CalFire MEU lifts burn ban

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The Mendocino Unit of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection lifted the local burn ban on October 25, with local fire agencies also issuing burn permits again.

CalFire MEU suspended burn permits in Mendocino County for the fire season on May 17, 2020.

According week's press release. "CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can now resume burning on permissible burn days. Agriculture burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns."

A valid burn permit is required before you begin any open outdoor burning, and it is illegal to burn anything but vegetative matter.

Brooktrails Fire Department posted on its Facebook page on October

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Supes get official recall results

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Final, official results of the September 15, 2021 gubernatorial recall election were accepted by the board of supervisors via consent calendar at their Tuesday meeting this week.

Final numbers provided by County Clerk/Record Katrina Bartolomie showed that 22,093 Mendocino County voters voted "No" on the recall for Gov. Gavin Newsom (64.375 percent), and 12,075 voters voted "Yes" (35.184 percent).

Of the candidates presented to succeed Newsom if the recall succeeded, John Cox received by far the most votes in Mendocino County, at 1,156 votes, with Daniel Watts in second place locally, at 311 votes.

With 34,319 voters casting ballots (some of them under- or overvotes that weren't able to be counted), and 55,056 registered voters in the county, that amounts to a 62.33 percent turnout of registered voters.

Read the rest of Recall

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Above, left: East Valley near the city limits sign flooded so heavily on Sunday that traffic stopped in both directions. Above, right: Two yougsters took the wet opportunity to play at the Rec Grove Park, splashing in the "puddles" and even trying some skimboarding, too. Below: Two Sundays apart: The #LandsofMorrison pond rose several feet after the recent storm's ample rainfall; first photo was taken Sunday, October 17 and second photo was taken Sunday, October 24.

Photos by Maureen Jennison





Filling & Flooding

Last weekend's atmospheric river and historic storm fills area creeks, ponds, roadways and more



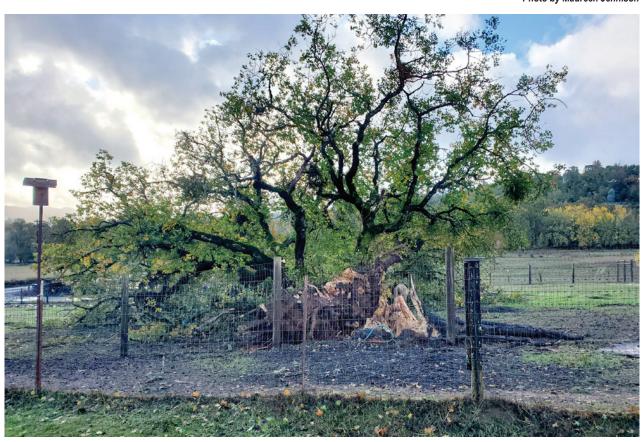


Above, left: The Little Lake Valley exhibits how it got its name, at the north end of the bypass. Above, right: Lake Emily in Brooktrails is filled to the spillway with silt-laden water from the storm runoff.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Below: An old oak tree on the south west side of Willits came down after the recent rains - possibly due to the drought, also possibly due to a fungus that appeared to be growing inside the now-exposed roots. None the less, a sad day for the shade-loving llama and alpaca inhabitants of the field where the tree once stood. Thankfully, there were no injuries to animals, people or fences.

Photo by Maureen Jennison



Redistricting committee looks at keeping Laytonville in 3rd District

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The redistricting process for Mendocino County is still ongoing, and on Tuesday the board of supervisors heard an update on some of the latest drafts and saw the maps being worked on by county staff and the Citizens Advisory Redistricting Commission in recent weeks.

It appeared from the latest drafts, and from the discussion at the meeting, that Laytonville will in all likelihood be remaining in the Third District where the Willits and Covelo areas are also located.

This was a shift from some earlier drafts where the commission considered relocating Laytonville to the Fourth District west of the Third, which spans from Fort Bragg to the Humboldt County line, to better balance out new population discrepancies.

County Geographic Information Systems Administrator Leif Farr, who has been working with

Read the rest of Laytonville

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Little Lake Fire close to moving in to Station 54

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The Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors' October meeting was mostly new information about ongoing things.

They're close to moving into the new firehouse, not so close to receipt of a new fire engine, and cruising along when it comes to numbers of calls.

Construction of the new firehouse is complete, and the results are in from a recent "punch list walk with everybody," director Tom Herman told the board.

A "punch list" is an endof-construction document listing completed work that doesn't conform to contract specifications and needs fixing. It derives its name from the long-ago back-inthe-day action of actually punching holes in a list next to the non-conforming items.

"[Deputy chief] John [Thomen], [training chief]

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

children by giving essential items (rain wear,

winter coats, shoes, sleepwear, blankets, etc.)

Persons who wish to assist a single child can

select a card from display trees located at

various locations around town that will be placed

in participating merchants' stores on the Friday

These cards present the age, gender, needs

and wishes of one child. (Don't hesitate to take

a card if you are only able to meet a few of the

child's needs. We will make sure that the other

Selection of a single child works for most

program supporters, but others have voiced an

interest in adopting an entire family. If you or

your group wish to adopt a family you are asked

My name is Marcy Barry, and I am one of the

coordinators for the Willits Kids Christmas

Program for the Willits Rotary Club. I ask that you

contact me so that I may assist you in choosing

a suitable family. My email is barrysbunch@

vahoo.com and my phone contact is 707-272-

5395, or contact Alexis England 707-354-0076.

