this invaluable

September 11

9:39 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

10:41 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

September 12

7:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:36 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bittenbender Lane.

September 13

7:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 East Hill Road.

September 14

11:48 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

7:17 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of South Main Street.

September 15

2:36 pm: GOWER, Jason Andrew (31) of Eureka was contacted in the 100 block of Barbara Lane. He was arrested on felony charges of grand theft (money, labor, or property) and violation of probation, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

3:29 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West San Francisco Avenue.

September 16

12:49 pm: DURAN, Juan Pablo (35) of Ukiah, VARGASDURAN, Daniel Antonio (30) of Willits, and CHUMBLEY, Kathrina Nichole (35) of Ukiah were contacted in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue following a disturbance. Duran was arrested on felony charges of being a fugitive from justice, and on misdemeanor charges of providing false identification to an officer and possession of a controlled substance. Vargasduran was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 29800 (A) (1) PC (Felon in Possession of a Firearm) and 30305 (A) (1) PC (Felon in Possession of Ammunition), and misdemeanor charges of 417 PC (Brandishing a Weapon). Chumbley was arrested on misdemeanor charges pursuant to 25400 PC (Concealed Weapon).

September 17

3:32 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School Street and issued a warning.

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Donate, no amount is too small: https://mendohumanesociety.networkforgood.com/

Participate in our current or upcoming fundraising events: https://mendohumanesociety.com/events including the Kritter Karnival family fun day, rescheduled to this weekend, Sunday, October 2 at HSIMC, 9700 UVA Drive, Redwood Valley. Enjoy live music with Redbud, kids activities, temporary tattoos, silent auction, bounce house, petting zoo, and fire truck courtesy of Redwood Valley Fire Department. Also, carnival style games, prizes, raffles, food, beer and wine for purchase. 11 am to 3 pm, free admittance.

Adopt! View our adoptable animals here: Dogs: https://mendohumanesociety.com/adoptable-dogs

Cats: https://mendohumanesociety.com/adoptable-cats

Volunteer! Keep our animals happier and

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Covelo  
Indian Days

Round Valley festivities celebrate local children, generate interest in a skate park, and bring awareness to the plight of indigenous women

It was a day of great sadness as well as rejoicing. The parade, which was part of the Indian Days celebration that included other festivities at Hidden Oaks Park, was dedicated to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Many of the floats had photos and names of loved ones who had perished or had disappeared.

Prominent among the women honored was Khadijah Rose Britton, missing since February 7, 2018, her face and name appearing on several floats and signs held aloft by family and friends.

The parade was shedding light on the unfortunate fact that thousands of Native women have been victims of murder or sexual assault at a rate ten times that of the national average. "The National Crime Information Center reports that, in 2016, there were 5,712 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, though the US Department of Justice's federal missing person database, NamUs, only logged 116 cases," according to the website, www.nativehope.org.

Signs were held by women with a red hand painted over their mouths, a symbol that is used to indicate solidarity with missing and murdered indigenous women. Their signs told of the quiet holocaust: "Your wings were ready but my heart was not." "No more stolen sisters." "Protect our women – our life givers."

Amidst the reminders of these women, a good number of the estimated 30 floats and trucks in the parade celebrated the children of the Round Valley tribes. There were trophies held up high, won by the kids for selling several thousand tickets to the pageant which occurred a few days prior.

The floats proclaimed the names and titles of the children: Little Warrior, Junior Warrior, Miss Moccasin, and Little Miss Moccasin. Their parents rode with them in brightly festooned trucks as they threw handfuls of candy to the attendees on the street. With a better haul than Halloween, many of the onlookers made out with hoodie-fulls, handfuls, or pocket-fulls of sweet treats.

A prominent presence, both in the parade and in the celebration in the park after the procession, was the Round Valley Skate Park Project, a group of volunteers and skate enthusiasts who are working to raise funds and awareness in order to find a location and create a place for the youth of the valley to recreate in a safe environment.

"We are a group of volunteers that believe it's time for Covelo to have a skate park," explained Patricia Mera. "Our mission is to get a solid concrete skate park here. We need a skate park because the town hasn't a lot of activities to keep the youth occupied. This is really for all generations.

"I come from down south," said Mera, "where there are skate parks everywhere. It is something that is ingrained in the culture, so when you have to use up some energy, you go skating. There's nowhere here in this town. Our streets are not good enough or safe enough for the wheels."

Jessi Alvarado recently finished her year with Leadership Mendocino and was looking for a project, which is required of all of the graduates. On the last day of the program, the group was given a tour of the Laytonville Skate Park, a recent addition to that area spearheaded by Roland and Jayma Spence. Alvarado, having received advice from the Spences, embarked on the Round Valley Skate Park Project with several of her friends.

