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Haschak on redistricting

By Supervisor John Haschak

The census is done every 10 years. With the new population numbers, district lines are redrawn so that people have more or less equal representation, as well as communities of interest are kept together.

There is a citizens advisory commission with five residents representing the five supervisorial districts. Mary Ziady is from the Third District. There are commission workshops whereby people can be informed of the process and give input as to their perception of how the lines should be drawn and what communities of interest should be kept together.

The new numbers for Mendocino County show that the Third District has about 2,500 more residents than the Fourth District and about 1,200 more than what the average should be. The Third District lines will be drawn, and we will lose residents. It could be around 1,200. For more information on the redistricting of districts, the website is <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/executive-office/redistricting>

Redistricting will consider population and communities of interest. The City of Willits is a community of interest for its political boundaries. Does Little Lake Valley

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Willits man sought for 'massive' mail theft

Submitted by MCSO

October 11 – Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has arrested Sharon Smith, 41, of Potter Valley and is seeking Charles Maxfield, 46, of Willits on charges involving mail theft from "no less than 100 residents from throughout inland Mendocino County."

MCSO deputies, with the assistance of the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office Investigations Division, are continuing to follow up with victims related to this case, who are located in Ukiah, Calpella, Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Reeves Canyon, and Willits.

On September 25, 2021, at about 1:14 am, MCSO deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of West Road and Spring Valley Road in Potter Valley.

A local resident noticed a vehicle parked near mail boxes in the area and believed the occupants may have been stealing mail. As the resident approached the vehicle, it sped away and was last seen in the area of Spring Valley Road.

The first responding deputy encountered the

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Above, from left: Plumbers Patrick Coleman, right, and son Kyle work on installing piping at the new Four Brothers subdivision being created off of Baechtel Road. The front door will open into an entrance way and patio on the four-bedroom house model. Project Superintendent Jim Thornton lends an experienced eye, and tape measure, on the job site. Below: Project Manager James Mitchell of Spring Valley Homes shows where one of the four-plex units will sit at the back of the property's cul-de-sac road, Brother Lane.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Four Brothers

New 24-home subdivision makes progress off Baechtel Road

There's a new bunch of housing coming to Willits in the form of eight single-family homes and four four-plex units just off of the north end of Baechtel Road where the new Four Brothers subdivision is being created.

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Heading up the project is James Mitchell, son of Ed Mitchell, and partner in the Spring Valley Homes enterprise. Mitchell is a 2008 graduate of Willits High School and returned to Willits in 2015 after attending college at the University of California in Berkley and working in the tech industry in the city.

"I was excited to come home and get out of the city," said Mitchell. "I wanted to come back to my hometown to start my life and work with my dad on real estate projects in Willits."

Mitchell worked for about 5 years on the Haehl Creek subdivision which was built by the Mitchell family and Spring Valley Homes.

"I learned a lot working on the Haehl Creek project, and am excited to be putting that knowledge to work here at Four Brothers," Mitchell said.

The subdivision's name, and the road, Brother Lane, that will give access to the subdivision off of Baechtel

Road, are in homage to the land's previous owners: the Schrage family.

"The Schrage family had a great presence here in Willits and was so wonderful to work with in purchasing the land and helping to get this project going," said Mitchell.

The project originally started in 2019, and has been moving forward since, although they didn't actually get to start the construction until they started working on the pads in May of this year.

The project will include eight single-family homes on the front eight lots of the property. Three designs will be available to choose from, and they will be built after purchase.

"We didn't want to speculate on which home design people will want and just prebuild all eight," explained Mitchell. "So instead of just building them first, we want to sell the buyers the home option that they choose, similar to how we did in Haehl Creek."

The plans range from 1,800 square feet to 2,200 square feet, with two plans featuring 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom floor plans, and one a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom layout. The first home being built currently on the second lot in from

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Above: The foundation for another home is getting ready for cement on top of the rebar already in place. Below, left: Footings are being dug for the third home type available at the new Four Brothers project. Below, right: The four-bedroom home's master bedroom has a slider door that will open up to the home's back yard. See more photos in this week's B section - our Real Estate section!



2020 Census shows 3rd District up by 7.26%

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The biggest news from 2020 Census data is that the Third District – Willits, Laytonville and Covelo areas – has seen the most growth in Mendocino County. The 2020 Census reported a Third District population of 19,573 residents, compared to 18,248 residents found in the 2010 census, representing a 7.26 percent increase.

County redistricting staffer and mapper Leif Farr gave this information to the Citizens Advisory Committee at both online meetings the committee, appointed by the board of supervisors, has had in the last week, as they're getting familiar with the redistricting process and issues.

Redistricting – redrawing lines of local supervisorial districts based on changed population counts reported by the U.S. Census – happens every 10 years.

Overall, the 2020 Census reports Mendocino County's population has grown to 91,624 from 87,841 in 2010, an increase of 4.3 percent.

At 19,573 residents, the Third District is now the most highly populated district in the county. Next

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COVID surge 'under better control'

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"At this point, the surge seems to be under better control," said Mendocino County Public Health Officer Andy Coren, MD, during his press conference on Friday, October 8. "There is a fall in the numbers. Our average case rate has decreased from two weeks ago to only 29.6 cases per 100,000 per day."

Isolations, quarantines and hospitalizations are also down, Coren reported, and there have been no further deaths attributed to COVID announced since death #86 was announced last week.

Coren also noted the turnaround time to get results of state PCR tests has come down to 92 percent within two days.

"As of October 8, we have 9 patients in our hospitals, including 3 from other county's hospitals – that's because they're full. Additionally there are 6 of our county's patients out of county because of the acuity of the care they needed."

"Our ICU availability this morning was at 25 percent.

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Cannabis enforcement minimum

To the Editor:
An open letter to Mendocino County Code Enforcement: I read the "Code Enforcement News" in the October 7 edition of Willits Weekly. It states that your division abated nine cannabis sites in the Ukiah/Willits area between September 14 and October 1. Five out of nine of the abatements were for fewer than 50 plants.

I understand your mission is to stop code violations. However, I find that spending time and resources on stopping small illegal grows is a waste of taxpayer's money. As a taxpayer, I want you to bust the egregious and obvious criminal growers, the bigger the better.

Bust the unpermitted fat cats. Don't waste resources on mom-and-pop growers.

Marc Komer, Willits

Bari and redwoods

To the Editor:
I recently visited our Mendocino County Museum, now open and very safe for wandering around. We don't have San Francisco crowds here, but we do have a wealth of interesting material for learning about regional history.

The latest new exhibit, stimulating and timely, concerns the car bombing of Judi Bari, an activist seeking to protect redwoods on our coast. Her fierce defense of the forests threatened many with the potential loss of logging jobs and the subsequent effect on the local economy.

So fierce was the opposition

Kim Bancroft, Willits

that someone (a culprit has never been proven) placed a bomb under Bari's seat in her car, where it blew up on May 24, 1990. The ugly twisted hulk of her destroyed car is on exhibit at the museum, along with other artifacts from Bari's life and work. The bomb severely damaged Bari and harmed her companion in the passenger seat, Darryl Cherney. He supplied a long scroll collage of the death threats and other misinformation circulating about Judi and their colleagues at the time.

