

A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits Donations Accepted Edition No. 475 Thursday, October 27, 2022

### **Willits** weather and rain

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The National Weather Service Eureka website is now reporting information for Willits taken from a weather station on the Mendocino College North County Center campus on East Commercial Street.

For a while, when users searched the site for "Willits, CA," although the forecasts were for the Willits area, the "current conditions" like hourly temperatures and rain information were being reported from the "Soda Creek" weather station 20 miles east of Willits, and at a higher elevation.

You can find the Willits station, aka the EW4027 station, by visiting https:// forecast.weather.gov then entering "Willits, CA" in the search box.

After opening that Willits page, which shows current conditions, any weather alerts, and the forecast, if you hit the "3 day history" link on the right, you'll see a page reporting hourly temperatures, hourly precipitation, and more. The graph at the top can be selected to show all kinds of interesting weather data, including wind speeds and gusts.

Below the graph, there's a link to the "Current water year total" - the weather



today

Columnists

Above, from left: Pre-oven to post-oven, Snickerdoodles are a quick and tasty cookie to make. The cookie ingredients are simple: flour, sugar, eggs, baking soda, cream of tartar, salt, margarine and shortening. Willits' Annabell Gunderson (1920-2007) was famous for her Snickerdoodles recipe which is engraved on the back of her tombstone in the Willits Cemetery. Below: The telltale signs of a proper Snickerdoodle: craggy breaks, crusty cinnamon-and-sugar tops, and soft interior.



Dessert from the Departed

SNICHERDOODLES

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Snickerdoodle cookie recipe engraved on headstone of Willits' Annabell Gunderson

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What would be a better way to celebrate Halloween than baking a batch of spooky Snickerdoodles with a recipe right

off of an actual real gravestone? Annabell Gunderson would surely approve.

Read the rest of Cookies Over on page 4

### Supes discuss trash dumping in **Brooktrails**

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Last week the Mendocino Countv Board of Supervisors unanimously approved closing the roads leading to the Dogwood cul de sacs in Brooktrails "to prevent serious and continual illegal dumping" of trash in the area.

Dogwood Terrace and Dogwood Lane, which are connected to Ridge Road in Brooktrails, are now closed for at least the next 18 months in what the supervisors called a "temporary solution" to the trash dumping problem, which they acknowledged is pervasive in many other areas throughout the county as well.

On October 28, a few days after the BOS meeting, Willits City Councilmember Greta Kanne, along with several volunteers and Supervisors John Haschak and Maureen Mulheren, helped lead an effort to clean up much of the trash still left at the Dogwood cul de sacs (see page 5 for more details on this).

Kanne posted on her Facebook page on October 28 about the latest cleanup effort that day.

Read the rest of Trash Over on page 11

year starts on October 1.

Even though it hasn't really rained in Willits in October (yet), the NWS Willits weather station has recorded .26 inches of

Read the rest of Weather Over on page 11

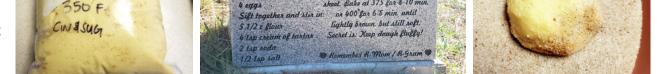
### **Brooktrails** man arrested for failure to register Sgt. James L. Wells, for MCSO

On October 13, 2022, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy became Donald aware Ralph Wiltse, Jr., 35, of Willits was possibly in violation of 290.011 PC (failing to register as a sex offender).

The deputy conducted an investigation and found Wiltse last registered in 2021 with an address in Santa Clara County, California. The deputy learned Wiltse had been living in Willits and had failed to register his new address as required by law.

On October 14, 2022, at 7:20 am, MCSO deputies went to a location on the 27000 block of Hawk Drive in Willits [Brooktrails] where they contacted and arrested Wiltse for failing to register as a sex offender in Mendocino County.

Wiltse was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$15,000 bail.



annabell's Snickerdoodles

Roll (softly) into balls the size

of 6T sugar and 6 tsp cin

Place 2" apart on ung

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Above, from left: The rest of the dough went into the freezer for a quick fix at a later date. The western side of Annabelle's headstone shows the recipe. Rolling the balls in the cinnamon and sugar creates the crust. Below, from left: Make sure to mix the cinnamon and sugar well. Adding eggs one at a time helps them incorporate well. Despite being raised in a butter-only household, this recipe called for margarine and shortening, and I obliged, following Annabell's recommendations.



**COVID** update from **Public Health** 

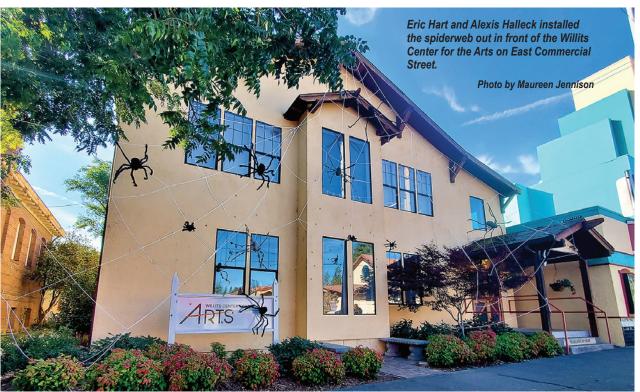
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"We've had a good month," said Mendocino Health County Public Officer Andy Coren, during his October press conference last Friday. Dr. Coren addressed COVID, monkeypox, and the annual flu, among other health issues.

In Mendocino County, as of October 21, there have been 7 confirmed cases of monkeypox. In the United States, there have been 25,600 cases and 2 deaths. In California, numbers are declining, and there have been no deaths. Monkey pox is predominately seen in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.

As far as the annual flu, Dr. Coren said, after a late peak in spring this year, there have been no new flu cases yet this fall in "congregate living facilities" like acute care general hospitals, long-term care facilities, or skilled nursing facilities.

"We're advising Read the rest of COVID Over on page 11



### Halloween weekend at the Art Center

#### Submitted by WCA

The Willits Center for the Arts is holding what it plans to be the first of many Halloween Galas this weekend. Decorating the building, WCA board member Eric Hart is pulling out all the stops. A Halloween fanatic, he has transformed Read the rest of

the building into a spooktacular fantasy.

WCA Over on page 9

# What do YOU think?

since

people we serve.

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Thank you To the Editor:

Dear Little Lake Fire Department, thank you from all of us at Smokey's BBQ. Thank you so much

We will still bring the heat @ Smokey's BBQ. Simone Ndoye, Smokey's BBQ, Willits

#### Measures do not increase

#### sales tax

#### To the Editor:

This reply addresses two incorrect or misleading points in Dale Brigg's letter published in the October 20, 2022 edition regarding ballot Measures O and P.

Briggs' main concern seems to be his belief that the measures would increase the current sales tax. He states "do you really want to pay an additional .5% added on the current 9+% sales tax you currently pay on purchases."

Briggs' statement is factually incorrect in two ways. First, the sales tax rate in Mendocino County is currently 7.875% (the bulk of which - 7.250% - is state tax). Cities can have their own additional increments to the sales tax as is the case in Willits, which is the only place in the county with a cumulative rate over 9%. (See https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/formspubs/cdtfa95. pdf).

More importantly, if both Measures O and P pass the current sales tax level WILL NOT INCREASE as Briggs incorrectly asserts, instead it will remain exactly as it is today.

Briggs also points out that Measure P is a general sales tax and could therefore be spent on anything. That is correct but misleading. Briggs fails to mention that, at the same time they sent Measure P to the ballot, the board of supervisors unanimously passed Resolution 22-159 which provides a detailed map of the intended use of money to support the needs of our emergency service agencies and for wildfire prevention efforts.

The resolution also specifies that the county will produce a report showing how the funds were actually distributed each year. It will be crystal clear if these funds are used as intended and easy to hold the supervisors accountable if they are not.

Briggs suggests that, instead of passing Measure O, there should be fees for services so that, e.g., children should start being charged to check out books. Notably, Briggs does not suggest that there should be new fees for services each time a local fire department responds to an emergency.

If our departments started receiving fair compensation for all of the largely volunteer work as this for a long time. we do, including all of the training needed to be

week These taxes can only be raised by the voting Willits Senior Center is public within our district. The last time we went serving lunch in its indoor out to the public for an increase was 2001, and dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and we have been operating on this increase ever walk-up lunches, too. Lunch for your quick response, and for putting out the If you can imagine running a business on a is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, fixed income where the price of everything you inside and outside the Senior

need continues to rise, but you have no easy Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, mechanism to increase your revenue, this is our Price is \$7. reality. Please remember that the service our Thursday, October 27: Chili district provides has a life or death value to the Mac. Corn Bread. Green

Salad Measure P will provide needed funds to not only Friday, October 28: Turkey better staff our department, but bolster some Dinner, Veggie, Roll, struggling budgetary items. It will also have Cranberry an effect on any future needs assessments Monday, October 31: we have within the next 10 years. If a future

Goulash, Veggie, Roll needs assessment shows we still need to raise Tuesday, November 1: assessment taxes, the amount we need will Turkey Tetrazzini, Green Salad, Roll I would like to also advise Briggs and the public Wednesday, November 2: that the Measure P sales tax will also be collected Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes from the traveling public. This tax is countywide w/Gravy, Veggie, Roll and distributed to all county fire departments.