"There are a lot of events here," said Alvarado, "but as far as ongoing public open spaces for kids to recreate, there aren't a lot of those. Rolly and Jayma have given us a lot of information. This project first bounced off the heels of information that they gave us.

"We hope that it's not just going to be a skate park," continued Alvarado. "We want the skate park to drive the project. The skate park will be the centerpiece of the entire project. We hope there will be other things for people who are not interested in skating. The vision is that there will also be some kind of children's park with paths for strollers and others.

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At top, left: Still missing since February 7, 2018, Khadijah Rose Britton, is remembered by friends and family during the parade. At top, right: Members of the local Headstart group hand out bags with lavender, shells and sage. Above, left: The Kupa Song and Dance Group performed in Hidden Oak Park after the parade. One of the Little Warriors, who was honored with a trophy and their own float, stares intently at the camera. Below: The Skate Park Project volunteers pose on stage at the Hidden Oak Park.



At far left: Sten Joddi, of the Hulu TV show "Reservation Dogs," rode on the grand marshal float. At left: A man plays a drum in the back of a truck during the Covelo Indian Days parade.

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Thursday, September 29

**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 29, 3 to 5:30 pm. 90 South Main Street. Story time from the Willits Branch Library from 3:30 to 4 pm.

Friday, September 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 Street.

**Willits Grapplin’ Pack Drive Through Pulled Pork Dinner, a Fundraiser for a New Gym Roof:** Dinner includes pulled pork, bread, coleslaw, chili and cookies for two or four. Dinner for two- \$30, dinner for four- \$50. Pick up at Seventh Day Adventist School, 22751 Bray Road. Friday September 30, from 4 to 7:30 pm. For info call Wayne Shull at 707-489-8562 or Tina Shull at 707-367-2981.

**Shanachie Pub: Gonzalo Bergara Quintet.** Live CD Release Party. “The all-acoustic group plays a modern variant of 1930s Django Reinhardt-inspired 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](http://www.gonzalobergara.com). Friday September 30, 9 pm, “limited engagement”. Shanachie Pub, 50 B South Main Street.

**KLLG 97.9 Hometown Radio Willits Birthday Bash:** “KLLG is having a Birthday Bash, celebrating six years of being your Community Radio Station! 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 KLLG founder Lanny Cotler, show host Les Tarr, and Mike Burgess. Tickets are \$15, available at J.D. Redhouse, and at the door. Hope to see you there!” Friday, September 30, 7 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Saturday, October 1

**South Main Pumpkin Fest at Napa Auto Parts:** Bounce house, pumpkin carving, prizes, scavenger hunt, vendors and more. Les Schwab and Napa Auto Parts will have pumpkins available. Saturday October 1, from noon to 5 pm. Napa Auto Parts, 1571 South Main Street.

**Blessing of the Animals at Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church:** The annual blessing is under the arbor in the

parking lot just north of the church. All animals are welcome, and must be accompanied by a human who can keep them safe. Children who do not have a live pet at home are invited to bring a favorite stuffy for a blessing. Animals who don’t do well with strangers can stay in their cars, and we will come and bless them also. The short service will begin at 11 am with some songs led by Greg Schindel. We’ll say a few prayers, give thanks for the animals and remember those who we’ve lost, and end with blessing each one. We do this each year at this time in memory of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on October 4.” Saturday October 1, 11 am. St Francis Church at the corner of Commercial and Main Streets.

**Skunk Train Pumpkin Express Begins:** “This autumn, take a trip into the heart of the redwoods to our magical pumpkin patch wonderland. You’ll enjoy seasonal treats on board the train, and when you arrive you’ll have the opportunity to walk the pumpkin patch, explore the nearby redwoods, take photos, and choose your very own pumpkin to bring back on the train with you”. Beginning October 1, with 10:30 am and 1:30 pm departures from Willits. Pumpkin

# What’s Happening Around Town

Express trains run Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 10:30 am, and Saturdays at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm through October, with a couple added trips including 10:30 am on Halloween Day. Tickets are \$59.95 per seat, \$94.95 for VIP tickets. For tickets and more info visit [skunktrain.com/pumpkin-express](http://skunktrain.com/pumpkin-express). Willits Skunk Train Depot, 299 East Commercial Street.

**Willits Arts Party:** Everyone is invited to the new Willits Arts Party, a free, fun-for-all-ages celebration at Recreation Grove. In collaboration with the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, the Willits Community Theatre, and the Willits Center for the Arts, the Willits Arts Party features diverse art and craft vendor booths, live art demos by Jazzminh Moore and others, DJ and original music and dance, hula hooping, Train Singer Greg Schindel, Afro-Samba dancer Carmen Day, super-funk band Funkacillin, live day-long painting with Salvadore Andrade and more, including activities for youth. Food carts will be on hand with diverse foods and beverages, and local civic and nonprofit organizations will offer wellness, community and arts-related outreach. Info: [www.facebook.com/WillitsArtsParty](http://www.facebook.com/WillitsArtsParty), or contact [margi@mcn.org](mailto:margi@mcn.org). Saturday, October 1, 10 am to 5 pm, Recreation Grove Park.