Seeing the wreckage from the bomb is stunning. It speaks of the length to which people will go in order to stop others from speaking their truth. In these years when our whole nation has been rocked by extremism, at times violent, it's moving to see such a visual reminder of how dangerous it is to play with such extremes.

We're also in a time when once again we're in local conflict over cutting redwood trees, now at Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Some see the monetary value in those trees in our relentless reliance on redwood for building materials. Others see the opportunity for preserving any redwoods we can in the name of saving our threatened climate through the carbon sequestering capabilities of those giants. And yet others see the honoring of ancient territory of the Pomo people who once roamed that forest in their journeys throughout this region.

I encourage everyone to see this Mendocino County Museum exhibit (among other exhibits there) and ponder what we value and the extent to which we are willing to preserve what we care about.

Senior Center drive-through, walk-up lunches

Willits Senior Center's indoor dining room is closed, but the center is still serving drive-through and walk-up lunches, Monday through Friday, starting at 12 pm and now closing at 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$5 through December.

"We are also providing home-delivered meals to anyone who wants a safe food delivery option via our Meals on Wheels Program," center Director Richard Baker said, noting a 203% increase in demand for home-delivered meals during the pandemic.

Meals on Wheels

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

Thursday, October 14: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggie, Roll, Green Salad

Friday, October 15: Hot Dogs, Chili, Mac & Cheese

Monday, October 18: Cheese Broccoli Chicken Bake, Roll

Tuesday, October 19: Carnitas Burrito, wet w/Green Sauce, Green Salad

Wednesday, October 20: Monterey Chicken Sandwich, Chips

Thursday, October 21: Pizza w/Sausage, Mushroom & Onion, Green Salad

Friday, October 22: Country Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Veggie, Roll

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

CA State Fair announces first-ever cannabis competition

The CA State Fair announced last month the addition of the first-ever, state-sanctioned cannabis competition and awards. The CA State Fair Cannabis Competition and Awards will join a roster of coveted, annual competitions celebrating California's rich agricultural history and dynamic industries including wine, craft beer, olive oil and cheese.

"We are pleased to celebrate California's legal and licensed cannabis industry as part of the CA State Fair in 2022," said California Exposition & State Fair Board of Directors member Jess Durfee. "For the past 166 years, the CA State Fair has always been a first mover, leading the State Fair circuit with innovative programming and large-scale competitions that celebrate the best the state has to offer, making the addition of cannabis cultivation a natural new category."

In 2018, commercial cannabis became legal in the State of California for adult use and since that time has grown into a multi-billion-dollar industry. The awards have been developed in partnership between the California Exhibition & State Fair and Cultivar Brands, a California-based cannabis marketing and events agency who specializes in the creation of programs that continue to move cannabis into the mainstream.

"The launch of state-sanctioned awards is a watershed moment for the Californian cannabis industry," said Cultivar Brands CEO Brian Applegarth. "Not only will we showcase the California farmer, large and small, and the incredible cannabis flower that the state has to offer, but we will educate and demystify the plant, challenge the stereotypes and continue to evolve towards normalcy."

The competition is open to all licensed growers in California. Entrants will be classified into three classifications representing three primary divisions for submission by light source: Indoor, Mixed Light and Outdoor. The competition will award medals for the cannabis flower only, showcasing the primary cannabinoid and terpenes expressed in the cannabis flower. Seven individual cannabis plant compounds will be tested and identified for awards. Based on the levels of cannabinoid and terpenes concentration, 77 bronze, silver, gold and double gold medals will be awarded including the coveted Golden Bear trophy for "Best of California."

The competition will be scored objectively, through science-based analysis performed and certified by SC Labs, one of California's premier cannabis and hemp testing labs. SC Labs will provide all entrants with the required Certificates of Analysis, as well as a PhytoFacts chemometric report that will identify all the unique compounds of the submission to determine the award winners.

"I'm really excited to be involved with the state fair because it is the traditional place where the agricultural community comes to show off their best work," SC Labs Co-founder and President Josh Wurzer said. "This just further validates cannabis as part of that community. As a cannabis scientist, it's really cool to see an event like this putting the data and analytics at the forefront of the process. It's making a big leap forward for the application of quantitative cannabis testing to actually measure the qualitative aspects of cannabis."

The first-ever CA State Fair Cannabis Competition and Awards will evaluate the 2021 harvest and celebrate the award winners during the CA State Fair set to take place July 10-26, 2022, at the Cal Expo Fairgrounds in Sacramento, California. The submission window opens on November 1, 2021 and will remain open until March 30, 2022. Award winners will be announced in May of 2022.

For more information on the CA Cannabis Competition and Awards, visit www.castatefaircannabisawards.com.

At right: One of the finished pieces is displayed in the window of George's Geodes and Gems.



Far right: There are four coloring pages to choose from with varying degrees of complexity for adults and children.

Below: George's Geodes and Gems displays many natural mineral pieces in a light, airy environment.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Art Rocks

All artists in coloring 'contest' at George's Geodes and Gems walk away with a prize and will be entered into a drawing

"There's no judging but everyone gets a chance to win a prize in our drawing, in addition to the crystal or goodie bags for entering," said Misty Sutton, co-owner along with her husband, George McBride, of George's Geodes and Gems. "When the kids drive by the store, they can see their artwork in the window. It's not so much a coloring contest as it is a contest drawing. There are 10 winners that will get selected in the drawing."

This is the sixth year of the coloring "contest" at the store, which Sutton describes as an attempt "to try and mend from that night and to turn it into something special." The night referred to is a traumatic experience about six years ago, when the store, which sells colorful gems, crystalized rocks, necklaces, and many other natural items, was violently broken into.

"After that, for three years I couldn't decorate the store again because my Halloween decorations were traumatized," Sutton recalled. "It was horrible. The perpetrator ended up in the hospital because he punched the windows and severed a main artery. Blood went everywhere. It was raining really heavy on a Halloween night. My husband, George, had to come here and board up the window. We had to have a professional company come here and clean. It was just very traumatic. So, I could never decorate for Halloween after that."

Three years ago, they decided to decorate their front windows with the products of the kids' coloring prowess. It became so popular that the program was extended to adults as well. Each child that enters receives a gift bag when returning their artwork. Adults get a beautiful crystal. Both kids and adults are entered into a drawing to win even bigger prizes which will be awarded in the first week of November. The entries need to be submitted by October 30.

"The coloring contest is really a coloring drawing so everyone who enters gets a free gift just for participating," explained Sutton. "Adults can get a crystal just for turning in your coloring page. When the kids turn theirs in, they get a little Halloween goodie bag. The kids can pick their surprise bag when they turn in the coloring. Then we have an entry box to enter into a chance in our drawing. All of the entries have to be turned in by October 30. We usually do

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George's Geodes & Gems



Above, left: Adults entering the coloring event get to take home one of these crystals.

Above, right: George's Geodes and Gems has been operating in Willits for nine years.

Co-owner of George's Geodes and Gems Misty Sutton shows the gift bags which are given to kids for their entries.



The Rules: **LETTERS**

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Willits Charter School

Pickup Chili Dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

Fundraiser to benefit our Friday Academy Classes Program

\$10 for 1 serving \$5 discount for any order above 4 servings. CASH/CHECK only

Menu:
Organic Vegan or Meat Chili
Cornbread made by YouDeserveButter Baking Company
Organic Green Salad
Organic Brownies

Tickets available until 10/15/21 at JD Redhouse M-Friday 9 am to 6 pm and Sat & Sunday 10 am to 5 pm and The Book Juggler Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 am to 5 pm and Thursday 10 am to 7 nm.