Leave a message if I am unable to speak to you.

In order to be efficient, we need to satisfy

requests to Adopt A Family before our usual

referral process begins in late November.

Please call (the earlier the better), if you want to

I look forward to Bill Barksdale's column in

Willits Weekly. His recent topic, "The Music of

Life," resonated with me as I moved to Willits a

As Bill stated: "Music heals and inspires the

There seems to be an underlying theme to

Bill's topics that encourages us to be kind to

ourselves and kind to people in our community.

Two of the criteria for drawing up new county

supervisorial district lines every 10 years after

the national census are: 1. the districts must

communities of interest should be kept together.

In the current redistricting process underway in

Mendocino County, these two criteria come into

While Districts 1, 2 and 5 all have between

18,000 and 19,000 residents, District 3 has over

17,000 residents. The solution to

this unevenly distributed population

would seem obvious - redraw the

line between Districts 3 and 4 so that

around 1,000 people are moved from

District 3 over to District 4. But this is

where the conflict with the community

As presently drawn from the 2010

census, District 3 represents inland-

based communities of interest,

and District 4 represents coastal-

based communities of interest. The

only places along the line between

District 3 and District 4 with enough

of interest criterion comes in.

19,500 residents and District 4 has just under

direct conflict with each other. Let me explain.

few years ago, one reason being the music.

Marcy Barry, Willits

Pat Cougar, Willits

and other appropriate holiday gifts.

items are addressed).

to follow a different path.

discuss adopting a family.

A 'Willits gem'

Redistricting:

Keep communities

of interest together

To the Editor:

Thank you to the community

To the Editor:

All of us with the Little Lake Fire Protection District would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our community for all of their support and dedication to our department with the construction of the new Willits Fire after Thanksgiving.

Station 54 on East Commercial Street.

We watched our dream come true right before our eyes as an incredible structure rose from the rubble, and isn't it beautiful? The Willits community has every right to be extremely proud of their accomplishment. This is a love letter filled with gratitude and appreciation for what our community has done to make this

Many years ago we started formulating a plan for replacing our station at 74 East Commercial Street. From strategic planning to fundraising campaigns, grant writing, and an election campaign, we worked diligently.

Business owners were surely ready to run if they saw one more volunteer firefighter with a roll of raffle tickets or another volunteer requesting a donation for the latest silent auction! But ante up they did, time and time again, and there were and I will return your call promptly. some fairly heavy-hitting, major donors. They know who they are.

From local corporations to the charming young ladies' gymnastics team who proudly donated proceeds from their sweet little fundraiser. When walking the town with posters for the latest fundraising gala, a volunteer once mentioned the greeting they received, "For the fire department? You bet! Where would you like it posted? Do you have any tickets?"

No one has a crystal ball, so on Election Day November 6, 2018, when Measure J was passed by generous voters, they had no way of knowing their timing was perfect. Just look at what has happened in the construction industry since then - it is estimated the construction price tag today would be double the amount, if

Through the years, countless civic organizations, businesses and citizens have found ways to Bill is a "Willits gem." help us reach our goal. Our Grand Opening celebration on 9/11 was a huge success, and we hope to be moving into the new firehouse very soon!

If anyone would like to see firsthand what their taxes, their donations, and their dollars bought, feel free to call our business line for a tour. Like To the Editor: proud parents, we'd be happy to show you, whenever scheduling permits.

The gratitude we feel for our local citizens. service organization, and businesses is beyond have "substantially equal" populations, and 2. words. Thank you.

Little Lake Fire Department, Willits

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Each year for more than a quarter of a century our community has come together to help Willits

The Rules: LETTERS

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Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.



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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 28: Goulash, Veggie, Roll, Green Salad

Friday, October 29: Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Veggie Monday, November 1: Turkey Amish Noodles, Veggie, Roll

Tuesday, November 2: Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, Veggie, Roll, Green Salad

Wednesday, November 3: Pork Chow Mein

Thursday, November 4: Spinach Lasagna, Veggie, Garlic Bread, Green

Friday, November 5: Chicken Mozzarella Melt, Pesto Spinach on Ciabatta Bread, Cucumber Salad

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

CAMP eradicates 1.2 million cannabis plants, seizes 180,000 pounds over 13 weeks

Submitted by the California Department of Justice

California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced last week the eradication of nearly 1.2 million illegally cultivated marijuana plants and the seizure of more than 180,000 pounds of illegally processed marijuana as part of the California Department of Justice's annual Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) program.

Bonta also directed the California Department of Justice to initiate a six-month review of the CAMP program in light of changes to the law since the program was first initiated with the goal of building on existing efforts to address the environmental, labor and economic impacts of illegal

Over the course of this year's 13-week season, the multi-agency campaign conducted 491 operations, recovering 165 weapons and removing more than 67,000 pounds of cultivation infrastructure, including dams, water lines, and containers of toxic chemicals. Operating across 26 counties, CAMP teams eradicated grows on both public and private lands, including in the Los Padres National Forest, the Cleveland National Forest, the San Bernardino National Forest, the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, the Klamath National Forest, the Sierra National Forest, and the Seguoia

Riverside County had by far the most plants eradicated, at 509,453 plants at 135 sites, with Mendocino County coming in second, at 131,319 plants at 31 sites.

Trinity County was in third place as far as numbers eradicated, at 95,777 at 15 sites, with Humboldt county in fourth place, at 74,669 plants eradicated on 26 sites. Lake County was in fifth place, at 66,576 plants across 26 sites, and Kern County was in sixth, with 65, 229 plants at 37 sites.