**Shanachie Pub:** Those Guys. “Those Guys are a Ukiah trio who came together on the eve of 2020, trading an itinerant and aimless jam for something resembling sculpted songs in the course of their socially distanced sessions.” Saturday, October 1, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, October 2

**2022 Kritter Karnival:** A family fun day to benefit the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino, rescheduled for Sunday, October 2. Live music with Redbud, kids activities, temporary tattoos, silent auction, bounce house, petting zoo, and fire truck courtesy of Redwood Valley Fire Department. Also, carnival style

games, prizes, raffles, food, beer and wine for purchase. 11 am to 3 pm, free admittance. Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 UVA Drive, Redwood Valley.

Monday, October 3

**“Art: The Invention of a System, Prehistory”:** A talk on prehistoric art at the Willits Senior Center. “Join us for a trip to the prehistoric era and view artworks from as early as 42,000 BC. This presentation 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. Monday, October 3, 1:30 pm. Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Wednesday, October 5

**Northspur Brewing Company Three-Year Anniversary Party:** Come celebrate the third anniversary of the Northspur Brewing Company, with live music by Forrest Glycer and Malakai Schindel of Schindig from 6:30 to 9 pm. ! Great beer and food offerings, including a \$5 beer special. Northspur Brewing Company, 101 North Main Street.

**Shanachie Pub:** Open Mic Night: Every Wednesday. 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.” Shanachie Pub, 50 B South Main Street.

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29, 3 to 5:30 pm. 90 South Main Street. Story time from the Willits Branch Library from 3:30 to 4 pm.

**Shanachie Pub:** The Zach Bellas: Zach Bellas is a national touring three-piece rock band based in Baltimore, Maryland, and named after its frontman - American musician, producer, and founder of the independent recording label SMB Records. Visit [zachbellasmusic.com](http://zachbellasmusic.com). Thursday, October 6, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 B South Main Street.

Friday, October 7

**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.

**WHS Homecoming Game:** Willits High School Football plays against Kelseyville for the 2022 Homecoming Game Friday, October 7, at Maize Field, 299 North Main Street. JV plays at 5:30 pm, and Varsity at 7:30 pm. The Homecoming Parade, including WHS Class Floats, is featured during half-time of the Varsity game.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mandolin Manny & Friends: A modern take on the bluegrass band. Mandolin Manny & Friends’ sound is steeped in tradition while pushing the boundaries of the string band format and dipping into the many influences from their eclectic collective of musicians. Visit [www.mandolinmanny.com](http://www.mandolinmanny.com). Saturday, October 7, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 B South Main Street.

Saturday, October 8

**11th Annual Ranch Rodeo:** This year’s event will see the return of the BBQ Cook-Off, along with rodeo riders competing at doing ranch-oriented tasks on horseback and on foot. There will also be the addition of a cornehole tournament as well as bull, bronc and ranch bronc livestock riding events too. Saturday, October 8, 9 am. Willits Rodeo Grounds, East Commercial Street. If you are interested in participating, stay updated by watching the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Facebook page for more info.

Sunday, October 9

**Candidates & Election Forum at Little Lake Grange for the November 8 Election:** 2 pm: Presentations and Q&A on Measure O, the proposed Library 1/4 cent sales tax, and Measure P, the proposed Fire Prevention & Fighting 1/4 cent sales tax. 3 to 5 pm: Discussion with eight candidates for three seats on the Willits Unified School District Board, including an audience Q&A. Sponsored by the Little Lake Grange, Willits Economic Localization, League of Women Voters of Mendocino, and Mendocino Women’s Political Coalition. For more info, contact Madge Strong at [mstrong@willitsonline.com](mailto:mstrong@willitsonline.com). Sunday, October 9 2 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

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## Classic Film Series: ‘Puss in Boots’

**The Story:** Dreamworks Animation (home of “Shrek”) comedy swashbuckler starring Antonio Banderas voicing Puss in Boots, and Salma Hayek voicing Kitty Soft Paws. Puss and Kitty join with Humpty Dumpty to steal the Magic Beans from Jack and Jill in order to kidnap the Golden Goose. They want the golden eggs. Because: Gold! It’s quite a fairy tale only-in-Hollywood mish-mash, but it works.

Meanwhile, things do not go smoothly for our rakish hero and his cohort. There are thrills and deeds of derring-do aplenty. Plus, one wonders if Humpty is totally honest. I know this is a spoiler, but it all works out and has a happy ending.

**My Thoughts:** This movie is exciting. And I laughed all the way through. Puss makes a great protagonist. He has panache. He is self-aggrandizing, but he is also noble. His world is beautifully drawn by animators who understood their fearless and extravagant hero. One can’t help but love Puss.