Thursday, November 3: French Bread Pizza, Green Salad Friday, November 4: Ground Sirloin, Mashed Potatoes w/

Wheels program delivers

lunch Monday through

Transportation for seniors:

Call 459-5556 to schedule.

Pick up and drop off for

The Senior Center is in

need of volunteers to help

with the many activities

here at the center, including

volunteer Meals on Wheels

drivers. "Volunteers are

one-third of our workforce.

459-2176

appointments.

Senior Center

menu for the

Bill Carter, fire chief, Little Lake Fire Gravy, Veggie Roll Protection District Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on

#### Yes on Measures P and O

definitely be lower than if Measure P fails.

These departments respond to all emergency

calls for service. A lot of these calls assist the

traveling public, and Measure P would give a

mechanism to help fund those calls.

Friday. To sign up call Deb To the Editor: at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Good news! Measure P will not raise taxes nor Call 459-6826 the day before compete with library or mental health funding.

needed to schedule home We'd have to look far and wide to find a citizen meal delivery. Delivered in our county against supporting or funding our throughout Willits. firefighters, librarians, or mental health workers. I'm sure we agree how important and critical ALL of these folks are to our safety, well-being, and our daily lives. It follows then that if we intend grocery shopping, banking, to pass any tax on ourselves to fund these key doctors' services, it should be for all three entities – fire, Senior Center Thrift Shop: library, mental health.

Well, guess what? We have exactly that opportunity on November's ballot with Measure O and P to provide funding to these services through the mechanism of our sales tax. See www.yesonpmendo.com for details about what sales tax is sunsetting, what is proposed to be redirected, and where it will be refocused.

which allows us to offer many More good news - just 5/8 of a cent will do more services to our members and probably than we ever have before, to provide community." To learn more essential financial support for these important about volunteering: 459-6826 needs. We won't pay more tax, but the SAME tax. Plus this is sales tax paid by visitors who may use these services, and paid by us throughout the year. I don't think I've seen such a good deal

Vote YES on both Measure P and Measure

#### Transportation board rejects Skunk Train proposal

#### Submitted by the Office of Sen. Mike McGuire, Sacramento

Late Thursday, October 20, the Federal Surface Transportation Board soundly rejected the Mendocino Railway Company's bid to take over 13 miles of the Great Redwood Trail. This massive move by federal regulators paves the way for one of the most important steps vet for the Great Redwood Trail protecting and preserving 175 miles of rail line forever through the rail banking process.

This will allow the Great Redwood Trail to begin breaking ground on these miles of line and ensure the former rail right of way remains in public ownership in perpetuity. Senate Majority Leader Mike

statement on the action: "This is a momentous day for the future of the North Coast and the Great Redwood Trail. With this proposal soundly rejected by the federal government, I'm thrilled that we'll once and for all start moving dirt and getting large swaths of the Great

"The Surface Transportation Board was extremely clear and concise in their decision, and we are grateful for all of the work they have put into making the trail a reality. Obviously, we'll be on the look-out for any potential Hail Mary attempts to appeal, and we'll be at the ready to beat them back in the coming few weeks."

The Surface Transportation Board stated in the ruling: "Because Mendocino Railway has not demonstrated financial responsibility, MR's OFA [offer of financial assistance] will be rejected and the OFA process concluded." Caryl Hart, chair of the Great Redwood Trail Agency, said: "Thursday's clear and definitive ruling is yet another victory in the progress of the Great Redwood Trail. This has been a long process, but an outstanding result and a definitive win. I can't thank our legal team enough - they have done an outstanding job of showing why the trail is so important to the Golden State and North Coast."

#### Submitted by NAMI Mendocino

McGuire issued the following

Redwood Trail built," McGuire said.

Survey on mental health facilities

Above, from left: Kelly Foutz gives chair massages in Missy Sweda Stevens' Re-Evolution Gallery. Laura Rowland serves gelatos from her Ice Box trailer. Chuck Persico and Louis Celaya of the Willits Chamber of Commerce Board helped organize the Willits Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration

At right: Ambria Zenitar, who organized her group of several silks performers, "dances" in the air while suspended from long strips of silk fabric. At far right: Some young friends meander around the Harvest Moon Celebration booths, finding plenty to do and see.

Below, left: The crowd braves the cold autumn wind and weather to come out and explore the vendors. Below, right: These two live their fantasies through balloon creations.



# Harvest Moon

Downtown is packed with attendees, vendors and activities for autumn-themed Hometown Celebration

"I love this weather! It finally feels like fall!" exclaimed one wares and food. To bring the community together," stated

Harvest Moon Celebration on Saturday, Features Writer October 22. Indeed, the air was cold, mathew@willitsweekly streets and parking lots that were filled with booths, vendors

Downtown Willits became alive with residents, who wandered through the myriad of attractions, playing games,

the local merchants.

#### OBITUARY

### **Rhea Brown**

Rhea Elise (Thomisee) Brown passed away on October 14, 2022. She was born to Joseph and Ina (Scribner) Thomisee in Columbia, Louisiana on May 24, 1948. The

family then moved Fort Bragg, to California. She married and adopted her daughter, Tina Nelson. Eventually they moved Willits. where she divorced and married Jerry Brown in March 1983.

Rhea loved being a mother, and when she began working Willits High at School, she found her other calling. While working

alongside Jim Schroeder, she was a profound influence on so very many children, "my kids," as she called them, and was an integral part of helping these young folks know they were cherished.

She loved her classic cars, sunflowers, 60s music, and all things BLINGY! Shopping was her favorite pastime, and she gathered many different types of collectibles, clothing, jewelry, shoes and more through the years.

Rhea enjoyed attending car shows (her taste in vehicles won many first prizes) and loved visiting with everyone. Always dressed beautifully, hair perfect, bejeweled, she stood out and was complimented daily on her appearance. She loved making people smile and was always ready with a kind word or a compliment, all with her lyrical southern accent.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Brown of Willits; daughter Tina Nelson of Ukiah; granddaughter Kayla Eubanks and partner Jeremy Gordon; her great grandchildren Riley and Parker; her beloved aunt Dorothy Scribner of Fort Bragg; and numerous relatives far and wide, as well as many, many close friends who were like family to her

She is predeceased by her mother Ina Thomisee and her father Joseph Thomisee, as well as numerous family members she cared deeply for.

Rhea had a very special bond with her mother Ina and cared deeply for her family near and far.

Our community and beyond are very saddened by this huge loss, and Rhea's memory will be cherished by each of us. We will all miss her

Please join us for her service November 3 at 11 am at Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

Any questions can be directed to Necole Aquilar. 707-841-0301



Mathew Caine and attendees.

> bouncing in the basketball bounce house, and sampling the many choices of foods and tastes from the local restaurants and caterers.

> A project of the Willits Chamber of Commerce and local merchants, the event was designed to give people an activity to get them out of their homes and reacquaint themselves with

"The Hometown Harvest is sponsored by the [Willit

of the thankful attendees at the Willits Louis Celaya, volunteer coordinator of the chamber. Additional sponsors included NC Financial Group, Adventist Health, Moon Lady & Moon Man Maverick Boutique, METALfx, with a biting breeze blowing through the and Willits Frontier Davs.

It was a celebration of all the businesses in the area that were present and eager to show their wares. Each parking lot and street had a theme. The old Rexall space was home to the food gallery, with over 10 restaurants offering samples of their tasty treats.

Dahvi's Kitchen brought a teriyaki chicken plate with rice and salad, as well as a Thai pumpkin soup and Thai iced tea. Smokin G's and Big D's BBQ offered some of their savory specials. Turtle Island Tacos set up their new trailer to sell their traditional, but secret, fry-bread recipe with all the trimmings.









ready to provide it, that would be a huge fee/tax increase indeed. There is not likely to ever be a less painful way to get our fire departments some of the support they need than by passing Measure P.

Our department's main funding comes from private property assignment taxes. These taxes provide the majority of funds we operate on.

#### The Rules: LETTERS

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Measures P and O does not take away from

Fire Department, and board member, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

> Yard waste pick up every week Solid Wastes of Willits will be providing weekly pickups for yard waste customers in the Willits city limits, through November 25, 2022.