"Illegal and unlicensed marijuana planting is bad for our environment, bad for our economy, and bad for the health and safety of our communities," said Bonta. "Today, I'm directing my office to review the CAMP program and ensure that we are using our resources to effectively address the environmental, labor and economic impacts of illegal cultivation. From dumping toxic chemicals in our waterways to cheating the state out of millions of tax dollars, illicit marijuana grows have far-reaching impacts and unintended consequences.

"I want to thank all of our federal, state, and local partners for their tireless efforts this season. It's going to take all of us, working together, to make sure California's cannabis industry is in the legal, regulated marketplace, not in the illicit one," continued Bonta.

Throughout the course of the 2021 season, CAMP teams eradicated nearly 1.2 million illegally cultivated marijuana plants, removed cultivation infrastructure and illegal pesticides, and disrupted the diversion of water from streams and rivers. At many grow sites, the teams found highly toxic chemicals, including carbofuran, methyl parathion, aluminum phosphate, zinc phosphide, and illegal fertilizers.

Carbofuran, a lethal insecticide that is effectively banned in the United States, is used to kill wildlife-eating marijuana plants. It remains on plants after application and

CAMP Over on Page 15 seeps into the soil and Read the rest of Letters nearby water sources, Over on Page 15 NAME: ☐ 1 year - \$75 ☐ Additional donation included \$ Home delivery: 1 year - \$50 (Home Delivery only available in Willits, Brooktrails & local areas) Please make checks payable to Willits Weekly | P.O. Box 1698 in Willits, CA 95490 Locally Owned | Independent | Editions Every Thursday | Online & In Print OUESTIONS: 707-459-2633 | 707-972-7047 Web: www.willitsweekly.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/willitsweekly Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com











Above, from left; Senior goalie Alvaro Mendoza holds his balloon. vellow rose, and a poster of his accomplishments. Carlos Leon, a senior on the varsity soccer team, poses with his artistically created round poster of his career with the WHS team. Senior Randy Gonzalez is honored along with all the other senior players at halftime. Eric Rodriguez, son of retiring coach Martin, wants to play soccer in college next year.



Soccer Finale

WHS varsity teams say farewell to seniors and Coach Martin Rodriguez

"It's been a memorable season," said Martin Rodriguez to his team. "I guarantee you, I will not forget this season, for all the things we had to endure, for everything we've had, it's still a winning season for us. It's a shame we don't get to go to playoffs but you know what? We would have won!"

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The varsity boys team did not get to play in their final game, unfortunately, due to some academic considerations, but as Rodriguez stated, they had a good season. Next year, there will be many changes, as coach Rodriguez will be retiring (sort of) after 29

years of coaching soccer and the seven senior players will have moved on. Martin and Saprina Rodriguez could be called a power couple, with their several businesses: Ace Copy, Imagination Station Preschool and its companion store, the Toy Depot. In addition to their entrepreneurial enterprises, they find time to run Willits Youth Soccer, coach high school soccer, and in the past, baseball. Saprina also runs Foster Outfitters which collects clothing and other needed items for children going into the foster-

But coaching soccer and influencing young lives in a positive and lasting manner is their passion and something that Martin (pronounced "Marteen") is finding it difficult to walk away from. His daughter, Mariah, still has two more years on the Willits High School soccer team, so he will still be attending all of the games and helping as assistant coach with the boys team as they play the same schedule.

care system. If that were not enough, Saprina has a seat on the Willits City Council.

Saprina intends to remain as the girls coach, at least until her daughter graduates. But then again, they have two very young grandkids, one of whom is already in the Willits Youth Soccer program, so it is not decided yet if they will be able to walk away from the sport in two years.

"Martin has been coaching for 29 years," Saprina explained. "Both he and I started coaching Willits Youth Soccer in 1992 when our oldest son was four years old. Six out of seven of our children played soccer and Eric is the youngest boy, so Martin finished up coaching varsity soccer with Eric, who is graduating. Our youngest daughter, Mariah, still has two years with me as head coach with Jaime Wilkes as the assistant coach.

"Martin will still be along to provide transportation and team support," she said. "He'll be at every game but he won't be a head coach. He thought he was prepared to say goodbye. He'd been talking about how this was his last year. It was definitely an emotional hit when he realized that this was genuinely his last year, his farewell, his goodbye to coaching after all these years.

"When you coach hundreds of kids, it's not just about how to kick the ball or passing," continued Saprina. "There's so much more to coaching. It's the bond that you form with each player, the growth that you see on the field, and the growth that you see with each youth as an individual. As coaches, our role goes far beyond just being on the field, teaching soccer. It's the game of life. We have to be there in the off-season when a player has a crisis or they're celebrating a special moment. It's all those other little things that happen throughout the year that may not happen during the soccer season."

In addition to soccer, Martin coached Little League for 24 years. He also coached Junior Giants for 12 years. He was awarded the Willie Mack coaching award and went down to the Giants stadium and he walked out on the field and was presented with a bat and a ball

The seniors of both the boys and girls varsity teams were honored in ceremonies at the game on October 19. The girls received flowers and posters of their WHS careers as did the boys. Martin was honored with a plaque commemorating his many years as head coach. Saprina was given a wooden depiction of a soccer ball signed by the members of

Saprina is currently working on creating an indoor soccer program for the winter, to be played at the Baechtel Creek Elementary School gym.