At the same time, Kitty Soft Paws and Humpty have complex and pathetic backstories. The story is silly, but it’s not stupid. Note: “Puss in Boots 2” is set for release during the Christmas holidays this year.

**Parents:** Bring your offspring. They’ll be thrilled by the adventure.

**Aside:** I prefer cat movies over dog movies (usually the dog dies, that’s a downer). Then there’s the fact that cats are funny just being themselves, it’s in their DNA. But doggies are not funny, bless their simple hearts; they have to be taught to do “tricks.” Also cats have cool names.

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

**Faculty Art Exhibit**  
Opens Tuesday, October 4, Mendocino College Ukiah

The Mendocino College Art Gallery is proud to announce a Faculty Art Exhibition, opening on Tuesday, October 4, with a reception on October 6 from 4 to 6 pm. For more information visit [www.mendocino.edu/events](http://www.mendocino.edu/events).

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**‘All About Islam’ lecture**  
Friday, October 14, WCA

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**Harvest Moon Celebration**  
Saturday, October 22, downtown

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## Ongoing Events

**“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.

**Willits Garden Club:** Meets on the second Tuesday of every month, 11:30 am, at the Golden Rule Mobile Village, 16100 North Highway 101. Next meeting: October 11. Potluck lunch, garden-related speakers and programs. Info: [www.willitsgardenclub.org](http://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.

**Lifeline Life Drawing:** Drop in Life Drawing Group at the Willits Art Center. 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 Saturday of each month, with the next one taking place on October 8 at 10 am.

## Skunk Train Pumpkin Express

Starts October 1, Willits Depot

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## ‘Keely & Du’

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“Keely & Du,” a dramatic and timely play by Jane Martin, opens on October 7 and runs Thursdays (\$15), Fridays and Saturdays (\$20) at 7:30 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm (\$15), through October 23. Directed by Mathew Caine, it tells the story of Keely, a young woman who is abducted by a radical group from an abortion clinic with the aim to incarcerate her until she can no longer have an abortion, and who develops a friendship with one of the group. The play creates a platform for discussion and thought. There will be a panel forum following each Sunday matinee. Tickets available at [www.wctperformingartscenter.org/](http://www.wctperformingartscenter.org/) and at the door. Willits Community Theater, 37 West Van Lane.

## ‘Gathering Time’ Artist Panel

Pomo artists Katie Williams-Elliott, Donna Ramirez, and Eric Wilder discuss their work in painting, drawing, and photography from 11 am to noon. The work of these artists can be found in the Museum’s latest exhibit, “Gathering Time: Pomo Art During the Pandemic.” This groundbreaking show features the artwork of 15 different contemporary Pomo artists, representing 10 Pomo tribal groups that span Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma counties. Free with Museum admission: \$5, \$4 students and seniors, \$12 families. The Grace Hudson Museum, 431 South Main Street, Ukiah. Info: 707-467-2836 or visit [www.gracehudsonmuseum.org](http://www.gracehudsonmuseum.org).

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## ‘All About Islam’ lecture

Willits Center for the Arts presents Arthur Zárate PhD, presenting on “All About Islam.” Friday, October 14 at 6:30 pm. Arthur Zárate, an assistant professor of Global Humanities at San Jose State University, is an expert on Islam who has lived and traveled extensively throughout the Middle East and speaks Arabic. He will discuss popular misconceptions about Islam and the Islamic World. Friday, October 14, 6:30 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

## Harvest Moon Celebration

Presented by the Willits Chamber of Commerce and local merchants: “Kick off fall and celebrate a tradition that highlights the importance of shopping local. Featuring food, family fun, music, arts, sales and shopping.” Sponsors include NC Financial Group, Adventist Health, Metal FX, Moon Lady & Moon Man Maverick Boutique. October 22, 2 to 7 pm, downtown Willits.





Above, from left: "Artichoke" by Bonnie Belt, 1983. "Antelope" by Bonnie Belt, 2022. "Blue Bird Friends" by Bonnie Belt, 2022. "Llama Ewer" by Bonnie Belt, 1983. At left: Artist Bonnie Belt and Louis Celaya at the Art Center. Below: Two paintings by Laura Diamondstone.

## 40 years of works by Bonnie Belt

### featured at Willits Center for the Arts in October

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is presenting a retrospective of Bonnie Belt's ceramic work from the past 40 years and paintings by Laura Diamondstone.

Belt'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, she moved to Willits from the desert in 1994 for the trees and agreeable weather.

"An artist must make the choice," Belt told us, "to be a professional or just have her art as an accompaniment to another life."

Belt made the decision to become a professional artist in a purposeful

and practical way. She found that her art had to be the focus in her journey through life and her connection to the natural world. She will be displaying work from the past 40 years.