#### Sherwood Firewise Zoom meeting Submitted by Sherwood **Firewise Communities** If you live along the Sherwood corridor, please join the Sherwood Firewise Communities quarterly meeting via Zoom on Thursday, October 27 at 6 pm. Agenda includes updates from

Third District Supervisor John Haschak on: • Emergency access routes • Willits Creek CalFire vegetation work in progress • Ridge Road private section owner access Also includes reports on the new online database and SFC mapping project. And updates on: • Fuel reduction project • Grants • SafetyNet registration • Home hardening Join Sherwood Firewise's online

Zoom Meeting at https://us02web. zoom.us/j/85625036304 Meeting ID: 856 2503 6304; Password: 918795 To join by hone only: 669-900-6833; Meeting ID: 856 2503 6304;

Password: 918795

The Mendocino County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness is working with Mendocino County Behavioral Health to conduct a brief survey, asking Mendocino County residents which type of mental health facility they feel should be prioritized.

The data collected will be used to immediately take action in pursuit of new grant funds.

Please take a couple minutes to weigh in and feel free to share this with your friends and family. Your voice matters!

Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/facilityneedsassessment to access the 2-minute survey. Thank you!

### New solar-carport project at Howard hospital

#### Submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital announced this week it will soon begin work to install solar electricity generating carports in more than 150 spaces in the front parking lot. This two-phase project will begin the first week of November and will take approximately five to six months. Visitors to the hospital and clinics may encounter some closed-off sections of the parking lot. To better accommodate patients and visitors with parking spots close the hospital, associates are being encouraged to park as far away from the building as possible. Patient drop-off near the entrance to the Emergency Department will be available

The work to install solar generating carports with electric-vehicle charging stations is part of Adventist Health Howard Memorial's commitment to Planetree: a not-for-profit global healthcare forum that sets the global standard for person-centered health care. In addition to improving the overall experience for our patients and visitors, covered parking with solar electricity-generating panels will also reduce the hospital's carbon footprint.

"We're excited to launch this project to provide covered, solargenerating carports to our patients, our team, and the entire community," says Stephanie Wheeler, facility manager at Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital. "We ask for the public's patience as we continue to make patient-focused improvements throughout the hospital."

The project is expected to be completed by May as Howard Memorial looks forward to making a greener impact on the community

Adventist Health is a faith-inspired, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii with over 400 sites of care. Founded on Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies, and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of 34,000 includes employees, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals, and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission; living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness, and hope.

Read the rest of Chamber of Commerce.] We're doing this for the community. We're helping with sales for all the vendors to show their

Over on page 11 Harvest



Above, left: The Humane Society of Inland Mendocino County volunteers Tracey McNamara, Cora Axton and Kelsy Radmilovic show off one of their adoptees, Capri Sun.

Above, right: The crew at Serenity Salon and Spa gathers for a photo during the Harvest Moon Celebration: from left, Robin Keller Strauss, Dawnna Hetherington, Krista Schaffer and Carissa Diskin

Below: Annalee Gonzalez, Davina Sentak and Carly Barbitta offer chances to win their annual gift basket to fund Sober Grad.

Photos by Mathew Caine





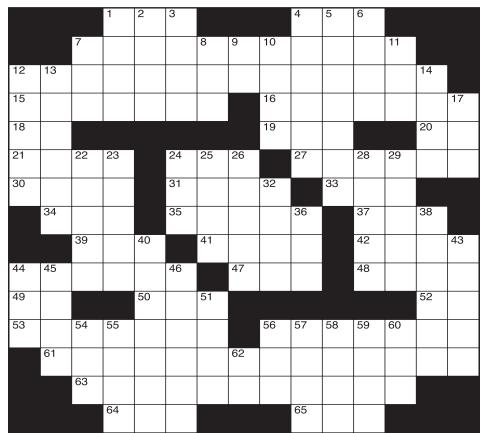
Jackie Cobbs, features editor

## Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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7				2	1				broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku
5	7	2				1	6	8	the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column
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	6		9	1			5	4	in which the numbers will appear by using the
		8				7	3		numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The
			7	6					more numbers you name the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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### WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

#### October 10 to October 16

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled <b>124 incidents</b> in this	of illegal camping in the 800 block of South Main Street.
7-day reporting period.	8:58 pm: HACHEY, Ryan David (46)
Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests	of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.
October 10	11.26 nm: Officers initiated a missing

No incidents to report

October 11

Hazel Street.

probation.

October 12

October 13

failure to appear.

conduct (drugs and alcohol).

October 14

Baechtel Road.

East Commercial Street.

the Influence of Alcohol).

2:29 pm: Officers responded to a

11:26 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:44 pm: ALLEN, Cassidy Wyatt (42) 12:07 am: Officers responded to a report of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance, 11:16 pm: ALLEN, Dustin Alonzo (33) possession of a controlled substance of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block without a prescription, and possession of of South Main Street. He was arrested drug paraphernalia. pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a

#### Protective Order Resulting in Injury) and October 15 on misdemeanor charges of violation of

11:42 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

6:32 pm: Officers responded to a report 1:45 pm: Officers responded to a of suspicious activity in the 300 block of disturbance in the 100 block of Brookside Drive

9:07 pm: PRAIRIE, Crystal Dawn (46) 7:57 pm: MARTIN, Nathen Daniel (33) of Santa Rosa was contacted in the 100 of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block block of Highway 20. She was arrested of South Main Street. He was arrested on pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under misdemeanor charges of contempt of court (disobeying a court order).

> 10:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

#### disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a citation. October 16

8:42 pm: CARLILE Jr., Bryce Randall 2:34 pm: SO, Vaneda Aleta (29) of Willits (39) of Willits was contacted in the 600 was contacted in the 200 block of South block of Crest Drive. He was arrested Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of 23152 (B) VC (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Methamphetamine), and on misdemeanor Content of 0.08 Percent or Higher), and on charges of possession of a controlled misdemeanor charges of driving under the substance, violation of probation, and influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 percent or higher.

7:14 pm: CASEY, Delana Kelly (42) of Willits was contacted near the north Willits 9:26 am: CARVER, Jeffrey Wayne (39) Bypass. She was arrested pursuant to of Willits was contacted in the 800 block 273 PC (Child Endangerment), 23152 VC of South Main Street. He was arrested (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) on felony charges of child neglect or and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly abandonment, and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol 2:28 pm: Officers responded to a report content of 0.08 percent or higher. of suspicious activity in the 1600 block of 8:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of 5:16 pm: Officers responded to a report Margie Drive and issued a warning.

#### The rest of From page 1

She was married twice, had three children

and enjoyed volunteering with local groups

including the Willits Senior Center, and with

the American Legion Auxiliary.

her ever-so-popular snickerdoodles.'



Above. from left: The remains of a mobile home litter the cul-de-sac at the end of Dogwood Terrace. Zac came with his father, Jake, and his trailer to help in the cleanup efforts. One of the many piles of refuse. At right: This photo, posted by the Mendocino County Department of Transportation on Monday afternoon, shows the boulders used to shut off Dogwood Lane to prevent illegal dumping Below: The compact track loader is extremely useful in the cleanup efforts.



# **Dogwood Cleanup**

Volunteers remove several trailers worth of refuse from two Brooktrails cul-de-sacs; county DOT closes both roads to prevent further dumping

On a cold, crisp Saturday morning, on two spurs off Ridge Road atop Brooktrails, about 10 intrepid volunteers undertook a project to clean up and dispose of the trash, pieces of equipment, refrigerators, burned-out trailers, exercise equipment, and much more from both Dogwood Terrace and Dogwood Lane, both cul-de-sac roads that don't have any houses

Mathew Caine The cleanup was organized by Willits City Councilwoman Greta Kanne and Second District Mendocino County Supervisor Maureen mathew@willitsweeklv.co

Mulheren. It was the second phase of the cleanup program on these two roads and the volunteers managed to dispose of most of the debris left by some of the less-than-civic-minded residents.

"We're helping out with our community," said Jerry Albright, who came with his trailer after stopping to pick up trash along his route. "Another wonderful deposit from some of our less-reputable residents. They're not camping out here. They're just dropping their garbage and their remodel stuff. There's an RV that got burned down. There are all kinds of interesting things.

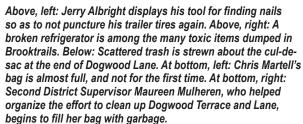
"I'm helping here with Greta Kanne, who organized this effort," explained Albright. "This is my second time helping here. We just got it started in September. I was the only dump trailer. What you see here is what's left and that's a lot.