"It's been great. I've enjoyed watching these kids grow," sighed Martin. "Some of the kids I've coached now have their own kids who are now going through our youth system. It's a good feeling to know you've touched a lot of people's lives and a lot of people know you because of it. You know the decision is going to hurt, but at some point you have to walk away."







Above: Victoria Hernandez holds balloons with her jersey number 22 as well as two bouquets and a poster. At left: Individual soccer-themed cakes were given to the senior varsity soccer players. Below: Gracie Bouthillier fights her way past two Middletown defenders. At bottom, left: Girls soccer coach Saprina Rodriguez holds a token of her team's respect for her work. At bottom, right: This plague was presented to retiring coach Martin Rodriguez for 29 years with the team.



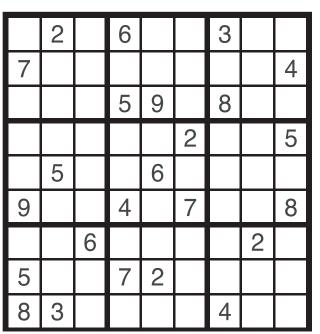






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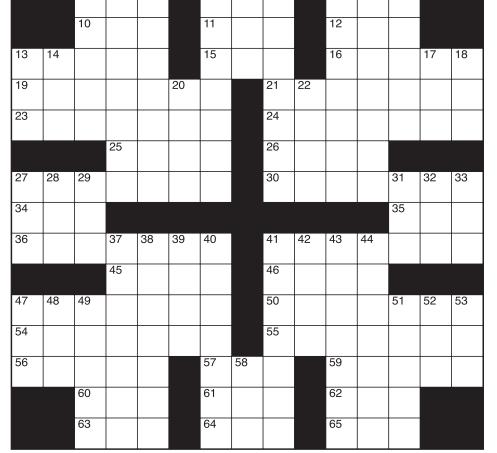


HOW TO SUDOKU

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



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57. Beverage container

59. Long narrow hilltop

62. Doctor of Education

63. Car mechanics group

64. Autonomic nervous

65. 'The Partridge Family'

CLUES DOWN

2. Gland above the kidneys

1. Cavalry-sword

3. Hat

60. Sir (abbr.)

system

61. Data executive

CLUES ACROSS

1. Pouch

4. Cooling device

7. Corporate exec (abbr.) 10. Antidiuretic hormone

11. South American plant 12. Adult female bird

13. Type of snake 15. Soak in water

16. Emerge 19. Church tower

21. Having solidified from lava

23. Eye parts

24. Natural

25. Swiss river 26. Require to live

27. Obstruct 30. Immobile

34. Expression of satisfaction 35. Moved quickly 36. Popular cocktail 41. Dish detergent brand

45. Waxed finish 46. Kyrgyzstan mountain 47. A place to get clean

50. Able to be rescued

4. Predict 5. A team's best pitcher Countries 7. Substitutions 8. Peruses again 9. Popular food 13. Reciprocal of a sine 14. Of or relating to the ears 17. __ juris: Independent 18. Keyboard key

20. Fat from a pig 22. AC manufacturer 27. Organization of N. and S. American countries

28. 22nd star of a constellation 29. Scoundrel

31. A way to save money 32. Boy or young man 33. Midway between northeast and east

37. Egg-laying mammal 38. Salt of citric acid 39. Barbary sheep

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44. Poison 47. Beats per minute 48. Macaws 49. Military vehicles

51. Elderly woman 52. Body part 53. Midway between east and southeast

58. Forearm nerve (abbr.)

October 18 to October 23

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly The officers of the Willits Police of trespassing in the 1700 block of South

six-day reporting period. **Summary of Active Investigations**

and Arrests

October 18

12:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

5:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of

October 19

4:53 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street and issued a citation.

12:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main 4:48 pm: Officers

responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a

9:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Nancy Lane and issued a warning.

October 20

5:46 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of West Mendocino

6:57 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:10 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.

11:11 am: Officers responded to a report

of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street. 2:37 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of McKinley

The rest of CalFire

Brooktrails, Spring Creek, and Sylvandale subdivision residents (Brooktrails Fire District) on Monday, October 25. We cannot issue permits outside our Fire District."

Little Lake Fire Department posted October 25 that it "will be issuing SMALL 4" x 4' burn permits at 1575 Baechtel Road. If you would like a LARGE burn permit please visit the Mendocino Air Quality website."

As per Air Quality: permits are required for ALL open burning. Burn hours are 9 am to 12 pm. Burns larger than a 4' x 4' pile require an Air Quality burn permit and a Fire Agency burn permit. You can only burn vegetative matter." Standard Air Quality burn permits are

\$19. You can apply for a burn permit from CalFire online at https:// burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/ As per the press release: "CalFire burn permits are only for residents who live in the State Responsibility Area, or where CAL FIRE has jurisdictional authority. It is the responsibility of the land owner to check

with local fire agencies to

determine any additional permits that might be required and if there inversion is evident. are any additional burning restrictions for

Burn permits can also be obtained by Air Quality warns. "Landowners are mail by calling CalFire Mendocino Unit Howard Forest headquarters in Willits, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, at 707-459-7414. All CalFire Mendocino Unit offices are closed to public access, until

Department handled 92 incidents in this Main Street.

6:09 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

7:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of School Street.

October 21

11:53 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and School

8:19 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1200 block of

October 22

12:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

> 5:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:30 pm: ROGERS, Shawn Wayne (43) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Locust Street and Hazel Street. He was arrested on felony charges of burglary and violation of parole.