San Francisco Bay Area native Laura Diamondstone, etched with various destinations / environments and work settings, is now nestled in Anderson Valley, tending to home, land and animals.

"[I am] grounded with belief," Diamondstone said, "in nature, research, inspired people, the arts, and giving back. All of which inform my creative process."

"My degrees are in health sciences," told Diamondstone, "but I have been a lifelong observer and

maker of art. I've been immersed in numerous foundational classes and workshops from admired artists and participated in critique, collaborative, figure drawing, and reading groups.

"Basically, my 'MFA' is in exploration and showing up at the studio," she said.

Diamondstone's paintings sing with color, and wait till you see her unbelievable work with bubble wrap.

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"We haven't nailed down our location yet," Alvarado said. "There are a lot of different kinds of terrain here. Ultimately, we estimate we will need something over \$1,000,000 to complete the project. We can do it in stages that cost a lot less."

According to Alvarado, the first step toward building a skate park is to create publicity around the project.

"In order to go after the real grant money," she said, "you have to show that the community is behind it. They want to see that there is already fundraising that is successful. It doesn't have to be giant amounts, but they want to see that a lot of people are behind the project."

"Our main grant target," added Alvarado, "is the Tony Hawk Foundation [which funds low-income neighborhood skate parks] but there are a number of people who have promised to anonymously sponsor larger chunks of the needs. They're waiting for us to build some more momentum."

For more information or to donate, visit: [www.rvskateparkproject.org](http://www.rvskateparkproject.org).

## Senior Center menu for the week

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

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

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

**Monday, October 3:** Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Fruit

**Tuesday, October 4:** Turkey a la King Noodles, Green Salad, Roll

**Wednesday, October 5:** Pastrami on Rye, Pickle, Fries

**Thursday, October 6:** Spinach Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

**Friday, October 7:** Chicken Noodle Casserole, Roll

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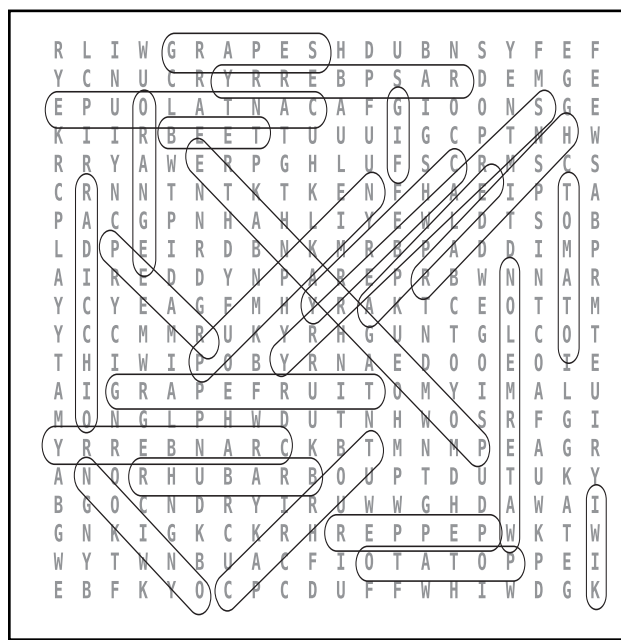
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Interestingly, adult members are also welcome to show in the livestock rings, unlike at the Ukiah fair where only junior members participate. The Boonville fair also doesn't have an auction, they just offer shows for breeding animals.

During the three-day event, each day features fun activities to watch and see, including things like magicians, balloon artists, and musicians roaming the grounds, as well as livestock shows, display buildings, and wine tasting throughout the weekend.

The California Wool and Fiber Festival runs throughout the weekend, too, with fleece judging, spinning and shearing demonstrations, and more for the public to enjoy.

Friday's special events included the Apple Bowl football game, a dance and live show by the Scott Forbes Band; Saturday's special events included the CCPRA professional rodeo followed by a dance and live show by Dean Titus and the Coyote Cowboys; and Sunday's special events included the sheepdog trials, the Classic Car Show, the parade down Highway 128, another CCPRA professional rodeo, and a dance and live performance by Los Cautivos and Los Elegantes DTC.

Look for next year's fair in September 2023 and stay up-to-date on entries, schedules and more at [www.MendoCountyFair.com](http://www.MendoCountyFair.com).



Above, from left: This quilted octopus jacket by Carole Poma of Fort Bragg won a second-place award. The largest pumpkin weighed in at 411 pounds. Ukiah's Brayton Weaver entered this raccoon drawing into the fair and won first place. Below, left: Anderson Valley FFA's Yuliza Lopez won first place for her Concha (Mexican Sweet Bread) entry. Boonville's Elsa Coffax won first place for her adorable bunny cupcakes. At bottom, from left: The skeins of rainbow-colored yarn always make a beautiful photo. This quilt was made in a carnival theme and even had three-dimensional details applied. A live demonstration of shearing a rabbit takes place during Sunday's Wool and Fiber Festival.