Pickup Meal at WCS, 1431 S. Main Street on 10/22/21 between 5 and 6 pm

Tickets available until 10/14/21 at Willits Charter School Monday through Thursday between 8 and 9am or 3 and 4 pm.

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- Varsity Track Coach, WHS
- Varsity Tennis Coach, WHS

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CONTACT: Trina Cardillo, Human Resources, 459-5314, ext. 2

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!

CONSTRUCTION WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- Flat-topped hill
- Move upward
- Admiration
- It's useful for serving food
- Kidnap
- One of the Greek Muses
- A type of media
- Sunscreen rating
- Former Michigan coach Brady
- German town devastated in WW2
- Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
- Leave
- Forearm bone
- Very fast airplane
- Helps little firms
- Defunct economic organization
- Science-based students organization (abbr.)
- Feels ill
- Indicates position
- Beverage containers
- Assists
- Science accreditation

CLUES DOWN

- Where wrestlers work
- Dueling sword
- Practice fight
- Genus of clams
- Fear of heights
- What some tell their dog
- The Golden State
- When you expect to get there
- Pointed ends
- Extinct flightless bird
- Feeds
- Nape of neck
- Descendant
- Small boats found in Turkey
- Type of bread
- Athlete with no

CLUES ACROSS

- organization (abbr.)
- Purpose
- Group of elected officials
- Hebrew prophet
- They help you drink
- Lawmaker
- Charitable
- Doctrines
- Footwear

CLUES DOWN

- contract (abbr.)
- 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Brew
- Feeling of anxiety
- Young girls group
- Perform on stage
- White clerical vestment
- Popular musical awards show
- Bumpkins
- One who acts on another's behalf
- Direction
- Look at with fixed eyes
- One who helps professors (abbr.)
- A large number of
- Type of powder
- Large jug
- Christian Anderson, children's author
- American state
- Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
- Witness
- Landscapers lay it
- Type of bread
- Of I

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

September 27 to October 10

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **248 incidents** in this 14-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

September 27
12:04 pm: Officer initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
3:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
5:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Sanhedrin Circle.

September 28
6:45 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of East Valley Street.
10:27 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
9:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

11:50 pm: GURLEY, Douglas Wayne (47) of Ukiah was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 594 PC (Vandalism), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), on felony charges of failure to appear, and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
September 29
1:40 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Monroe Street.
3:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street.
10:52 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

September 30
12:55 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of Poppy Drive.
10:36 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
11:18 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
11:29 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1000 block of Locust Street.
5:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

October 1
12:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
3:34 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.
6:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of East San Francisco Avenue and Railroad Avenue.
11:45 pm: HEYWOOD, James George (44) of Sonoma was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order), 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

October 2
12:24 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
1:30 pm: LOVELADYWILLET, Karen Sue (54) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street. She was arrested pursuant to 11550 (A) H&S (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance).
3:15 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
3:25 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.
3:31 pm: LANYON, Samuel David (33) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of School Street. He was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Battery), and 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery).
6:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Madden Lane and issued a warning.
7:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
10:25 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

October 3
1:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
10:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.
October 4
1:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
1:59 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.
5:14 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of Holly Street.
7:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street.
October 5
10:41 am: LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank (51) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
12:50 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
4:31 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
6:57 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.
7:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Van Lane and School Street.

October 6
12:12 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.
9:43 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.
10:13 am: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of

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It's still variable but less of the people in the ICU and the hospital are due to COVID illnesses," Dr. Coren said.
"Monoclonal antibody treatments have increased in Mendocino County," he noted. "They're at about 12 a week, which keeps emergency room visits and admissions down."
The numbers of vaccinations in Mendocino County are rising too. "As of October 6, total vaccinations in the county were 109,194 doses. That is 70.2 percent of eligible people [those age 12 and up] who are fully vaccinated." In California statewide, 72 percent of eligible people are fully vaccinated.
In addition, 9.8 percent of the eligible population in Mendocino County is partially vaccinated.
"As far as schools, we have had no outbreaks. This is as a result of a huge amount of work on the part of our school staff," Coren said. He reported the Mendocino County Jail COVID outbreak

Enchanted Pumpkin Path in Calpella on October 31

Submitted by the Waldorf School of Mendocino County

The Waldorf School of Mendocino County is hosting the Enchanted Pumpkin Path on October 31, from 4:30 to 7:15 pm at its Calpella campus, 6280 Third Street. The school's kindergarten playground and school campus will be transformed into a magical "alternative to Trick-or-Treating" for younger children and their families.

This year, to limit crowding and exposure to COVID-19, our event will be limited to the Enchanted Path, which consists of eight skits with treats, each based around a children's story. (There will be no blacktop games or Smoky Cauldron Café.)

The cost of admission is \$8 per person. Tickets are now on sale, and can be purchased online at www.mendocinowaldorf.org, or at the Waldorf School office (707-485-8719). Tickets for entrance to the Path are sold in 15-minute blocks, starting at 4:30 pm and running through 7:15 pm. COVID-19 masks required for all attendees 2 years and older. More details are available at <https://www.mendocinowaldorf.org/event-details/the-enchanted-pumpkin-path>

Touring comedy show at Digger's seeks local stand-ups

Submitted by Danny Minch

Digger's Bar in Willits hosts a traveling comedy show on Sunday, October 24, featuring three national stand-up comedians, Danny Minch, Eddie Trevino, and the headliner, Andrés Taboada.

Andrés Taboada was born in Peru, then went to school in Germany and California, and worked in Southeast Asia and Miami, before settling in Los Angeles, where he recently won the Funny and Foreign-Born Showcase at the Glendale Comedy Festival. He also won the award for Best Comedic Actor at Miami WebFest for "Miami Mic Boys," which he wrote, directed, and starred in. "He's had too many twisted lives in a few different continents and is more than happy to make you laugh about it."

Eddie Trevino was winner of the young comics at The Icehouse.

Danny Minch is a nationally touring comic from Tommy T's, Improvs, Punchlines, Comedy Store and well as a bunch of times at the Brass Rail.

"I have had the pleasure of performing in your town on a few occasions," Minch said, "We have found a new home spot at Digger's Bar to do our stand-up."

The show will be a free admission, tips-based show. It will open with a set by Kris Lively the bartender, who'll also be acting as host, and also feature Alysha McCaffery, "a hilarious local comic doing big laughs."

"We are also hoping to put a few other locals up after the headliner finishes his set, to give people the chance to do stand-up as well. We did that last time and had two great locals perform, but I would like to see more. I think it would be a nice addition to the show and a way to spotlight a different kind of talent in the Willits area."

Minch suggests that those planning to participate in the open mic prepare 3 to 5 minutes of material, and can sign up in advance by emailing him at comedyjunkies@live.com or messaging him on instagram at [dannyminch1](https://www.instagram.com/dannyminch1).



Above: The All-Girl's team winner was the Window Sash Cattle Co. which included Riata King, Molly Bugenig, Christie Moore. Below: Riata King who also won the working horse class.