8:51 pm: ACEVES LIZARRAGA, Irving (26) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Battery), 148

PC (Violation of Probation) 10:15 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

(A) (1) PC (Resisting Arrest), and 1203.2

October 23

Sean Wayne Rogers of Willits.

4:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a

9:48 pm: JUAREZ NAJERA, Maximiano (21) of Santa Rosa was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges 4:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

From Page 1

· Clear all flammable material

the outer edge of the pile

• An adult should be in

the burning site.

fire is out.

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and vegetation within 10 feet of

Keep a water supply close to

attendance with a shovel until the

No burning shall be undertaken

(particularly wind) are such that

ourning can be considered safe.

No household trash or garbage

unless weather conditions

can be burned outside at

vegetation, grown on the

residences. Only dry, natural

property, can be burned in open

22: "We will start issuing burn permits for further notice, to prevent the public and our personnel from unnecessary exposure to COVID-19.

Even with a permit, before you burn, visit Mendocino County Air Management District at www.mendoair.org or call the Outdoor Burn Information line at 707-463-4391 to ensure it is a permissive burn day. The "Burn Day Status" info is at the top right of the page

Burning can only be done on permissive CalFire tips for burn days and is prohibited on non-burn safe burn piles days. Maximum pile size 4 feet in

Residents reminded, the Air Quality website notes: "that burning when allowed, must comply Mendocino County Air Quality burn regulations.

Air Quality advises: "Burn responsibly and do not cause a smoke nuisance for your Manage neighbors. reduce burns to excessive smoke by keeping material dry and burning hot with visible flames. Never allow your burn piles to smolder overnight. Avoid burning when pressure is forming and a visible

"Cooler temperatures and rainfall alone do not prevent fires from escaping control," responsible for safely burning outdoors and maintaining control at all times. For more information, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov or check with your local







Above, from left: The lantern makers are almost finished with their projects. Two friends compare their leaves while working on their lanterns. The first step of creating a Halloween gnome is to fill a sock with elbow macaroni.

At left: The kids mug for the camera prior to beginning their pour

Below: This youngster is quite proud of his ghost cannon



Halloween Art

Miss Rossi demonstrates how to create spooktacular kids crafts in one of her popular art classes for all ages

If Rossi Jensen, also known as Miss Rossi, had her way, every kid would have the opportunity to express themself in a creative, artistic and fun way. Having recently opened her latest studio in town at 1766 South Main Street, art entrepreneur Jensen has offered several classes and camps for youngsters and adults.

Mathew Caine

"hellos" from the rest of the kids.

Jensen provides the space and instruction by which they can find their inner artist and realize their visions on canvas or other media. Her latest venture was a couple hours of inspired, directed artistic chaos where 14 kids learned how to pour paint and how to create Halloween lanterns,

gnomes, and ghost cannons that shot mini soft pom-poms. Through her experience with the youngsters, Jensen found ways to mitigate their restless energy and direct it toward the completion of the four projects. She began by forming a circle of all the participants in the middle of her sizable studio, having each tell

After the introductions were completed, Jensen directed them to "wiggle," using their body exercises to bleed off some of their excess energy so they could get down to the business at hand. It worked, for the most part, although some of the young boys' restless energy created a challenge for Jensen, which she handled in a deft and experienced

what their costumes would be for Halloween, then stating their names to the chorus of

"Today we're doing a Halloween kids art party," Jensen explained. "To get everyone in the mood for the spooky season, we'll be making lots of crafts for them to take home. We'll be making lanterns with the fake candles in them that we'll cover with all of our fall leaves.

"We'll be making holiday gnomes and ghost fuzz pop-its," she continued. "It's a cup with a balloon on the end and we put little pom-poms in them. They make it into a ghost and they can shoot the pom-poms all over the place. We'll be doing pour painting on skeleton faces. It's going to be a little party with some cupcakes, listening to some fun kid music, making art together."

Since her opening, along with studio partner Simantha Karp, on June 15, "The studio has been going very well," said Jensen. "Our kids summer camp was very successful. The kids had a great time and we got to do an art-gallery opening for just the students and all their families to come in and exhibit the art on the walls like real artists, because they are. We're going to try and have more than one camp this coming summer.

"We've had other classes in here," added Jensen. "I've been doing the pour painting and I've started doing the acrylic painting classes, which have been full since we started. I paint something and everyone else follows.

"We're also looking into doing a kids entrepreneur camp," she said, "where we'll get the

kids together for a couple weeks and we'll help them decide on a craft to make that they would like to sell to the community, and

we'll help them price their supplies. We'll Read the rest of Over on Page 10 Rossi help them price their finished crafts and





Below: Prior to starting the art projects, she plays some games to familiarize the kids with each other and to draw off some energy.

Photos by Mathew Caine







Above: Starring in the comedy medley of Shakespearean moments are, from left, Jeff Shipp, Sam Porter, and Mike A'Dair.

'Shakespeare, Abridged' rescheduled at WCT

Submitted by WCT

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged" has been rescheduled by Willits Community Theatre for shows November 5, 6 and 7 at the WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

The comedy renditions of the Bard's most well-known moments are drawn from 37 of his works, from "Hamlet" to "Julius Caesar" and "Romeo and Juliet" to "Othello." and others.

The Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinee at 2 pm. Tickets for all shows are \$10 and may be purchased online at wctperformingartscenter.org or at the playhouse at the time of show.