"The first time we got three tons of garbage," he continued. "I made three runs to the dump until I got flat tires in my trailer. That was probably a third of what we're pulling out of here today." In order to avoid the flat tires this time, Albright brought a powerful magnet on wheels to clear the area of nails and other puncture threats.













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Cookies

It's on her headstone that her beloved the recipe does indeed make. Clarkson Snickerdoodles recipe is engraved, one enjoyed a batch and agreed that they were she was famous for while she lived here in quite tasty. Willits.

Grant's TikTok of Annabell's Annabelle passed away on December cookies can be seen here: www. 14, 2007 at the age of 87 and was buried at tiktok.com/@ghostlyarchive/ the Willits Cemetery out Highway 20. video/7153981297264774442

Her obituary, printed in the Willits News And the Kelly Clarkson interview on December 19, 2007 notes that Annabell can be seen here: www.youtube.com/ moved to the Sherwood Valley with her watch?v=Rm3dSOFK6fl

family in 1933 and resided at the Octagon So in honor of her ever-so-popular House where they enjoyed ranching and Snickerdoodles, here is the recipe from horticulture. She attended Sherwood Valley Annabell's gravestone which did turn out a School through the eighth grade before pretty tasty cookie, indeed. graduating from Willits High School in 1940.

> ANNABELL'S SNICKERDOODLES

Mix thoroughly: Her obituary also noted "She is 1 cup shortening remembered for her love of children and 1 cup margarine 3 cups sugar Finding recipes on gravestones and 4 eggs making them is something that's having a viral moment on the internet these days, Sift together and stir in: thanks in part to TikTok baker and southern 5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups flour

California librarian Rosie Grant who goes 4 teaspoons cream of tartar by @ghostlyarchive on the platform. She 2 teaspoons soda has found recipes all over the country on gravestones – from New York to Utah and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon salt

even Annabell's memorial here in Willits. Roll (softly) into balls the size of small walnuts. Roll in mixture of 6 tablespoons On a recent episode of The Kelly Clarkson sugar and 6 teaspoons cinnamon. Place Show, Grant was interviewed about her 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. TikTok fame and baking from gravestones. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or When asked which her favorite recipe was that she found, she said, thus far, it is 400 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes until lightly actually Annabell's Snickerdoodles recipe, brown, but still soft. Secret is: Keep dough noting a few times how many cookies fluffy!

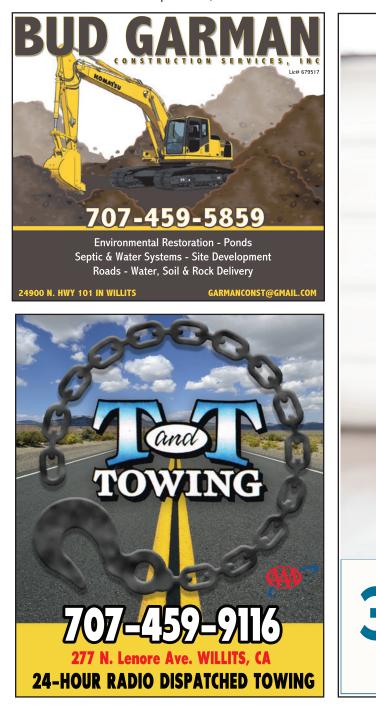
Do you have a special (post- or pre-grave?!) family recipe that you would like to share with Willits Weekly and our readers? Send it in! We love sharing our community's culinary favorites. Email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com



### Despite their best efforts, several pieces of debris were too remote or heavy to collect.

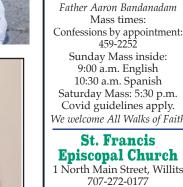
"There's still big construction debris down the hill," said Kanne. "There's a car chassis and a lawn mower that I don't think we're going to be able to get at. I think they're just going to have to live there." They will, in time, most likely become home to some of the birds or small mammals that inhabit the area.

"I was contacted by Greta in January Read the rest of and I'm on the Mendo Recycle Board Dogwood as well as the board of supervisors,'



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#### Thursday, October 27

Willits Farmers Market: Last outdoor market of 2022, at the old Rexall parking lot, downtown, Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm. Fresh, local produce, local meat, farm-fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. Market will move indoors to the Little Lake Grange in November. "Tobin's Tales" story time from the Willits Branch Library from 3:30 to 4 pm.

Sherwood Firewise Communities Quarterly Meeting on Zoom: Thursday, October 27 at 6 pm. Third District Supervisor John Haschak will give updates on emergency access routes, Willits Creek Cal Fire vegetation work in progress, Ridge Road private section owner access, new online database, and SFC Mapping project. Also updates will be given on fuel reduction projects, grants, SafetyNet registration, and home hardening. Join online Zoom meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/ at i/85625036304?or join by phone at (669) 900-6833. Meeting ID: 856 2503 6304. Password: 918795. Thursday, October 27, 6 pm.

PICTURE SHOW "The Rocky Horror Picture Show": presented by Now THURSDAY and Then Film Series at the **OCTOBER 27, 2022** Little Lake Grange. "Celebrate LITTLE LAKE GRANGE 25 years of midnight-movie 291 SCHOOL ST., WILLITS AT THE DOG madness with us! 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' is an

'exotic nightmare beyond any measure.' Relive Richard O'Brien's sinfully twisted salute to horror, sci-fi, B- movies and rock music, starring Tim Curry in his classic gender-bending performance, Barry Bostwick, and Susan Sarandon." Your donation of \$10 will be used to support the Little Lake Grange. Serving organic popcorn with real, organic butter. \$10 donation asked. Thursday, October 27 at 7 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

#### Friday, October 28

"High School Monster Dance": Dancing for teens in the Haunted Ballroom at the Willits Center for the Arts, Friday, 28 October from 7 to 10 pm. Music by DJ Cali. Costume contes with \$100 firs prize. \$10 at the door. WCA, 10 AT THE DOOR East Commercia Street.

Willits High School Football vs. Clearlake: It's the last home game of the year for the Willits Wolverine football teams, and they take on Clearlake. The Willits Varsity team is 6-2 overall this year, and they'll face a Clearlake team who are currently undefeated at 8-0 overall. The JV game starts at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm. Friday, October 28 at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street

Halloween Party at Digger's: "Costume contest, prizes, DJ and karaoke. Come join us!" Hundreds of dollars' worth of prizes in products and gift certificates from local businesses. With DJ and host Garrett Moore. Friday, October 28, 8 pm to closing. Digger's Bar, 244 South Main Street.

#### Saturday, October 29

"Graveyard Bash": at the Willits Library. "There will be games, activities, a book patch, photo opportunities, prizes, candy, and special

prizes for kids who come in costume. AT HE REAL PROPERTY HOPE This event is open to all ages but is best suited for families with children. The staff will be dressed in their spookiest attire. Weather permitting, the event will be hosted in the parking lot next to the building. The area

> will be blocked to ensure safety from vehicles, and parking will be available in front of and behind the library." Saturday, October 29 from 2:30 to 4 pm. Willits Library, 390

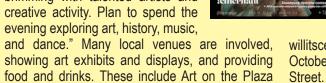
East Commercial Street.

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Willits Art Walk: The final art-walk event for 2022! "Our downtown is brimming with talented artists and creative activity. Plan to spend the evening exploring art, history, music,

KIT IY RAEYA and dance." Many local venues are involved,

(99 S Main St), Willits Center for the Arts (71



E Commercial St), Re-Evolution (15 W Mendocino Ave), Shanachie Pub (50B S Main St), Scoops (110 N Main St), BACE (101 N Main St), Kemmy's Pies (299 E Commercial St), and the city library and museum". Saturday, October 29, 5 to 8 pm. Visit www.

"Trunk or Treat on Margie Drive": Come get your Halloween goodies at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Saturday, October 29, from 5 to 6:30 pm, 265 Margie Drive

Zombie Party at Digger's: "Take your Halloween costume from the costume party the night before and turn it into a Zombie. during business hours. Delicious cocktails and a DJ playing your favorite tunes. Come join us!" With DJ and

Skunk Train Pumpkin Express, Willits Depot

"Last weekend to take a trip into the heart of the redwoods to our

magical pumpkin patch wonderland. 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." Pumpkin

# What's Happening Around Town

Auto, 1571 Main Street.

Brooktrails Fire Trunk or Treat: "The

Brooktrails Firefighters Association

will be hosting a trunk or treat

event in our parking lot on Monday,

October 31 starting at 6pm! We are

accepting candy donations at our

fire station Monday to Friday 8

am to 5 pm between now and the

Fire Station, 24860 Birch Street.