Ranch Rodeo

Cowboys and cowgirls gathered on October 2 to compete in the annual Ranch Rodeo. Event winners included the Seever Livestock team in the Calf Branding and Team Sorting events and the Dixie Chicks team in the Ranch Doctoring and Trailer Loading events. Second place went to team Dixie Chicks: Ronnie Seever Stetson Burgess, and DMCNaney and third place went to team Three Amigos: Drew McElfresh, Clint Lear, and Cody Chew. The Calcutta winner was Kyle Seever.

"We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported this event," said Willits Frontier Days' Marcy Barry. "Another thank you also goes out to the Willits Frontier Days Juniors for setting up the pumpkin painting for the kids to enjoy."

— Maureen Jennison

Below: Lucas Skinner and his horse, Mo, who won the overall horse of the day award.

At left, below: Dillon McNanny, Ronnie Seever, and Mike Fonsen of Seever Livestock, the first-place team at the 2021 Ranch Rodeo.



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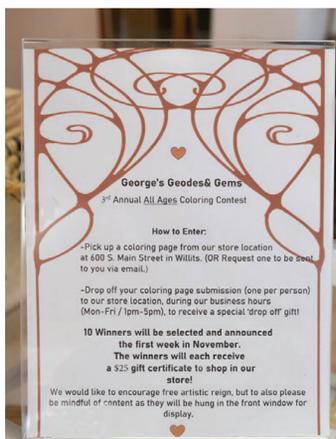
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Above: The makeshift stage and curtain were employed to create an open-air theater. Above: In "Othello," Mike A'Dair mistakes the Moor for a ship mooring.



Above: Dane McFadden's entry is already displayed in the window of George's Geodes and Gems. At right: The rules are displayed on this flyer as well as on their website and Facebook page. At right, below: Two of the finished colorings are displayed in the soon-to-be-filled window at George's Geodes and Gems. The bottom one is from Riley McFadden.



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the drawing on Halloween but we extended it a few days due to Instagram and Facebook going down during the week we announced it. We extended it to the first week in November so everyone can have plenty of time."

Sutton tried judging the entries in the past but found the task too difficult. "We started out trying to judge the entries but it was too hard to choose," said Sutton. "I wanted to declare everyone a winner. It's only one entry per person. They can pick up as many pages as they want but they can only enter one drawing one time."

The store sells, according to its Facebook page, "small and large geodes of amethyst, citrine, and drusy quartz, gems such as emeralds, rubies, and tourmaline, handcrafted jewelry, a wide range of unique and polished beads, fossils from Morocco, healing wands, sacred-stone sets, selenite, moldavite, enhydro quartz (water inclusions with million-year-old sacred water inside) from Tibet, and much more." It's a wonderland of colors and textures, museum-like, with all items for purchase.

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Pearl Marill remembers and celebrates her father, Jim Marill by sharing her MFA Thesis with the community. Proceeds will go to the Willits Community Services and Food Bank

Pearl Marill's M.F.A thesis project, titled, "You Self Help Me" is a show that confronts fear, grief, and loss through dance, comedy, and poetry. It is a raw, from the heart, collaboration and dedication to one of the greatest loves of Pearl's life, her father, Jim Marill.

A Gentle Note for Viewers: This show contains large amounts of love, and also large amounts of sadness. Tissues are advised.

Proceeds from renting or buying this video will be donated to The Willits Community Services and Food Bank, where Jim Marill dedicated 23 years of his life serving as Director. Specific programs that video sale funds will support include the local "Homeless Shelter Motel Nights," and the "Elder Food Delivery Program."

Complete Shakespeare

Willits Community Theatre combines all of the Bard's plays into one outrageous production

"Thank you for not murdering my child," said an appreciative mother, a sentiment echoed by many of the attendees, especially those in the front row of the preview dress rehearsal for the zany, irreverent, thoughtful, comedic, and off-the-wall production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" on Thursday, October 7.

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Those attending can expect to be drawn into the inspired lunacy of this production, born at a 1981 Renaissance fair by the members of the Reduced Shakespeare Company. Eventually, the production morphed into "The Complete Works" for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe show. The authors, Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, continued over the years to improve and update the show until it became the current version.

"It's impossible to count how many times the show has been produced since licensing rights became available," wrote Singer, "but (other than during plague-driven theater closures) there are probably about 40 productions staged around the world every year, and the script has been translated into more than 30 languages."

The current cast of the Willits Community Theatre production, which has been a year and a half in the making, consists of actor / director Mike A'Dair, Jeff Shipp and Sam Porter. Shipp is the only member of the original cast in the show, which began to rehearse in 2020, and was forced to go into hiatus due to the surging COVID pandemic. As the pandemic began to become more tame and venues began to open up, A'Dair found that casting became a challenge.

"At that point I wasn't acting in the show and I was working with Jeff Shipp, Robert Ford and Devin Skaggs. Devin had to drop out due to personal reasons, so I had to find someone to replace him. I cast a veteran actor, Bobbie Cohen. On the second day of

rehearsal, Bobbie dropped out, so I had to move our understudy, Sam Porter, into the role of Jess, the Shakespearean scholar.

"So, at that point," A'Dair continued, "the cast was Robert Ford, Jeff Shipp and Sam Porter. After three weeks, Robert hurt himself, so I had to come in and assume the role. Keeping a cast together has been a challenge in this show."

Sometimes challenges become a blessing. The current cast has an obvious stage rapport, playing off each other with an obvious sense of fun which keeps the audience in stitches.

Prior to opening, the company got word from the health department that they would have to either wear masks during the performance or take the production outdoors. They chose the latter, which, although they had to abandon their sets for more rudimentary backdrops, the company persevered and flourished in the al fresco setting. Indeed, the original version of the play was designed to be played in an outdoor setting.

"This has been a lot of fun and very challenging to play this outside," mused A'Dair. "It's mentally challenging. It's like going back to square one. I like that. I admire the pluck of our little troop. I appreciate the support that the theater company has given us to be able to play this outside so we don't have to wear masks on stage. I think it's one of the best things we've ever done in terms of the quality of the show and in terms of the guts it took to persevere. I'm very proud of that."

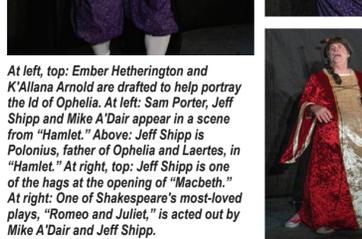
Willits Community Theatre Board President Robert Ford added: "We had to change a few bits of staging to accommodate the location but it seems to be working very well. I'm really glad that the owners of the Plaza have given us this opportunity to be able to do the play here. I think that this is probably going to open up some more ideas to open up the possibility to be able to do more things like this." A summer dinner theater is being discussed.

The basic idea of the play is to condense all of Shakespeare's plays into two hours of unrelenting zaniness while, at the same time, creating surprising visuals, with a flair for involving the audience. At times, audience members were abducted to appear on stage and assume roles, notably during an examination of Ophelia's Id during the condensed version of "Hamlet," which usually runs for four-and-a-half hours. At several points in the production, those in the front row were playfully subjected to grossness from Shakespeare's first play, "Titus Andronicus," becoming victims of A'Dair's upchucking sequence. The audience never knows when they might be called upon to lend their bodies and good-humor to the cause.

"It's impossible to know whether William Shakespeare would have enjoyed parodies of his work or not," Singer wrote to Willits Weekly. "Was he an effete snob who didn't like other people to mess with his exquisite drama and poetry, or was he the sort of guy who'd enjoy a beer and roar with laughter when his work was made fun of? We'll never know."