Audience members will be asked to show vaccination cards or photos of same and to wear masks inside the theater. Also, in conformance with the current Mendocino County Public Health ordinance, the actors will be performing unmasked.



Online Poetry Club for youth hosted by local Poets Laureate

Beginning in November, the Ukiah Branch of the County Library will be offering a new Poetry Club for teens and young adults ages 15-28. Starting November 3, meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom, from 3 to 4 pm.

Local Poets Laureate Melissa Eleftherion Carr (Ukiah) and Blake More (Point Arena) are excited to lead this writing group. Participants are invited to pop in to write with other teens and young adults, sharing their poems in a supportive, creative, & nurturing environment.

Email Blake (blake@arenatechcenter.org) or Melissa (carrm@ mendocinocounty.org) for the Zoom link.

Sponsored by the Mendocino County Library and the Friends of the

- Submitted by Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency

Yard Sale

Saturday, November 6th

Time: 8:30 am to 12N

Address: 63 Northbrook Way, Willits

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To learn more about the Milo Sanctuary or to view 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.



Frisky Balboa

Balboa is a feisty, playful puppy. Like all healthy puppies, he loves to play with toys and wants to be with people all the time. His new family will need to have LOTS of time to spend with him and continue his training and socializing. Balboa will be a medium-sized adult dog. Balboa is 2 months old and 17 pounds.

For more info about Balboa 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 information about adoptions, please call 707-

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter is having a Howling Halloween Adoption Event through November

1. The adoption fee for dogs and cats that are older than six months is only \$31 (plus the county doglicense fee). Balboa doesn't qualify for this promotion, but there are many other furry friends that do!

Mellow Duchess

The Duchess has arrived! This sweet girl is 7 years old and lived with her previous owner since she was born. Duchess and her owner were originally living in New Orleans and sadly they were there during a hurricane. After this devastating event, they moved here to be with family. Duchess's owner recently passed away, leaving Duchess in need of a home. Of course we said yes. Duchess is a sweet, mellow dog who loves getting cuddles from volunteers. Meanwhile, we are busy working away to get this sweetie available for adoption. Apply to love her today at www.mendohumanesociety.

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.



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Email: siwillits@soroptimist.net	
Phone:	
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Notes: If you are a female head-of-household, attendin	g school, please apply for this wonderful award
Potential for more award money if your application is	chosen as a district winner.







Chili at the Charter

Fundraiser dinner at Willits Charter School raises \$900 for arts program

Special classes, projects and clubs often rely on additional incoming funds, and the Friday Academy Arts program at the Willits Charter School is no exception.

Thankfully, a group of parents banded together to come up with a chili dinner fundraiser idea to help fund the group, which includes classes like special FX makeup, arts and crafts, diversity class, mock trial, archery, leatherwork, computer science, equine science, supernatural literature, rock band, theater arts, yearbook, planet Earth (a reusing and recycling class), set design, academic support classes, ceramics, and gardening.

Maureen Jennison

"We sold 82 tickets at \$10 a piece with a \$5 discount for any orders over four tickets," explained WCS' special education intern, high

school independent study teacher, and Friday Academy coordinator Monica Grossman. "We made \$900; some people gave us donations, too!'

Grossman went on to explain that between herself, the Willits Charter School's chef Katie Lacey, and the school's eighth- through 12thgrade foreign language and math instructor Jillian Anderson-Rano: "We up organic vegan and meat chili, a side of organic spring salad and homemade dressing. The meal also included cornbread muffins, with the option of gluten free, baked and provided by WCS parent Jennifer Brooklyn Martin and her business You Deserve Butter Baking Company."

"To finish off the meal," Grossman continued, "chef Lacey baked some delicious brownies from scratch, which we also offered in a gluten-free option. Special thanks to parent/guardian volunteers Alison Muriah, Jessica Harness, Erin Orth, Jayne Blair, and Krystal Southwick, and WCS student volunteers Joshua Pacheco Jr., Danica Deck, and Adalia Peterson."

With the funds raised from the dinner, supplies will be purchased for the program, and new classes will hopefully also be able to be added

"Fundraising events like this make purchasing things such as a new volleyball net for the volleyball classes, like we did last month, possible," said Grossman

More info: 459-5506.



and 6 pm



Above, from left: WCS sixth-grade volunteers Danica Deck and Adalia Peterson pack up chili dinner meals for waiting WCS parent Jessica Harness makes ranch dressing with

students Jen Harness and Adalia Peterson. WCS chef Katie Lacey bakes brownies with the help of her

youngest daughter, Eva. Below: Eleventh-grade WCS student and volunteer Joshua Pacheco Jr. washing dishes like a champ.

Photos by Monica Grossman













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'The Creepy Carnival'

Willits Charter School Presents "The Creepy Carnival" on Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30, from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 for a group of five people.

We will have a "(Not-so) Creepy Carnival" section for younger kids that will consist of games, prizes, and treats. We will be leading tours with groups of five to 10 people on an interactive adventure through our Creepy Carnival. All guests will be required to wear a PPE mask throughout the tour. We will do our best to do tours with people from the same pods (meaning family units and friends).

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Trick or Treat plus family photo area at Sparetime Supply

Calling all ghouls, goblins, superheroes and more, Sparetime Garden Center will be hosting a drive-through Trick or Treat Submitted by Shanachie Pub event on Saturday, October 30 from 2 to 6 pm (or until treats

Stop in for a Halloween treat being handed out by our spirited Vargas (junkyard folk), and more! A costume contest with staff. Treats are in limited supply, so be sure to come early.