31st." October 31, 6 pm. Brooktrails

Adape Bible Church Harvest Party

Tuesday, November 1

"Penny University Coffee Klatch" at the Willits

gather and discuss important topics. As time went

on, non-academics started coming to the coffee

house, and by purchasing a penny cup of coffee,

they could get a university education. Thus, 'Penny

University' became the pseudonym of the coffee

houses. Using this idea for inspiration, we will be

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Street

Wednesday, November 2

into an evening full of unexpected

surprises." Wednesday, November 2,

8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main

George's Geodes

& Gems

4th Annual All Ages Coloring

Contest

host Garrett Moore. October 29. 8 pm to closing. Digger's Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Haunted Ballroom Halloween Masquerade Gala with Funkacillin: "Join us for a spooktacular evening of fun at the Willits Center for the Arts, at our Haunted Ballroom Halloween fundraiser gala! Live music featuring Funkacillin plus DJs. Light dinner and beverages included, catered by Adam Celaya, the Def Chef. Costume Parade with \$250 grand prize! All to benefit the WCA. Tickets are \$50, available at willitscenterofthearts.org. Saturday, October 29, from 7 to 11 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub Halloween Party with Moon Rabbit: "Moon Rabbit is a rock band composed of five accomplished musicians who deliver a unique and modern sound: Guitar and vocals from Pilar Duran, Sean Van Buskirk, Aaron Ford, along with Rob Marcello on bass, and Tim Cuny on drums.

for Kids: "Games, candy, hot dogs Wear your craziest getup, and hop on down to nachos, popcorn, drinks, prizes." Monday, October 31, from 5:30 to 8 pm. Agape Bible Shanachie Pub!" Saturday, October 29 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street. Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue. "Steampunk'n: A Costume Bash at

Steampunk'i BACE": Music by Beat Kitty, AV8TRIX, RAEYA and Aethernaut. "Steampunk costume contest! All in costume entered in mystery goody box raffle.' Fickets \$18 pre-show, \$25 at the door. Saturday, October 29, starts at 9 pm. BACE, 109 North Main Street.

> Oct 29 Sunday, October 30 Willits Center for the Arts Kids and

**Families Halloween Costume Party:** "Games! Treats! Prizes!" Visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org for more details. Sunday, October 30, 2 to 4 pm, WCA, 71 East Commercial

Monday, October 31

Halloween goodie bags

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the Baechtel 1575 ubstation. Road. Baechtel Starting around 5 pm, on Monday, October 31, until the goodies are gone. To donate

Coast Hardware presents "Main Street Trunk Thursday, November 3 or Treat": Starting at 5:30 pm in the Napa Auto

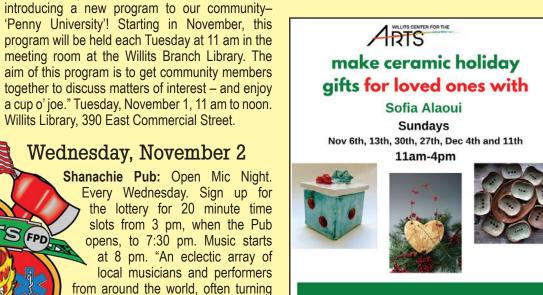
Twining Time at Brickhouse Coffee: with Anita Parking lot. With participating businesses Napa Blu and John Wagenet the first Thursday of every Auto Parts, Les Schwab, Perfect Union, Fish Out month. "Polished two part vocal harmonies, acoustic of Water, O'Reilly Auto Parts, and Willits Power Equipment. Monday, October 31, 5:30 pm. Napa guitar and keyboard. Side effects to a 'Twining Time'

concert may include: euphoria, sudden urge to harmonize, uncontrollable OOKTRA bursting into song, and facial soreness due to prolonged smiling. It's a scientific fact that music soothes the soul, and puts a spring in your step." Thursday, November 3, 11:30 am to 2 pm. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Visit www.reverbnation.com/ johnwagenet.

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm, now at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter. Fresh, local produce, local meat, farm-fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

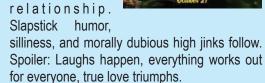
#### Library: "Coffee houses in the 17th century in Sunday, November 6 university towns became a place for academics to

Ceramic Holiday Gifts Class: A six week Sunday course at the Willits Center for the Arts beginning November 6. Make ceramic holiday gifts for loved ones with Sofia Alaoui. Course fee of \$325, register online at www.willitscenterforthearts.org. November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4 and 11.



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goal of preventing what they see as a repetition of



COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

**'Ticket to** 

**Paradise**'

The Story: Romantic comedy on the white

sandy beaches of Bali. David (George Clooney)

and Georgia (Julia Roberts) are the pathetic

remnants of a failed marriage. It seems their

young and very real love had fallen victim to

personal ambition. Now all they have in common

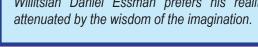
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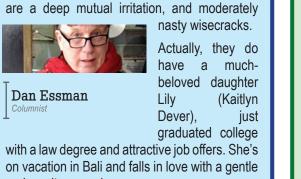
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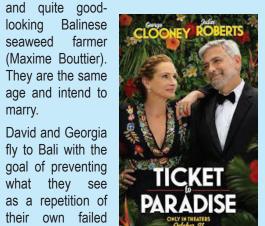
marry.

My Thoughts: Bali is pretty. Julia is pretty. Kaitlyn is pretty. Maxime is pretty. George is handsome and can deliver witty rejoinders. I'm sure they all had a darn fine time making the movie. As for me, I enjoyed the flick through a process of willing suspension of disbelief; also because I love my own wife and I am quite sentimental and susceptible to love stories with happy endings. I figure "Ticket to Paradise" is kind of a heart massage.

this flick anyway. Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality







Parents: This rom-com will be showing in the Over 21 Club Theatre with the fancy classy impossibly comfortable chairs. Alcohol is served - no children allowed. The kiddies wouldn't like



#### **Ongoing Events**

"2nd Cup of Coffee Parenting Support Group": "Free. How to understand your child's behavior. How to listen and talk to your child. Join us for coffee! Have fun! Talk to other parents/quardians. Add to your parenting toolbox. Open to all WUSD parents & guardians." Wednesdays in person through November 16 at the Willits District Office from 9 to 10 am. 1277 Blosser Lane. Thursdays on Zoom through November 17 from 6 to 7 pm. More info or to sign up: jackieherz@ willitsunified.com or 707-518-0055

Moving Meditation Sunday Mornings: Qigong & Taiji by Deviyana Livineh at the Willits Center for the Arts. "A practice designed to release tension, improve posture, recharge energy." \$15 per class. For info call 310-990-8747, or email deviyanliveneh@gmail.com Willits Garden Club: Meets second Tuesdays of each month, 11:30 am at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse (Ridgewood Ranch RV Park). Garden-related speakers and programs. Potluck lunch. Everyone welcome. More information at www.wilitsgardenclub.org. "Bonnie Belt, 40 Years of Art" and "Laura Diamondstone, Paintings and Upcycled Work": This is the last weekend (through October 30) for this retrospective of Bonnie Belt's ceramic work from the past 40 years and paintings by Laura Diamondstone. Sponsored by the Sherwood Band of Pomo Indians. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twicemonthly 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.

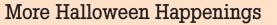
"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!" This Friday, October 28 is a karaoke Halloween costume contest party. Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

#### Weekly Events at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www.mendolibrary.org or 707-459-5908

Writer's Block Group: The Willits Library's first creative writing group, Wednesdays, from 5 to 6:30 pm. For beginning writers or those suffering from writer's block. "This group will be just what you need to take the first step toward writing your story. Open to young adult and adult writers to share their ideas and writings in an environment of supportive and creative suggestions and feedback." Coordinated and hosted by Librarian Benjamin MacBean. Willits Library meeting room, 390 East Commercial Street.

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm.' Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and Engineering Club: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 to 4:30 pm. "Open to everyone with an interest in open source and everyone who wants to develop their creative and engineering skills."



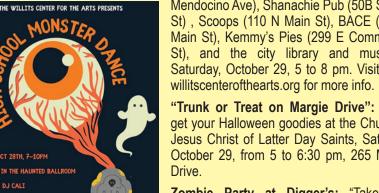
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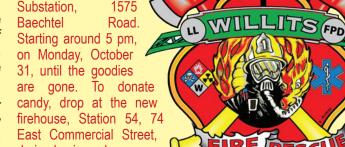
Skeletons for St. Jude: The Skeleton House at East Valley Road and Penn Street in Willits is decorated for Halloween again this year, and also again raising funds for St. Jude's Children's



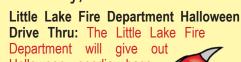
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Hospital. Stop by to see the display and scan the QR code on the banner to donate.