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dynamics of storage and extraction in these important groundwater basins will inform the sustainable water yield beneath the communities of Willits, Laytonville, and Covelo," the presentation stated. "As water use has increased in the past decade for various purposes, drying of domestic wells is a huge concern of many residents. Potential water management can also be studied to avoid drying of shallow wells in dry years."

Haschak gave an update at the meeting on some of the latest water news in the Third District which he represents.

"I think that the Round Valley received a half-a-million dollar grant to do studies on their groundwater basin," he said. "We'll see how that goes and how quickly it happens. I don't know the real specifics on it, but it's very encouraging to get that kind of grant."

"In talks with the city manager and the mayor of Willits, they're looking at the feasibility of connecting with Pine Mountain water," he added. "Like [McGourty] said earlier, the State Water Resource Board is very encouraging towards those kinds of consolidations like in the Ukiah Valley, and so it might happen in the Little Lake Valley."

McGourty asked Haschak about the possibility of Brooktrails also connecting up with other nearby water resources.

"I think Brooktrails is pretty self-sufficient at this point," responded Haschak, "and I don't know if there's that interest right now."

Other priority water projects around the county presented by McGourty included the "consolidation of the Upper Russian River Water Agency"; "increasing surface water storage to the City of Fort Bragg"; "modernization" of the wastewater treatment plant in the town of Mendocino; and a pilot program for "winter groundwater recharge in flood plain areas" of Ukiah Valley to replenish the water table there.

As described in McGourty's presentation, the Upper Russian River Water Agency is a joint powers authority which consists of five different water districts "working for the consolidation of Ukiah Valley's water."

The planned objective "is to connect water service from Ukiah to Redwood Valley to ensure that there is a safe, clean, reliable water system supplying potable water to residents in the service area that is managed as a unit," his presentation stated.

At the beginning of the discussion, McGourty talked about some of the ways the county could help with these water plans, though he acknowledged that "in most cases, Mendocino County will support and not necessarily lead if other agencies are involved."

For ways the county could contribute, McGourty mentioned "political advocacy for local, state and national assistance; creation of the Mendocino County Water Resource Team; and public stakeholder meetings, technical support, and grant writing support."

McGourty said that the county had sent out a request for proposals to hire a "water resource specialist" to help with research, grants and other water-related tasks, and they should begin reviewing candidates in October.

County staff said that \$250,000 of PG&E settlement money had been set aside for the specialist position.

At the meeting McGourty described a multi-faceted approach for the county to take on the various water projects, which included utilizing University of California resources as well as the new water specialist.

"The idea behind that is that this person will be aligned with the University of California Cooperative Extension because they are also hiring water people," he said. "Their cycle is that they plan to have a call for positions in November, and they want to have a water specialist, a hydrologist and a climate change specialist assigned to Mendocino County."

"So since we can't really afford a full-blown [county water agency], because that costs somewhere between \$700,000 and \$1 million, we thought we could work with UC Cooperative Extension," he continued, "and kind of get our bargain rate since they're already staffed with administrative people and technical support. We'd be able to start working on water issues and again trying to do what we did last year, which is assist people who are already working on issues."

Having a more extensive county water agency is something the supervisors and county staff had been considering, but seem to have put off the idea since abandoning plans for a water tax earlier this year due to lack of full board support.

Howard Dashiell, county Department of Transportation director, who has also been handling much of the water duties in recent years, said that he believed the hiring of the water specialist would be a big boost towards achieving the county's goals. He said there was a list of a dozen water-related tasks that the position would be taking on, including many that were discussed at the meeting.

"What we really need is someone with hours to devote to this," he said, "instead of part-time Howard [Dashiell] who just basically reacts to situations and doesn't really do the kind of real in-depth work that you need done.... I think getting a good consultant through this RFP will really do a lot of what you've been talking about."

Another idea that came up during discussions last week was to have a "Technical Advisory Committee" with members from each district with knowledge and experience of water issues.

There seemed to be enough support for this at the

meeting for the standing committee to present the idea to the BOS on October 4.

Laytonville County Water District Manager Jim Shields was the one to first suggest the idea of the "working committee," saying he was hoping for a more focused plan on how to get the water projects done efficiently.

"First of all, one of the things we might need is a little more structure to what we're doing here," said Shields, who is also publisher of the Mendocino County Observer. "It appears to me that we need some sort of working committee to actually start working on some of these things. For two years now, both the state and the county, we've been operating under emergency drought orders. And sometimes it doesn't appear that there's all that much urgency – a lot of activity but not much productivity I would say."

Shields added that he had already been in discussions with representatives from other water agencies, including Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District Manager Elizabeth Salomone, about streamlining their efforts.