We also have a free family photo area to capture those fall memories, open now through October 30. A member of our staff will happily take a photo using your phone, camera or

Stop in to Sparetime Garden Center at 208 East San Francisco Avenue in Willits or give us a call at 459-6791.

Willits Library, Museum present Halloween Candy Carnival on

Friday, October 29 Submitted by Mendocino **County Cultural Services** Agency

The Willits Branch Library's annual Halloween celebration returns this year with the Candy Carnival. The event will be held on Friday, October 29 from 4:30 to 6 pm. The Library branch will close early (4 pm), and the celebration will be held outdoors in the parking lot located next to the library building. Restrooms will remain open.

The Candy Carnival is an elaborate version of trick or treating combined with traditional carnival games. Attendees are invited to play ghoulish games to earn sweet treats, pick a free book from the book patch, and participate in photo booth fun.

Attendees are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. Library and Museum staff will be dressed as their favorite villains

Please note that due to COVID, all attendees will be required to wear a facial covering. Masks will be provided if you don't have one.

For more information, please contact the Willits Library at 707-459-5908 or visit www. mendolibrary.org.

Halloween at Shanachie Pub features Eric McFadden, Kate Vargas, and costumes

It will be another truly memorable night with P-Funk Allstar, Eric McFadden, featuring special guests Kate prizes from Shanachie Pub and Flying Dog Pizza and Vinvl will also be happening, so come dressed to impress!

Eric McFadden is a guitar virtuoso/songwriter/vocalist. He has toured the world both as a solo artist, as well as with funk legend George Clinton (Parliament/Funkadelic), and rock legend Eric Burdon (The Animals).

Hailing from the crossroads of the Southwest and the heart of New Mexico, Eric McFadden has crafted a rare and enticing brand of high desert blues and gritty, flamencoinfused rock that leaves listeners spellbound. McFadden's sound has not only charmed audiences all over the world, countless musicians have been taken by his inimitable playing and musicianship.

Right from the moment Joe Strummer from the Clash spotted him in San Francisco, nicknamed him "Lightning," and gave him a gig, Eric McFadden has claimed his place amongst the greats.

Visit https://ericmcfadden.com/ and https://www.katevargas.com/ for more info about the artists. Get a taste of the duo with "Live from the Red Couch," Mondays at 8:30pm EST on FB live! www.facebook.com/

Advance tickets to the Saturday, October 30 show will be available for \$20 each, at Shanachie Pub as well as Flying Dog Pizza & Vinyl, for a limited capacity show.



Trunk or Treat

at Brooktrails Fire on Halloween Night

Please join us on Halloween between 5 to 8 pm for our 2nd annual drive-thru Trunk or Treat at the Brooktrails Fire Station 24860 Birch Street. If you would like to donate candy, please contact us at

Firefighters host Halloween drive-thru at Baechtel Road Station 541

Little Lake Fire is hosting a Halloween drive-thru on Sunday, October 31, starting hope it will be again for the kids. We will at 5:30pm at Station 541 (on Baechtel hand out candy while supplies last.

When you pull into the station please slow down and follow the signs and cones.

If you would like to donate bags of candy or decorations for the kids, we will gladly accept them 8 am to 5 pm at our current office on Baechtel Road, or call 459-7777 with any questions.

This was a big success last year, and we

Brooktrails Fire is also offering a drivethru, as we want to make sure all kids have an opportunity to enjoy the festivities.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy

- Aaron Branscomb, president, Firefighters Association

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4:00 & 7:20pm



At left: Christian Bennett, back, poses for a photo while buying a pound of taffy for the trunk or treat event on Sunday. Coast Hardware employees Angie Voris, Pamalee Thrift, and Thrift's "right-hand candy

Below: Candy donations with air-inflated ghouls were set up for this photo by Firefighter's Association President Aaron Branscomb and Little Lake Fire Secretary Michelle Schnitzius. These donations are from individuals, Coast Hardware, and the Firefighter's Association. More is expected and needed.

Photos by Ree Slocum



Drive-thru Candy

Little Lake and Brooktrails Fire Departments to pass out bags of goodies at each fire station this Sunday

Little Lake and Brooktrails Fire Departments are hosting two separate Halloween drive-thru this Sunday, October 31, from 5:30 to 8 pm, located at each fire station. Follow the signs and Halloween-decorated corridors to your costumed hosts Ree Slocum with bags of goodies.

Last year, when things were shut down due to COVID, Brooktrails Fire Department Captain Harry So came up with the idea to have a trunk or treat drive thru at the two fire departments. The thought was to have adults drive through with their kids, each receiving a bag of

goodies. "We wanted every kid in the community to get a bag of candy," said Aaron Branscomb, the Firefighters said, "We make it easy. People just tell the cashier how Association president.

So knew the Firefighters Association wouldn't have have the clerks fill a bag for one pound, two pounds. enough money to foot the bill and came up with an idea However many they want to buy, and we put it in back to get donations of candy from businesses and other in the donation zone for pick-up or delivery." Customers folks for the events. can also take the candy with them and make an in-The fire captain has been a customer at Coast person donation to their fire department.