"When we developed the show," said Singer, "we felt we were being kind of mean and blatantly critical, but reviewers often comment on how reverent and respectful the show is, so go figure! Plus, educators have told me repeatedly how useful our show is to teach kids about Shakespeare. So, I'm guessing Will would give us some credit for that."

The Willits Community Theatre would like to thank Dawanna Hetherington, Morgan Rex, Café 77, Pete Swanton and Steve Marston for allowing them to perform in their space and for their support. The show runs for two more weekends, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 4 pm. All shows are only \$10, in the Plaza behind Café 77. Bring a blanket, a thermos of something hot, a great sense of humor, and a penchant for pure fun.



At left, top: Ember Hetherington and K'Allana Arnold are drafted to help portray the Id of Ophelia. At left: Sam Porter, Jeff Shipp and Mike A'Dair appear in a scene from "Hamlet." Above: Jeff Shipp is Polonius, father of Ophelia and Laertes, in "Hamlet." At right, top: Jeff Shipp is one of the hags at the opening of "Macbeth." At right: One of Shakespeare's most-loved plays, "Romeo and Juliet," is acted out by Mike A'Dair and Jeff Shipp.



Above: "To be or not to be, that is the question," says Sam Porter.

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'No Time to Die'



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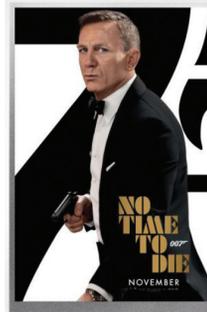
The Story: A James Bond movie with a creepy villain and a haunting love story. Vesper Lynd is dead ("Casino Royale"), and Bond (Daniel Craig) is heartbroken. Time has passed. He's ready to live again, and now there's the beautiful secretive Madeleine Swann (Léa Seydoux). She might be fatal. Lyutsifer Safin (Rami Malek) is a soft-spoken psychopath with a bad skin condition. He and his partners at SPECTRE steal a weaponized DNA virus from a British bio-lab. The whole world is very much in danger. Hence: James Bond.

My Thoughts: I believed the action. Weapons with (apparently) endless ammo crap up most movie firefights. Unreal to the point of stupid. But in this flick, when Bond grabs an enemy's gun (and he does this often), he checks the load. And when automobiles are run off the road, they roll and tumble but they don't burst into flame. Realism, imagine that. As for the acting, I believed the love story. Léa Seydoux weeps, and I felt her sorrow. Daniel Craig is broken and bitter. I felt his despair. Seydoux described the flick as "extremely emotional." I agree. This Bond film is right up there with the best. Maybe it is the best. See it on the big screen.

Important information: The flick never drags, but it's long, 2 hours and 43 minutes; it's almost two movies.

Parents: There's enough violence and death for me to suggest to moms and dads: Don't bring the kids. And realistically, this movie is way too long for most children. Also, way too complex.

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



Above, from left: Sun catches Opopoe amaranth and zinnias during the last days before harvest this week. Asian greens like bok choy are among the fastest-growing choices for cold soil. Mustard is a classic cover crop in California because it finishes early for spring planting, it fights nematodes and fusarium wilt in the soil, and it adds sulfur, a nutrient that our soils often lack. There are many cover crops to address specific needs and problems. For most people, a mix with a grain, a legume, and a deep-rooted herb will give excellent results.



Above, from left: Lettuce is one of the easiest seeds to save. If you have lettuce plants that bolted and flowered, try sprinkling the seed in a container for winter salad. This is Hungarian Pink Winter, a favorite in our area. Vetch is one of the easiest of all cover crops to cut down in spring. It is ideal to plant where you want to grow tomatoes next year, as it is ready to cut when tomatoes are being planted, and it adds nitrogen to the soil. Opopoe amaranth is a gluten-free grain that is easy to grow and prepare at home without equipment. Because it comes from high in the mountains of Mexico, it is well adapted to our cold nights. Ours was planted in July and harvested this week. Lettuce sends up a stalk with small, dandelion-like flowers at the top. Like dandelions, these turn to clusters of dark seeds, each with a feathery "parachute" attached. To save seed, pinch the seeds off of the stalk when they are dry and brittle.

COLUMN | GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH

October – What next?

Today we cut the grain amaranth, whose feathery 8-foot-tall magenta spikes have dominated the garden for the past few months. Now those bright plumes hang in the greenhouse, alongside pepper plants laden with half-ripened fruit. Like most plants, the peppers and amaranth will continue to mature for quite a while after cutting, hung in an airy place above freezing. Our summer's work is safe. Soon it will be dried, screened, winnowed and packed, to go out into the world and grow other gardens.

The shelves in our cabin that normally hold boxes of seed packets are filled with flats of tomatoes, baskets of winter squash, and brittle-pods of beans. For weeks, I have been cutting tomatoes in half and squeezing out the seeds with their juice. The juice and seeds go into jars to be fermented and then rinsed, dried, and packaged. Pots of de-seeded tomatoes simmer on the stove. They will be winter food. For now, we are feasting on the things that will not keep: cucumbers, squash blossoms, fresh basil and tomatoes. With frost in the forecast, I help myself to immature butternut and delicate squash—they won't have time to mature, and the flavor is better than any zucchini.

Squash and corn are not seed crops for us—we aren't isolated enough to avoid crossing, so we work with other farmers who are. Instead, we plant varieties we are considering carrying at Quail Seeds, to see which does best. These variety trials yield food and information instead of seeds. Crops we did grow for seed this year run the gamut from beans, peppers and cucumbers to okra, marigolds, marshmallow, collards, feverfew and amaranth.

As the season finishes, you can easily try collecting seeds for next year. Tomatoes, beans and lettuce are all easy to save and don't cross with other varieties in the garden. With lettuce, arugula and cilantro, you needn't even clean or store the seed. You can sprinkle it straight onto the ground to grow into winter salad.

For the past few years, I've harvested a winter meadow garden of turnip greens, lettuce, mache, chard, mustard, tatsoi, cilantro, collards, and arugula sown haphazardly in that way. The turnips, mustard and Asian greens cross with each other and make interesting new leaf shapes and colors, but all are edible. Our native miner's lettuce loves to grow over the winter, and has a mild buttery flavor in salad.

Even winter veggies need a bit of warmth—about 40 degree sag, fill with water, and accumulate more weight than they can support. The unconnected hoops tend to rack, twist and collapse under loads of snow, rain, or wind.

If instead you make fewer but longer hoops, you can keep your garden growing rather than just surviving in the hot bed. This simple technology enabled farmers in northern Europe (farther north than Maine) to grow vegetables all winter, or start tomato seedlings, melons, and other tender crops. The source of heat is not electricity but decomposition. A compost pile dug below ground level produces heat. Soil piled on top is used to grow vegetables, and the heat is retained inside a glass or plastic cover. You can find detailed instructions in the public library. Or see my description at quailseeds.com in the How-To pages.

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Jim Kramer

James Patrick Kramer passed away on September 4, at his home in Ventura, after suffering a major stroke in August. His last weeks were spent with loving family at his side, as he faced this last of many health challenges with all the bravery and strength he demonstrated throughout his 80 years.