Haunted House in the Redwoods: Every Friday and Saturday in October, 7 to 10 pm. \$10 for admittance, \$5 for park guests. Mendocino Redwoods RV Resort, 1600 Highway 20.

Dancehall-O-Ween 5: "Guerrilla Takeover is back at McCarty's Bar and ready to throw an epic Halloween Party! Featuring DJ Guidance, Guerrilla Takeover and live performances by MC Radioactive. Join us for great music, cocktails and a Halloween costume contest. \$100 Prize for Best Costume! \$10 Cover Charge." Friday, October 28, 9 pm. McCarty's Bar, 6951 East Road, Redwood Valley.

Halloween Boogie at the Mateel: "KMUD Radio and Mateel Community Center present a timehonored tradition and benefit, the 'Halloween Boogie', an all ages costume party and contest with prizes. Saturday, October 29, doors open at 7 pm. Southern California surf rock / reggae band Perro Bravo and punk / ska / reggae band Hijinx from Santa Cruz will perform. Full bar, and dinner available. \$20 in advance, at halloweenboogie22. eventbrite.com or at the door. Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway.

Redwood Valley Grange Trunk or Treat: Come in costume to collect candy from decorated vehicles. Bring your carved pumpkin for entry in the jack-o'lantern contest. Free entry. To enter your decorated vehicle, contact Jini at 707-972-1414. Sunday, October 30, 5 to 8 pm. Redwood Valley Grange #382, 8650 East Road, Redwood Valley.

The Waldorf School "Enchanted Pumpkin Path": "The Waldorf School of Mendocino County, Calpella, is hosting the 'Enchanted Pumpkin Path' on October 31 at its Calpella campus. A magical 'alternative to Trick-or-Treating' for younger children and their families. The event's main feature is the Enchanted Path, which consists of eight skits with treats, based on animal fables. The Train Singer will be singing to you along the line to keep you entertained. The Smoky Cauldron Café will have light snacks and beverages for sale." Tickets \$8, babes in arms are free. Available at www.mendocinowaldorf.org/events or in the school office. October 31, 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Waldorf School, 6280 Third Street, Calpella.

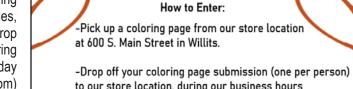
Express trains run Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 10:30 am, and Saturdays at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, through October, with a couple added trips, including a 10:30 am train on Halloween Day, October 31. Tickets are \$59.95 per seat, and \$10.95 for dog tickets. For tickets and more info, visit skunktrain.com/pumpkin-express. Willits Skunk Train Depot. 299 East Commercial Street.



Halloween Party at Digger's.

Friday October 28th 8 pm to

closing. 21+ ID Required. To enter, pick up a coloring Costume contest/Prizes/DJ/ page from George's Geodes, 600 South Main Street, then drop off one entry per person, during our business hours (Monday through Saturday, noon to 6 pm) to receive a special drop-off gift. Deadline is October 31 at 6 pm. Ten winners will be selected and announced November 5. "We would like to encourage free artistic reign, but to also please be mindful of content as they will be hung in the front window for display." George's Geodes and Gems, 600 South Main Street



to our store location, during our business hours (Mon-Sat/ 12pm-6pm), to receive a special 'drop off' gift!

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4<sup>th</sup> Annual <u>All Ages</u> Coloring Contest

#### DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> @ 6PM

10 Winners will be selected and announced November 5th

We would like to encourage free artistic reign, but to also please be mindful of content as they will be hung in the front window for display.  $\bigcirc$ 

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LEGO Club: Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

Games at the Library: First and third Fridays of the month, 4 to 5:30 pm. "Calling all board, card, and tabletop role-playing game players! All ages & player levels welcome. Bring your own games to add to the fun!"



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Above. left: A top-hat spook with a houseful of ghosts guards this Willits home. Above, right: Trick-or-treaters will have to brave these "Ghostbusters" characters to get their candy on Halloween. Below: The dearly departed rest not-so-peacefully in a graveyard.

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# **Hometown Haunts**

Willits neighborhoods infested with spooky ghouls and cute characters as residents get festive

There have been sightings of another towering skeleton

Debbie Boone Harry House). This bony giant looms large over a cadre

of scary friends on East Hill Road. The Halloween holiday is creeping up on our town, with devilish delights that bring out the kid in all of us.

It's a time of spooky silliness, playing dress-up, and indulging in treats.

Reflecting the colors of the changing seasons, pumpkins line walkways and stairs, some with jack-o'-lantern smiles. A huge, puffy pumpkin grins at drivers coming into town. Surprise graveyards have sprung up in neighborhoods, with silly tombstone names and enormous sentries watching over.

The sudden outbreak of spiders the size of footstools in Willits (in addition to and wispy spooks "flying" under trees might prompt calls Lil 206 at the Skeleton to the "Ghostbusters." And, there have been rumors that "Michael Myers," from the "Halloween" horror movies, has been roaming our streets. But it's all part of the frightful fun.

> For those feeling in the spirit and who want to get in the act, there is a Halloween Costume Sale, now through Sunday, October 30, at 135 South Humboldt Street. They have a 25-year collection of quality costumes to make your holiday a scream.

While out haunting the town, keep your eyes open for mini-monsters. The local rock painters have been busy in their "laboratories," and their creations are escaping and hiding around town.

Have fun trick or treating, and be safe out there with the creepy crawlers!

Below, left: Cute creepies say, "Boo!" from this Willits front yard. Below, right: A giant, spooky guardian of the graves beckons those who dare to pass by the "Hell House."





### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### WW403

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on November 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

PROJECT: Proposed adoption of the Willits Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP). The UFMP provides a framework for the City's urban forest, identifies key management issues, outlines goals, objectives, and actions and proposes priorities for implementation. The UFMP can be found on the City website at http://www.cityofwillits.org/277/Urban-Forest

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Adoption of the UFMP is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

MEETING LOCATION: Council Chambers at City Hall; located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, Ca 95490.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the staff report and agenda will be available on the City's website at http://ca-willits.civicplus.com/AgendaCenter/ CitvCouncil-1.

•Written public comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted by email to Dusty Duley, dduley@cityofwillits.org or the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. All public comments received will be provided to the Council and uploaded to the City's website in advance of the meeting.

•Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the public meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (707) 459-4601. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable accommodations are made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

s/ Delores Pedersen

City Clerk for the City of Willits Publication Date: October 27, 2022

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### WW402

AMENDED SUMMONS NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: JETT JENNINGS, also known as LAURENCE J. JENNINGS; DOES 1-50, inclusive, Case Number: HG21100522

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CHERIE Y. SONG, THE BAYSIDE COURT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, a California corporation.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpfcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: the court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the

The rest of From page 1 WCA

Hal Wagenet will transform the room with lighting and sound, creating a magical mood. Over 80 hours of volunteer time have been spent decorating the building in the past two weeks. Volunteers have been very generous with their time.

Decorations were donated by Keena and Emmy Good. Board member Hart also donated his massive collection of Halloween decorations to the project.

WCA board member Eric Ward is the coordinator of the Halloween weekend of creativity, putting it all together for this fundraiser for the art center. Ward has coordinated events for such organizations as the Smithsonian Museum, Adobe, Amazon, Apple, IBM, and other major corporations. He tells us that this event is the most fun of any project he has worked on.

The first prize for costumes at Friday evening's teen Monster Dance is \$100; the first prize at Saturday's Gala for the best costume is \$250 worth of gas from Brown's Corner; and the children's costume party on Sunday will have toys for prizes.

A silent auction with 30 items from local merchants is set to bid on at Saturday night's Gala, which also features food by Adam Celaya of Def Chef Catering. Two bands, Funkacillin and the Clay Hawkins Trio, will be playing music for dancing and listening.

The teen dance on Friday is \$10 at the door, and the children's party is free. Tickets for the Gala are \$50 each. To purchase a ticket for the Gala on Saturday night go to www.willitscenterforthearts.org/events-and-classes

The event is being sponsored by Willits Chamber of Commerce, Brown's Corner, North Spur Brewing Company, and Barra Wines of Mendocino.

The Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street (next to the Noyo Theatre).