"For example, on the collection and collation of the information I've spoken to a number of different water agencies," said Shields. "With Elizabeth, she's willing, my district is willing, as far as getting the ball rolling on that – to send the letters of inquiry out to the different public sector water agencies in this county so we can start getting that information rolling in. Because it's going to supplement and in a lot of cases amplify ... creating a better understanding of the water dynamic. That's what that exercise is all about."

McGourty said he was in agreement that some sort of technical advisory committee would be a good idea given all the water challenges in the county.

"We know that water is a limiting factor in development, and really a lot of Mendocino County is dryish because of our fractured rock geology that we have," said McGourty. "We don't have basins all over the place, and a lot of our water supply is quite limited."

He said that some water agencies have found it useful "to have a technical advisory committee that is separate from the board of directors that works with consultants and compiles scientific information and gives direction and help with the board to tackle technical questions."

"I kind of suggested that also for cannabis as a way of moving forward," added McGourty, "because there's policy, but there's also technical information that you need sometimes to make good decisions."

"So how this is going to play out, we don't know yet," he added. "This is still kind of in the beginning stages, but long-term, Mendocino County's got to be more involved with water than we have been in the past."

Shields also talked of the Laytonville water district working with the Eel River Recovery Project to help with research and planning.

"We've been partners with them for almost a decade now," he said.

Shields noted a recent report from the environmental group that "for the first time in years we've had the return of Coho [salmon]" in some branches of the Eel.

He added that many "don't think it was just coincidental" that this change coincided with a significant drop-off in local cannabis production this year.

"We think that that all has to do with the cumulative effects of how water is being used in our watersheds," he said. "So that's good news. We're a groundwater agency, but our policy is, 'water is water.' So we've always done as much as we can by working with other local groups who are dedicated to helping our watersheds recover."

In her comments during the meeting, Salomone advocated for more outreach efforts by the county about the importance of the water projects and conservation as well.

"I think all of these projects that we're talking about ... all of the commonalities between these is that the public doesn't know a lot about this work," she said. "What we really are lacking, I think, countywide is additional outreach and education, help with water use efficiencies, from water users in industry, ag and domestic use. The offering of rebates for water efficiency efforts and appliances, and really just kind of furthering the efforts of the state's campaign which they call 'Save Our Water.'"

Mendocino County Farm Bureau Director Devon Boer said she was appreciative of the county's efforts to address the water issues, but wondered how much they would actually be able to accomplish.

"A bigger question I have is sort of a scope and scale of capacity of where the county envisions their limited resources whether that be staff or fiscal ... with these proposed projects moving forward in the districts," she said, "and if there's sort of prioritization within what's sort of being proposed today. So just something to think of in the bigger picture."

"We don't quite have the answer," McGourty responded. "This is the classic case of we're sort of building the airplane while we're flying it. But we know we can't sit on the sidelines. And we know that Mendocino County for many, many years has been a little bit passive when we could've been more active and it would've been helpful."

"And I think last year was a real wake-up call, when we had some of our communities and many of our citizens just running out of water, and we really don't want that to happen," he added.

"streamline the housing approval process in California and create thousands of good paying jobs."

Sen. McGuire was instrumental in the negotiations to pass SB 6 and AB 2011, his office and other speakers at the press conference said.

"SB 6 and AB 2011 represent the bold and decisive action this state and our communities need," Sen. McGuire said. "The passage of these two critical bills represents a one-two punch that will expedite the buildout of thousands of homes in all corners of the Golden State in the years to come."

"I think we can all agree," McGuire said at the press conference, "that the housing crisis is one of the greatest in our state's history. The crisis threatens the long-term viability of our communities, big and small, in every corner of the Golden State. It's also one of the biggest threats to California's economy, which is the fifth-largest in the world."

"Californians who are at the heart of the economy, our workforce, can't afford to live in the state that they love.... Only about 25 percent of Californians can afford to buy a home in the Golden State."

And that's "why we're here today," McGuire continued. "This morning represents a turning point for California, a turning point that will, 1. speed up the process to get dirt moved and housing built, cutting bureaucratic red tape, and 2. drive down the cost of development, and also revitalize urban centers and small downtowns."

"Today's action is going to create thousands upon thousands of jobs that will pay family-sustaining wages," he said. "Doing anything that is big or consequential in the Legislature isn't easy. And it can be messy. But at the end of the day, all sides came together to get the job done, put aside their differences, put aside politics, to assure housing gets built."

AB 2011 by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) and SB 6 by Senator Anna Caballero (D-Merced) together are intended to:

- Help create much-needed new housing units for low- and middle-income Californians by allowing housing to be built in underutilized commercial sites currently zoned for retail, office, and parking uses.
- Generate thousands of jobs with health benefits and good wages – and encourage apprenticeships.
- Increase use of public transit by building housing near existing transit or near corridors for new transit.