Born in New Jersey, Jim came west at 19, eventually attaining a masters in Social Work as well as post graduate studies at Berkeley. After early work with the Office of Economic Opportunity in San Jose, he came to Mendocino County in 1971, and with a group of friends purchased an old apple ranch that became known as Pomoterra.

Jim's social work career began in group homes for juveniles, transitioning to working with the HIV/AIDS community through various organizations, including Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network. He then developed and supervised the Behavioral Health program at Mendocino Community Health Clinic for many years. Following retirement from MCHC, he continued his career with a private psychotherapy practice.

While Jim had many professional achievements to his credit, perhaps more importantly, his hard won equanimity and innate sense of humor allowed him to accept others without judgment—a rare and special quality. He met the world as if it were an adventure unfolding, be it kayaking down crazy rivers, traveling the world, or cycling to the nearest coffee shop.

Family was dear to him, and a motivation for the move from Willits to Ventura in January of this year, after 50 years in Mendocino County. It brought him closer to his dearly loved stepdaughter Megan Arquette, partner Jeff Ranes, and that sparkly grandchild Ronan.

His beloved son Nicholas Yardley predeceased him this year, a great sorrow. Jim is mourned, and much missed by his wife, Marilyn Townsend, sister Mary McNulty, brother Michael Kramer (Diane), cousin Jennifer Abbott (Bernice Blatt), a niece, and many wonderful nephews and grandnephews, not to mention so many longtime friends.



LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2021-F0506
The following person is doing business as Ruthie's Doll Museum & Tea House, 1195 "A" South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owner: Catherine Lober, 1195 "A" South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 2016.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 13, 2021.
/s/ Catherine Lober
Publication dates: October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

WW 337
Docket No.: 21CV00647
In the matter of: JOSEPH DOMINIC JIMENEZ and ADDONAI ORION CAMPBELL of Willits, CA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
To all persons interested in the petition described:
A petition has been presented by Joseph Dominic Jimenez requesting that: Joseph Dominic Jimenez and Adonai Orion Campbell be allowed to change his/her/their name(s) as follows:
JOSEPH DOMINIC DARROW and ADDONAI ORION CAMPBELL DARROW
The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court of the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objective is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing
Date: October 29, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: F. The address of the court is 100 North State St., Ukiah, CA 95482.
WITNESS, Hon. Patrick M. Pekin, Judge of the Superior Court.
Publication Dates: October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

CLASSIFIEDS

Big Sale
Agape Thrift Store Big Sale, Saturday, October 16, from 9 am to 3 pm, 60% off total purchase price. 354 North Main Street, 707-510-1600.

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

Estate Sale
Estate Sale: Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17. 8 am to 2 pm. 1101 Hearst Road. Some furniture, collectibles. Something for everyone!

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

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



Willits Food Bank Open
Willits Community Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, following COVID-19 safety provisions, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, with an increase in numbers served. The front office at 229 E San Francisco Ave is closed to the public, but the back door area is open for food distribution on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333; financial donations to WCS can be mailed to 229 E. San Francisco, Willits CA 95490.

Current Job Openings:
Account Specialist II
Administrative Services Manager II
Building Inspector I
Corrections Deputy
COVID – Emergency Response Unit
Extra-Help Temporary Work
Chief Planner – Fort Bragg
Deputy County Counsel II/III/IV
Deputy District Attorney I/II/III
Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II
Grounds Maintenance Technician I/II/III
Human Resources Manager
Mental Health Clinician I/II
Senior Program Manager
Sheriff's Captain
Staff Services Administrator
Social Worker Assistant II
Supervising Public Health Nurse
For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources
EOE

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South Main Street.
11:10 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

October 7
11:54 am: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
12:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Margie Drive and Monica Lane and issued a warning.
5:42 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of West Valley Street.
6:20 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
7:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

October 8
11:21 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
1:38 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700

Joseph Peinado Jr., of Willits

block of South Main Street.
4:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.
8:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
11:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

October 9
2:17 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Alder Court.
3:37 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.
8:29 pm: PEINADO Jr., Joseph Rudy (32) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Bush Street. He was arrested pursuant to 417 (B) PC (Brandishing a Weapon), 273 (A) PC (Child Endangerment), and on felony charges of child neglect or abandonment and drawing or exhibiting a firearm on the grounds of a daycare center.

October 10
12:56 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Willow Lane and Baechtel Road.
4:40 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Willow Lane and Baechtel Road.
10:28 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

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The rest of Garden From Page 8

winter gardening becomes the easier, more productive alternative. Winter grains, fava beans, daikon radish, spinach, and all the crops mentioned above prefer cool weather. Now is the classic time to plant garlic, as well as shallots and ornamental bulbs like daffodils.

We plant bulbs now because the action has shifted from air to earth. As growth slows above ground, plants are still able to expand their root system as long as the ground isn't frozen solid. Without the need to grow new leaves flowers or fruit, plants can put all their energy into roots.

That's why cover crops work so well – they fill your soil with roots that hold it in place, absorb water, make nitrogen, store carbon and sugars that feed soil microorganisms, and then compost in place when the plant dies. A pretty great return for a few minutes sowing on a bright fall day!

information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.

Active Johnny

Johnny is an amazing boy! He is very social, happy, affectionate and loving. He will greet you with a big smile and non-stop tail wagging. Such a sweet boy, he loves playing with other medium-to-large dogs. He's fine around small dogs but might be a tad too physical for some. Johnny can be wary of strangers entering the home once he's bonded with his person / people and can't be left alone in a yard since he can jump a fence if he wants to. He's athletic and wants to be where the action is! Otherwise, he is great being crated when left alone.

Johnny would love to go to an active and predictable home without too many unexpected visitors. He will do best in a no-

child household just because he is active, a little mouthy, and quite wiggly, but with dog-savvy parents, he should do well. Best-case scenario is active fun-loving folks with the time to go out and play with their dog every day! This is a dog to lounge with, wrestle with, love on, and go have plenty of adventures with. Johnny's adoption fee is half off – \$200. He is 4 years old, weighs 50 pounds, and is a red heeler / American Staffordshire terrier mix.

To learn more about Johnny 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.

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Baechtel Road, is the 4 bedroom plan which is loosely based on the Haehl Creek subdivision's Cumberland model.

One of each home will be built as a sample to showcase the different options and layouts. All eight homes are single story and will feature flame-resistant James Hardie Board siding and solar panels on the roofs – a new requirement from the city.

At the back of the subdivision, there will be four four-plex units as well, creating 16 more homes on the property. They will all be two-story buildings with two units on top and two units on the bottom, each featuring two bedroom and two bathroom 1,200-square-foot dwellings.

The subdivision's road, Brother Lane, runs parallel to Main Street and will face into the sports yard of the Willits Charter School, making for a nice west-side view to the street and making the subdivision an attractive option for young families. Yards, landscaping, sidewalks and paths along the subdivision's east side will complete the feeling of nice new construction and forward progress for the city in the once weed-covered empty field.

Helping create the subdivision is no small task, and Mitchell noted his appreciation for the expertise of the contractors and subcontractors they have used on this project.

"We have the best in the business here in Mendocino County," said Mitchell. "We're so blessed with the talents of all the local contractors. We've got great crews out here working."