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Appointments on November 5

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Age 5 to 11 and Age 12 to 18 Boosters

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FOR APPOINTMENT ON 11/5/2022

**AT BAECHTEL CREEK CLINIC: 1245 S. MAIN STREET, WILLITS** 

The name and address of the court is: Alameda County Superior Court, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Christopher J. Neary, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits, C 95490, Telephone: (707) 459-5551

The real property subject to the complaint to quiet title is located at 2858 Filbert Street, Oakland, California 94608 and commonly referred to as Unit B, and also commonly referred to as Alameda County Assessor's Parcel No. 005-0453-065, formerly Assessor's Parcel No. 005-0453-065-2 and more particularly described in that certain Grant Deed dated on or about May 13, 2020 and recorded in the Official Records of Alameda County on or about February 23, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021075559. Publication Dates: October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 2022

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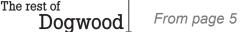
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explained Mulheren. "The Recycle Board is a [Joint Powers Authority] of the three cities and the county. Pre-COVID they would have been the ones who are cleaning up something like this, but because of challenges we've had with staffing and the executive director, there's really no capacity for them to get out here and clean it up.

"Tuesday, the board voted to close the road. The Department of Transportation is under the board. The road will be closed to, hopefully, prevent any more illegal dumping. My concern was to get as much out as possible before the rain comes.<sup>3</sup>

Why do people dump their trash and equipment instead of bringing it to the Willits Solid Waste Transfer Station?

"This kind of dumping is an interesting problem that happens all over the county," Mulheren continued. "We're working on a voucher program for low-income people that need help paying for the transfer-station fees or possibly needing help to pay for a monthly service collection at their

"We're trying to figure out the root cause," she said, "and how we can help some people that possibly can't afford it. But I think, at the end of the day, that some people just don't put the same care and concern into our environment that others do and this seems like an easy location to dump their trash."

Zac, who brought a large trailer, shared: "This used to be my old stomping grounds here. We used to ride dirt bikes up here and have a good time. It never looked like this. I think it's all over the state. We have more people here now with a different attitude towards nature than we used to have. They don't see the nature and the beauty. They just see it as some place they can dump their refuse.

"I didn't want to help out until they said they were going to put [barriers] up," said Zac. "They're going to block off the road. That's why I'm up here helping out because it's not going to be needed every week anymore. They're actually doing something to help the problem. I just hope it works.

"Nobody uses this road, a cul-de-sac, for anything other than dumping," Zac continued. "There are no houses on either of the Dogwoods. If they do dump their trash, it will be right over the [barriers] and everyone will be able to see it and it will get cleaned up quicker, hopefully. This is horrible, what it's gotten to. There's a lot of toxic stuff out here."

Thankfully, it will now be harder to hide the dumped refuse. The Mendocino Department of Transportation, as of Monday, has closed off the two roads with rather large boulders and stones.

"Please don't dump your trash on the side of the road," urged Mulheren. "There are options available if you need help. They can contact me at my Facebook page (www. facebook.com/mo4mendo) or social services to see if they can receive some help in paying for the transfer station."



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Harvest

Johnson with Zocalo Collective

created her special Soul Bowls

with choices of protein, grains

and sauces for attendees to

mix and match to their personal

West Mendocino Avenue was

closed down for the collection

of crafts vendors that lined the

road. Sarah Peterson brought

her selection of Pampered Chef

ware. Amber Slater offered

dve-sublimation-printed mugs,

including one that stated "I run

Cierra of CC's Soaps and

More had a selection of aromatic

soaps. Lisa Block, the Mendo

Merchant, had a potpourri of

different and varied items, some

of which were handcrafted,

including her Cotton Candy

Cakes. Bummies (clothing to go

over babies' bums) were brought

by Lyndsay Rogers. High Five.

a three-musician group played

standards and mellow music to

be heard at both locations. Kelly

Foutz gave chair massages in

The children had a section

mostly all to themselves, in the

parking lot next to Buster's.

There were games, a bounce

house with a basketball hoop,

things to play with.

for a good home.

and a myriad of other games and

The Humane Society of Inland

Mendocino County was there

with a sweet puppy temporarily

named Capri Sun to let people

know that their facility was

overflowing with animals waiting

Sober Grad offered chances

to win a raffle for their annual

gift basket with five Disneyland

tickets, two pounds of fresh-

roasted coffee, a voucher for

gravel from Northern Aggregates,

a hat, socks, coffee mugs and

much more. The winner will be

chosen on November 16. In

addition, they will have a new

fundraiser this year, a video-

the gallery at Re-Evolution.

on coffee and sarcasm."

tastes

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                                  "My heart is full." she said. "The Dogwood
                                cul de sacs are clean, and the county will
  Hatake Farm Kitchen Ghost
                                close them to through traffic next week. So
Restaurant had a sushi bento
                                arateful to everyone who showed up this
box and deep-fried tempura.
                                morning – all the trailers and pickups! – and
Even on a cold day, Laura
                                to Tara Moratti for renting us an excavator.
Rowland's Ice Box gelato was
                                Just amazing. So restorative to be able to
a welcome sweet treat to top off
                                see the woods again and not the litter and issues."
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newest venture, had chicken
tacos and horchata. Jaynene
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At the October 18 BOS meeting.
Supervisor Haschak, who sponsored the
item, talked about how the idea to close off
the Dogwood roads came to be.
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"This issue came to light when there was "So Mendo Recycle, formally known a community group that wanted to clean as Mendocino Solid Waste Management up an area on Dogwood Terrace," he said, Authority, is a joint powers authority with the "and there was illegal dumping going on county and three of the cities- Fort Bragg, for an extended period of time. And so in Willits and Ukiah," said Gjerde. conversation with Brooktrails Community "And for most of its life it really thrived Services District and many other people - the under the leadership of Mike Sweeney who Department of Transportation and [Director] was really passionate about the services of Howard Dashiell - it turned out that we could MSWMA and probably donated a substantial clean up this site, but the feeling was it would

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that, because I hear it from people in Willits

- 'Why isn't the Hazmobile here?' If we don't

provide that service, then people are going

to seek alternative means to deal with those

"We're waiting for the Ukiah City attorney

to finalize changes to bring to the board,

he said. "And as soon as we can sign

a contract, I'm hoping we'll get C&S on

board fairly quickly to restart these services

throughout the county. Because if we can

stabilize the Hazmobile services and the

other core services of MSWMA, we actually

the Clean California program from the state

to try and prevent illegal trash dumping.

patrolling over here. We aren't having much

cameras to survey areas for illegal dumping

could be a tactic moving forward, and that

a "high impact drug trafficking grant" could

the middle of the night."

problems

go on again and again," he said. "We did get support from the Brooktrails Fire Department, the California Highway Patrol, the [Mendocino County] Sheriff's Office, and they all seemed to think that closing it off would not be detrimental in any way to the flow of traffic," Haschak added. "It would cut down on illegal dumping and other illegal activities that are going on in these cul de sacs '

and services were being cancelled pretty During her public comments at the routinely - like the Fort Bragg Hazmobile meeting, Kanne talked about the cleanup would get cancelled because staffing was efforts in recent months and her support for short," he said. closing down the roads.

"These cul de sacs are right in between the trailheads for Gooseberry Trail and Last Chance Trail which are beautiful trails that are regularly used by community members," she said. "And actually one of the Willits residents who hikes up there is the one who brought it to my attention.

"We've been working for months to try and deficit spending." get the garbage cleaned up, as the property owner stated," she added. "It's all over the close to signing a contract with C&S Waste road, it's down the sides of the hill. And Solutions out of Ukiah, and hopes that will through pretty tremendous community effort stabilize the trash situation. we've made a big dent in the cleanup.

"We've removed almost 6,000 pounds last month alone, and Jerry Ward at Solid Waste of Willits has been gracious enough to wave the fees for us for the dumping."

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde asked Kanne if they knew who was responsible for the illegal dumping, but Kanne responded that they didn't have any have this moment in time where we have firm evidence on that.

"I know that Brooktrails Township has of California where we could actually see identified some people based on mail and significant improvement in the cleanup of have approached folks," she said. "No one these sites around the county.... I think it's has taken responsibility. A couple of people said that they had actually paid a handyman or someone they knew to make a dump run. majority of it."

The rest of From page 1 COVID

everybody to vaccinate for the flu who's over 6 Recycle lately, and when they cancel all the months of age, and they can do that at the same 'Hazmobile' visits to everywhere outside of time as they get their COVID shots." Ukiah.... How do we really fix a problem like

> Dr. Coren again recommended the bivalent COVID booster, "proven to be the most effective and safe," for pretty much everybody, "especially with the added protection against the new BA5 variants.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde "As of October 20, statewide," Coren said, "we're laid out a recent history of MSWMA and continuing to see a decline in COVID cases and, for Mendo Recycle, and the lack of leadership the most part, hospitalizations. The test positivity there which has contributed to some of the is down to 4 to 5 percent. Testing is still at a low level - however this [decline] is confirmed by the wastewater studies in California.

> In Mendocino County, he said, COVID "cases and hospitalizations and test positivity have also fallen. The COVID cases are now in the range of 4 to 5 per 100,000 per day, which is comparable to the lowest rates we saw last spring and also in the spring of 2021.