The final votes on AB2011, the "Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022," were held August 29. AB 2011 passed the California Assembly with 67 yes votes, 4 no votes, and 9 "no vote recorded" tallies. In the state Senate, AB 2011 passed with 33

yes votes, 0 no votes, and 7 "no vote recorded" tallies.

The final votes on SB 6, the "Middle Class Housing Act of 2022," were also held August 29. SB 6 passed the California Assembly by 67 yes vote, 0 no votes, and 13 "no vote recorded" tallies. In the state Senate, SB6 passed with 34 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 6 "no vote recorded" tallies.

The League of California Cities opposed both bills, on the grounds that both would override local planning authority, requiring "cities to allow housing developments in nearly all areas of a city."

The League agreed that "housing affordability and homelessness are among the most critical issues facing California cities" and that "affordably priced homes are out of reach for many people, and housing is not being built fast enough to meet the current or projected needs of people living in the state."

But, the League wrote: "Eliminating opportunities for public review of housing developments goes against the principles of transparency and public engagement. Public hearings allow members of the community to inform their representatives of their support or concerns. 'Streamlining' in the context of AB 2011 is a shortcut around public input."

"While it may be frustrating for some developers to address neighborhood concerns about traffic, parking, and other development impacts," the League continued, "those directly affected by such projects should be heard. Public engagement often leads to better projects. Disregarding community input will increase public distrust in government and may result in additional efforts by voters to restrict growth."

Governor Newsom also announced \$1 billion in awards to 30 shovel-ready projects through the California Housing Accelerator – creating 2,755 new homes for Californians.

"California has made historic investments and taken unprecedented actions to tackle the state's housing crisis over the past four years," said Governor Newsom. "But we recognize there's more work to do – this package of smart, much-needed legislation will help us build new homes while rebuilding the middle class. I'm thankful for the leadership of the Legislature for stepping up to meet this moment to help address the affordability crisis that stretches across the entire nation."

Governor Newsom signed the housing package alongside legislative, local, housing, and labor leaders, at the future site of an affordable housing community in San Francisco.

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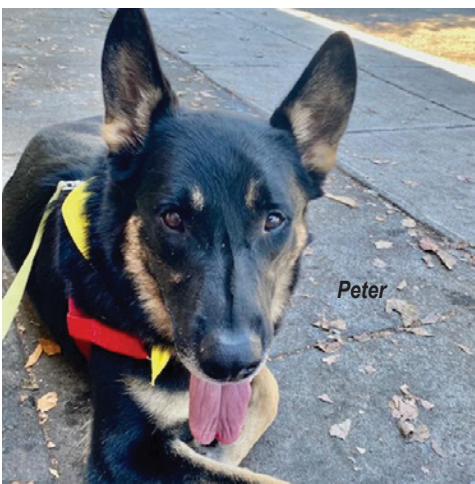
## Howard Hospital housekeeper is runner-up for GEM award

**Submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial**

Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce that Sarah McCallister, one of Howard's lead housekeepers, was nominated for a Crothall National GEM of the Year Award for 2022 and was named one of three runners-up for this prestigious award.

"Sarah is that rare gem that shines regardless of the situation," said Kristina Mudd, Environmental Services manager for Adventist Health Howard Memorial. "Sarah's passion for clean is gratifying. Her attention to detail, her leadership development and her commitment to excellence taking care of her patients, co-workers and community, makes me proud to have her on our team."

Adventist Health Howard Memorial and partners at Crothall Healthcare congratulate Sarah on this monumental achievement and thank her for her excellence she brings to the Adventist Health team, leading by example to provide a standard that is strived for each day.



pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

## Family-man Dugen

Dugen is our longest resident and we want your help to change that! Dugen came to us in October of 2020 after losing his home after a fire evacuation. Dugen has been in a loving foster home and supported by many wonderful volunteers since then. Our buddy has come such a long way in his time with us and now we just need to find the home that works for him!

Dugen gets along with cats and friendly dogs, too. He LOVES his people and even has experience with kiddos. Dugen might be 7 years old but that is not slowing him down. Dugen wants to be with his people and is happiest when he is included. Dugen has a love for life that is unmatched and he is ready to share that with a family of his own. Give us a call to talk about Dugen or come visit us during any of our open hours!



# Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

## Lively Peter

Meet Peter! This precious dude has a lot of love to give! He is pretty high energy, and will thrive in an active home with humans that are able to work from home. Peter is good with other dogs and has been doing great on a leash. Peter has recently explored some hiking trails and stopped by a coffee shop and did great! He will be an amazing adventure partner!

Bonus: Peter rides great in the car!

To learn more about Peter or view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://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



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](http://www.mendohumanesociety.com), our Facebook page, and on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com).

## Gregarious Nemo

Nemo came in with his friend, Dory, and they both are very friendly and outgoing. This young guy (6 months old) LOVES to play with both people and other cats, and boy, he sure does love his toys.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Nemo or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com).



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