A short list of all of those who have spent time on the job site include: Ryan Mayfield of RMS Construction who did much of the dirt work and poured the streets; Frank Dutra with MCS who works alongside RMS; Ray Van Pelt with Interactive Design who is the designer/architect on the job; Ernie Wipf and WIPF Construction who did all the underground work (including the power lines which are underground); Collicott Construction did all the framing ("Kailer Collicott is my go-to guy, he goes above and beyond to accomplish what needs to be done. He leads a knock-out crew that gets things done with a great attitude!" praised Mitchell); John Olenik of Olenik Fencing for the fencing work; Jim Johnson with Johnson's Custom Landscaping for the landscaping work; Richard Greene has been doing all of the concrete work; Patrick Coleman has been doing all of the plumbing work; Kevin Boles of Boles Heating, AC and Sheetmetal has been doing all the HVAC work; Rigo's Best Roofing Service is doing the roofing; Nor-Cal Gutters is standing ready to get the gutters installed; Brad Moss is doing all of the drywall work; Chris Scott of Scott's Appliance is doing all the appliance work; and Wiggins Electric is handling all of the electrical work.

Mitchell also noted they have purchased all of their materials from Mendo Mill here in Willits as well. Like the Mitchells, many of the contractors are also father/son, multi-generation workers on the site.

Another valuable member of the Four Brothers team is project superintendent Jim Thornton. Mitchell said Thornton has been working in the trades his whole life, and brings oversight and great experience to the job site.

"He does lots of the scheduling, and also makes sure the materials are on the site on time," said Mitchell. "He brings so much experience to the worksite and is the one I go to whenever I have questions or a snag, he's always got the answer!"

Mitchell hopes that the first homes will be available for sale starting in December.

The rest of District From Page 1

is the Fifth District, now at 18,819 residents, up from 16,100 in 2010. The Second District is next, at 18,225 residents, down slightly from 18,355 in 2010. The First District now has 18,312 residents, up from 18,107 in 2010. The Fourth District, running from the western boundary of the Third District to the coast, has the lowest population now of any Mendocino County district, at 16,695, down from 17,031 residents in 2010.

Drawing district lines has many criteria that are supposed to be followed, but the bottom line is that districts should have 'substantially equal' populations.

County counsel told this year's redistricting committee, as they told the 2011 committee, that case law suggests it is most legally defensible to ensure the variation between district populations was between 3 and 5 percent, and 3 percent is better. Although a variation up to 10 percent "may not constitute a prima facie equal protection violation under the 14th Amendment," a presentation from 2011 said, there would need to be good reason shown why such a large variation in populations was allowed in any court case that may follow.

At present, the variance between the Third District and Fourth District is 14.70 percent.

When asked committee member Dee Pallesen where the directive to keep the variance between 3 and 5 percent came from, staffer Farr said: "Every redistricting process that I've been in, we tried to stay within 3 percent or less of the deviation from the average, which puts us safely below that 10 percent. And the reason is, it gives us a cushion for making it more difficult for people to litigate against the plan, in the end. In other words, people may be

upset with this plan, on many different levels, and individuals and organizations may come in and challenge it in court...."

"As county staff," Farr continued, "when we make recommendations to the board on is this a valid plan, is it a good plan, we're going to look at that. They don't have to follow that, you certainly don't, but what I know is you're supposed to stay below 10 percent, and if you don't, I'd refer to [county counsel] on how you're going to justify that."

Dividing a total county population now of 91,624 into five equal districts, would result in an average district population of 18,325.

This means that the Third District boundaries need to be redrawn to lose about 1,200 residents to another district.

Staffer Farr told committee members he's working on some draft maps for their next October 20 meeting. Some of the data the county needs to show with each map, the American Community Survey data, has just become available. These draft maps would incorporate the first potential changes suggested by committee members and by the public.

The maps will be posted on the redistricting website schedule at www.mendocinocounty.org/government/executive-office/redistricting/redistricting-board-meetings-and-public-workshops as part of the October 20 meeting agenda.

One map that is available for the public to view is a map showing 2011 district boundaries, but listing 2021 population info on the document, too. (See page 11 for this map). Committee member Peter McNamee asked why the boundary lines on the map looked a little different than the official supervisorial district map the county has been using for the

last 10 years. Farr explained it was because they were dividing districts by census block this time, instead of by voter precinct.

Farr told Willits Weekly there were practical and legal reasons to make this switch: Because census blocks were generally smaller than precincts, using them means a better ability to finetune the maps.

"I've been advised by county legal staff we probably shouldn't move around voter precincts, we should move around blocks," he said. Farr said he couldn't point to a specific legislative directive on this, but said the county was reacting to "more heightened scrutiny about the process," as well as "trying to adhere to a more standard practice that others [other jurisdictions] are using."

The public is urged to submit their own ideas about redrawing district boundaries and keeping communities of interest together. Comments can be submitted via email at redistricting@mendocinocounty.org or via webform at www.mendocinocounty.org/government/executive-office/redistricting/submit-general-public-comment.

The software the county is using to make the draft maps is also accessible to the public. Go to the Mendocino County maps portal at https://gis.mendocinocounty.org/portal/

In the "Featured Maps and Apps" banner, scroll right to find the "Redistricting" map. Users looking for help in using the map software, can check the link to the "Portal User Guide" at the main maps portal page.

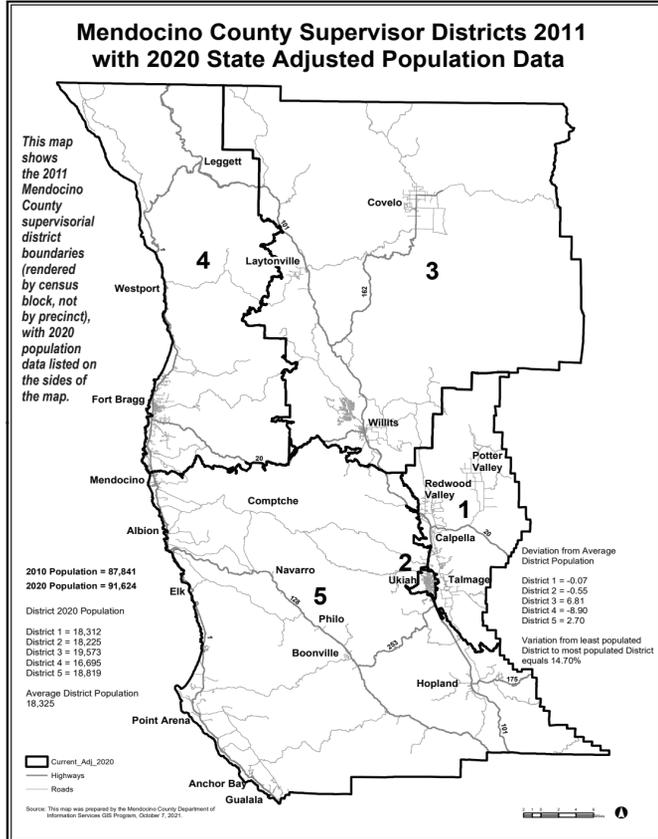
The next redistricting meeting is set for Wednesday, October 20 at 6:15 pm. The meeting will be live-streamed at the county's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/c/MendocinoCountyVideo/videos and previous redistricting meetings can be viewed there, too.