Transmission rates and community levels of COVID are "now low" in Mendocino County, and amount of his own time to the job beyond the there were 2 patients hospitalized in the county regular 40-hour week. And after he left and on Friday. "The deaths have increased slowly in California, in certain areas recently," he said, retired ... they were cycling through several "but they've generally been stable in Mendocino general managers in a short amount of time." County," with deaths attributed to COVID still at Gjerde said that eventually this lack of a consistent general manager - the position is

unfilled now - had some bad repercussions. Dr. Coren also had news about wastewater testing: "In Northern California we only have "We were losing grants that were routine wastewater surveillance going on at one site in grants from the state that subsidizes Humboldt County and at two sites in Lake County. these cleanup efforts such as Hazmobile, but Ukiah will soon be added too

He talked about new technology being used more often in wastewater surveillance around the state. It's being used for COVID now, "but will come on line for respiratory viruses, mpox and other "Someone would be on vacation, and then viruses, probably soon.'

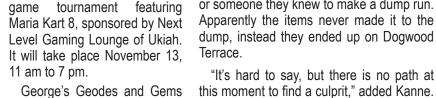
at the last minute someone else declared Coren said he expected the lower levels of sick, and they couldn't operate it. And then COVID cases in Mendocino County to continue COVID hit, and there was an acceleration for the next few weeks, "but there are challenges of people cleaning out their garages and and the possibility of a surge from the new BA5 cleaning out their houses and delivering variants," including BQ1 and BQ1.1. things to the Hazmobile. And at the same

time MSWMA was losing staff and sort of Coren cited what he called the current "exponential growth" of cases and hospitalizations in Europe and Australia. "In the USA with the lower Gjerde said the county is now getting vaccine uptake and the appearance of these two new variants, the forecast is for a possible rise in mid-November," he said.

> Dr. Coren noted "the greatest burden" from COVID "is still highest among Native Americans and the Hispanic communities, due to social factors, poverty, insufficient housing, and access to health care '

As of Friday, there was one "very small" COVID outbreak in the county. "We also had one small school outbreak, which ended last week." Coren said

As far as vaccines, "Mendocino County stats show still only 68% are fully vaccinated, and 58% are boosted, which is on a par with the state. But in the age group of 5 to 11 years old, only 26% of our worth understanding what our options are to children have been vaccinated, and that compares stop the illegal dumping or at least the vast poorly to the CA rate of 40%."



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this moment to find a culprit," added Kanne.
had coloring pages for their all-
                                  "It's definitely multiple people though. Mostly
ages coloring contest which ends
                                  what's up there is construction debris, broken
on Halloween. All contestants
                                  household items, mattresses, and bags and
receive a free gift bag.
                                  bags of household garbage."
  The city parking lot next to
                                    The discussion also delved into some
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Flying Dog Pizza had a dynamic possible strategies to prevent illegal dumping silks exhibition with jam-band of trash in the county in general. Cult of Ours accompanying the Supervisor Mulheren said that while there aerodynamic displays of agility is some "bulky item" and hazardous material and fearlessness. Along Main pickup available to residents in the county, Street, several tables were set especially around the Ukiah area, she hoped up to acquaint attendees with those kinds of services would expand. businesses and other concerns. Willits' own low-power radio She also talked about a recent program station, KLLG-LP FM was there launched by the county to help cover some dump costs for volunteers helping to clean. to let people know of their needed volunteer positions. "Just so the community knows, we did The Willits Center for the launch a pilot program with Mendo Recycle Arts was touting their upcoming last year that covers the transfer station fees for illegal dump cleanups that are done by volunteers," she said. "And it's a very simple

November 29 Halloween gala: "Willits has never seen anything like what we're doing at the arts center. We're going to have two bands. Adam Celaya is doing the catering. There's a \$250 grand some solutions." prize of gasoline from Brown's Corner for the costume contest," said curator Gary Martin. Fortino, of the soon-to-berenamed Café 77 (Kelly's Diner), offered tastes of two kinds of soup. He explained that he

would be offering dinner after November 1. The event seemed to be an overwhelming success at getting families out of their houses and onto the downtown streets to meet, greet, and just have fun with their friends, fellow residents, and the local merchants. It was vibrant and

people to reacquaint themselves

with all things Willits.

being illegally dumped.

and dump it on the side of the road," he said.

"And we saw that with Covelo when the state came in and did the free dump days, then pleasant, an excellent way for

they had six days where they had people were lined up for hours on end to dump stuff from their home sites. And from creek beds too, people were bringing it in. And it just showed that people want to clean up their properties, their houses, where they live, and sometimes the money is an issue." "The other [reason] is the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority or Mendo Recycle," he continued. "And we've had

some issues with the performance of Mendo

process where you keep your receipts and get reimbursed if you are doing a volunteer cleanup. So we are trying to come up with

equipment.

can look at it, we can try to put some things up. It's going to take some personnel to be able to deal with it, though. Board Chair Ted Williams said that he thought the county needed to consider a new approach to handling the trash situation, such as having "universal trash" where no

he saw as to why so much garbage was

Haschak talked about some of the reasons one is charged for any disposal "When we charge a lot for dumping, then some people will seek alternative means

"I think we've gone about trash all wrong," he said. "The cost is so high, we've created an incentive for people to claim they're hauling other people's trash and then back

it down a dirt road. "In a county that's 3,878 square miles, we're not going to be able to get enough cameras to surveil and catch the people who are dumping," he added. "So I fully support this item ... but I think Supervisor Mulheren is right – we're not getting a handle on this problem. And even if we catch a few people and make an example, it won't put a dent in the overall problem that we spend more effort, more dollars on abatement than

having universal trash.

Coren said appointments for the booster shot Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall were available at most pharmacies in the county said due to their small staff and other issues as well as from medical providers, and from in the county, there's not much time for them clinics. Visit https://myturn.ca.gov/ to make an appointment, or call the Mendocino Call Center at 707-472-2759. "The fact is we aren't having enough

success catching people dumping these "We've missed two years of holidays and parties due to COVID," he said. "Now we have great new things in these out-of-the-way areas," he said. "And the issue is how do we get out tools that we didn't have last year, to keep us strong this holiday season, so let's take advantage of that there? When we've got two deputies who and enjoy our family and friends. Get boosted, or are patrolling basically about 40% of the vaccinated if you're not vaccinated - especially county in the north, two deputies patrolling don't wait to get the new bivalent vaccines." roughly 30 to 35% on the coast, two deputies

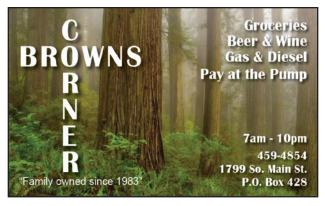
success in catching these guys dumping it in The rest of From page 1 Weather

Sheriff Kendall said that setting up rain for the current weather year already, thanks to multiple occurrences of .01 and .02 inches of precipitation recorded overnight earlier in the

possibly help pay for some of that camera As we go to press Wednesday evening, the EW4027 station is showing a freeze warning from "The grant that we get will help us with 1 am to 10 am Thursday morning, with patchy getting some of these things, but mostly that frost predicted overnight Thursday and Friday is used for drug trafficking," he said. "So we morning. The forecast shows a 20 percent chance of showers Saturday night, and a slight chance of rain Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



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HEART OF THE REDWOO



### Intelligent Kobe Allen

Kobe Allen has some reservations at first but will warm up and begin showing his playful side in no time! The young guy (just under 3 years old) is hoping to find a home with cattle-dog experience or some previous dog training.

To learn more about Kobe Allen 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.

### Baby Riki

Riki, at only 3 months old, is guite shy and reserved, and can be a bit hissy with new people until he becomes comfortable. Coming in as a stray with his two sisters, Riki is getting used to life in the shelter slowly but surely.

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





Butters! This sweet fella is ready to run like the wind and get all sorts of attention in his new home. He is full of life, energy and love! This 8-month-old Jack Russell mix is on a mission to find someone who is ready to take on the commitment of raising a spunky pup! He loves kids, playing with his toys, and receiving lots of pets. If you're looking for a fun, outgoing, loving, hyper little pal who makes you get out of the house for an adventure, Butters is your perfect match!

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

HSIMC is having a special adoption event now through Sunday, October 30, Adoption fees for both cats and dogs 6 months of age and older will be reduced to only \$50; seniors 7 years and up and feral cats are free.

Also, don't forget about our Trunk or Treat event this weekend. Don't miss this chance to support your local humane society.



### The Willits Chamber of Commerce

is looking for volunteers to help with day-to-day and special projects Any time you can give helps us support our community!

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