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belong to the Willits community of interest? Most would say, of course. Brooktrails, of course. Pine Mountain as well. But the lines drawn in 2010 cut off parts of Muir Mill Road from Willits and the Third District, and put half the road in the Fourth District. Ridgewood is similarly split between the Third and the Fifth. Looking at Laytonville, Branscomb was in the Third but is now in the Fourth, yet most would say that Branscomb has a much stronger connection to Laytonville than the coast. Leggett and Piercy have been part of the Fourth.

So there is a legal need to balance out the populations of the supervisorial districts. This is where you play a role. The county has a mapping program where you can draw your own map of what you think the districts should look like. You can also make statements such as "Willits and Laytonville should be kept together" or "My road should be together in one district." The commission is looking for input, and they take suggestions seriously. Now is the time to make your voice heard in this important process for representative government.

You can submit your own ideas. You can attend the upcoming Zoom meetings on the following dates: October 20 and 26, and November 3, 9, 18. The Board of Supervisors will be receiving the proposed maps from the Redistricting Commission on November 19. This is a chance to have your voice heard.



The rest of Theft From Page 1

vehicle, a 2004 Ford Focus, on Spring Valley Road. The deputy noticed the vehicle came to an abrupt stop prior to him making contact with it.

As the deputy approached the vehicle on foot, he noticed the driver seat was vacant. As the deputy contacted the passenger, Sharon Smith, he heard what sounded like a person running away through the nearby brush.

Evidence later found within the vehicle identified the driver as being Charles Maxfield, 46, of Willits. Maxfield was known to be on post-release community supervision for convictions related to mail theft. Maxfield was also known to have an outstanding arrest warrant for violating the terms of his PRCS.

Additional deputies arrived and searched the area for Maxfield but were unsuccessful.

A search of the vehicle revealed a massive amount of mail and numerous identification documents, none of which were addressed or issued to Maxfield or Smith. Also located in the vehicle were numerous blank checks, a laptop computer, and a portable color printer.

A photocopy of a California identification card depicting Maxfield was located with the printer. The ID card contained the full identification of a person other than Maxfield.

Based on this initial investigation, deputies determined Maxfield and Smith were in fact actively stealing mail, and using the identifying information gathered from the mail, to commit fraudulent and felonious acts. Smith was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail on felony charges of conspiracy to commit a crime and intent to defraud by acquiring personal information and misdemeanor probation violation.

A search warrant for Smith's residence, located in Potter Valley, was secured and served. No additional evidence was located.

Based on the nature of the crimes, a request to increase bail and to restrict the source of bail was granted by a Mendocino County Superior Court Judge. Smith's bail was set at "No Bail" and should bail be set, she will be required to prove that the funds used to post bail were not feloniously obtained before bail will be granted.

Maxfield remains outstanding at this time.

Further investigation of the evidence revealed no less than 100 separate victims' identifying information had been acquired by Smith and Maxfield.

This information likely had been used, or was being possessed with the intent to use, in the commission of multiple felonious offenses.

Mail was found addressed to persons in the following communities: Ukiah, Calpella, Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Reeves Canyon and Willits.

Arrest at Little Lake Cemetery

October 11 – On October 4, 2021 at about 8:30 pm a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy was patrolling the Little Lake Cemetery off East Hill Road in Willits.

The public has reported people camping at and possibly vandalizing the cemetery. The deputy observed a vehicle at the location and conducted a vehicle check.

The deputy contacted a male adult inside the vehicle, who was identified as Steven Lawson, 30, from Ukiah. Lawson was determined to currently be on parole.

During the contact, deputies learned there was an active pick-up arrest warrant issued by parole for his arrest. A search of Lawson and his vehicle was conducted.

Inside the vehicle, the deputy located a used glass pipe commonly used to ingest methamphetamine, a fixed blade knife, and a small canister of OC spray (pepper spray). All these items violated the terms of Lawson's parole.

Lawson was arrested on felony charges for violation of the terms of his parole (3056 PC) and for possession of tear gas (pepper spray) by a prohibited person (22810 PC).

Lawson was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held on a "No Bail" status due to the parole hold.

Lonely Pepper

The dog of your dreams is waiting at a shelter near you! Pepper was adopted six years ago and sadly, she lost her home last weekend. Pepper's owner's home sold, had some family losses, and was having to move out of state. The decision to surrender Pepper was no easy one. There were many tears but her previous owner knew this was best. Pepper is 6 years old and needs a second chance. She is out of her element living here in a kennel and it is very hard on her. Despite all the changes, she is still SO nice and we can't wait for you to meet her! Apply to love Pepper at www.mendohumanesociety.com.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Currently we are open by appointment only on Wednesday through

Friday, and open to the public Saturday through Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, no appointment needed on the weekends! You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

Cozy Priscilla

Priscilla is a laid back, but very sweet cat. She loves to hide under her blanket, and also likes to come out to say hello to her element living here in a kennel and it is very hard on her. Despite all the changes, she is still SO nice and we can't wait for you to meet her! Apply to love Pepper at www.mendohumanesociety.com.

For more info about Priscilla or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. For

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Above: Members of the Willits Rotary Club get ready for Creek Cleanup Day: from left, Jeanne and Luci King, Jenny Senter, and Dickey Weinkle. The cleanup will take place this Saturday, October 16, from 9 am to 1 pm.

Creek Cleanup

Willits Rotary Club needs help removing trash from local waterways this Saturday

The Willits Rotary Club is looking for a few good men ... and women ... and kids, to help with their project of cleaning up the debris from the local creeks, 9 am to 1 pm, on Saturday, October 16. It's called "Willits Creek and Coastal Cleanup Day" to coincide with the California Coastal Cleanup which has already occurred on September 18.

The upcoming cleanup effort will only concentrate on the local creeks where people have thoughtlessly left remnants of transient camps, tools, paper, and other trash. It is imperative to clean as much as possible prior to the rains when much of the detritus can be washed downstream or into the ocean.

This joint project of the Willits Rotary Club and the City of Willits will meet at 9 am at the Willits City Hall parking lot. Here, the participants will sign up, receive instructions, assignments, and tools (people should bring any tools that they have at home).

According to one of the organizers, ex-city manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, "I would love for Kenan O'Shea, the public works superintendent, to send us to the places that most need help. He said there were a couple of spots that were really bad that he needed help with." Several businesses have provided tools, bags, gloves, etc. to help with the project.

Anyone interested in participating can either meet at the Willits City Hall on Saturday or call the Willits Rotary Club at 707-535-9500 for more information.

30th Annual Eel River Cleanup October 23, 2021- the fourth Saturday



On Saturday, October 23, 2021, between 9:00 am and noon. We will meet near the Pioneer Bridge over the Eel River, five miles north of Potter Valley on Eel River Road. The Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority, Potter Valley Tribe, Solid Waste of Willits will once again be sponsoring the Eel River Cleanup. We will be cleaning a 12 mile section of river from Van Arsdale up to the Lake Pillsbury Dam in Lake County. **LUNCH MAY BE SERVED THIS YEAR; TO BE DETERMINED. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE PRACTICED. THE POTTER VALLEY TRIBE WILL HAVE MASKS, GLOVES AND HAND WASH STATIONS.** Solid Wastes of Willits will be donating the dumping fees. Your attendance is important and we hope you will come and help. Together we can rid the river, roads, and beaches of trash so that we can enjoy a clean, healthy watershed and recreation area. For more information, call the Potter Valley Tribe at 462 1213 or Beb Ware 707 743 1525.



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