Hardware for years and approached them last year, asking if the association could get a discount on candy for the event. The hardware store was happy to do that and they also donated 100 pounds of candy for the

> two fire departments. They advertised that they will fill customer requests and deliver them to the fire departments. This year Coast Hardware is

Last year the two fire departments handed out an amazing 500 bags of candy. They're hoping for as many

Pamalee Thrift, Coast Hardware office manager.

many pounds of candy they want to donate to the fire

department. They can either pick out which candy or

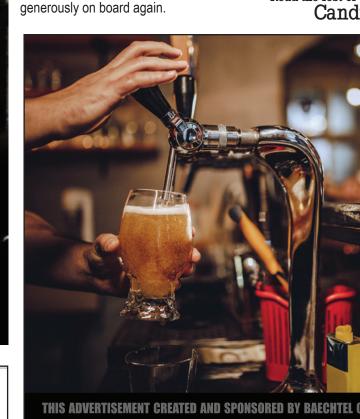
"We're going to be [at the station] from 5:30 to 8 or until the candy's gone. Whichever comes first," said So.

You can help them reach their goal by visiting or phoning Coast Hardware at 101 East Barbara Lane, 459-2201,

Read the rest of Candy Over on Page 10







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M-F 9am -11:45am 12:45pm-3pm	Little Lake Health Center 45 Hazel Street, Willits	Pfizer & Moderna	Best to make an appointment. Do not need to be a patient. 456-9600
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lunes y miercoes 12:30 pm – 4:15 pm	Salud pública 474 East Valley St, Willits	Todas las vacunas estan disponibles (Pfizer, Moderna, y Johnson & Johnson)	Registrese en Myturn.ca.gov o Puede acudir sin cita 472-2759 Los padres o tutores legales, necesitan imprimir y firmar un formulario de consentimiento para los menores de edad que recibiran la vacuna Pfizer.
lunes a viernes 9 am -11:30am 1:30pm-4:30 pm	Medical Clinic 1245 S. Main Street, Willits	Pfizer 4 dias de la semana Moderna 1 día a la semana	Es mejor hacer cita. No es necesario ser paciente de la clínica para recibir la vacuna. 459-6861
lunes a viernes 9 am -11:45 am 12:45 pm- 3 pm	Little Lake Health Center 45 Hazel Street, Willits	Pfizer y Moderna	Es mejor hacer cita. No es necesario ser paciente de la clínica para recibir la vacuna. 459-9600
lunes a viernes 10 am – 12 pm 2 pm - 4 pm	Adventist Health Redwood Medical Clinic 3 Marcela Drive Suite C, Willits	Moderna y J&J	Puede acudir sin cita. No es necesario ser paciente de la clínica para recibir la vacuna. 459-6115
lunes a viernes 10am -12:45 pm 2 pm - 7 pm	Safeway Pharmacy 845 S. Main Street Willits	Pfizer y Moderna	Entre semana puede acudir sin cita. Los fines de semana se requiere cita previa. 456-1790
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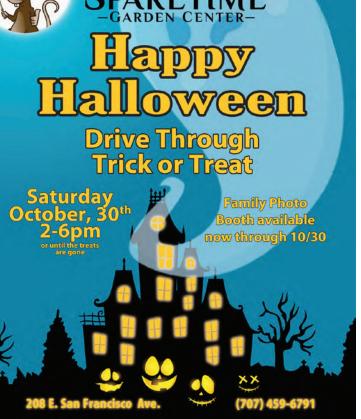
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To drop off candy at the Brooktrails Fire Department, go to the station at 24860 Birch Street, from 8 am to 5 pm this Thursday and Friday. Phone 459-4441 with questions.

At right: Coast Hardware employees fill a one-pound bag of taffy for a customer. Above: The trunk or treat candy will be divided up and handed out on Sunday in Halloween bags purchased by the Firefighters Association.





Below: Prior to the ghost cannon war, the kids enjoying Miss Rossi's Halloween Art workshop were treated to cupcakes.

The rest of

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then we'll have a fair at which we will invite the community to come to see and purchase the crafts. It will teach them how to be an entrepreneur.

Jensen also plans to start an afternoon art class on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

The first Halloween art project was the creation of a lamp, consisting of a jar that contained battery-operated candles, on which the kids were invited to slather glue and apply colorful fall leaves. Some of the youngsters applied full leaves, while others cut the leaves up to accommodate their designs. Much swapping of leaves occurred amongst

The next project was "pour painting," a technique which Jensen has perfected for the enjoyment of both kids and adults. Colors are mixed in layers in a cup and then poured onto pre-cut skull cut-outs to create a satisfying, swirling mix of colors.

The third project was the "ghost cannons," reminiscent of T-shirt cannons at sporting events but on a much, much smaller scale. These cannons spewed mini soft pompoms and when completed, and after a cupcake break, were utilized in a pom-pom war with colored bits strewed

Finally, Halloween gnomes were crafted by filling black socks with elbow macaroni for volume, applying a hat over the knot, and gluing material around the outside for

There was much laughter and many smiling faces during these 2.5 hours of fun and artistic merriment. Jensen has many upcoming, creative, and extremely fun activity sessions for both the littles and adults. Check out her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ PaintingWithMissRossi for further information on scheduled classes or call 707-513-5705.

Willits High School Boosters Annual Tri Tip "Drive Through" Dinner for 4.



Friday, November 12, 2021 Time: 4pm-6pm Fickets: \$65.00 Dinner includes one whole Tri-tip, BBQ Beans, Caesar Salad, Fresh Loaf Of Emandal Bread, 4 cookies and a flower from Flowers By Annette. *See any Boosters Officer or Member, or ckets also available at Monkey Wrench

Covid Health & Safety Measures will be in practice. Pick up drive through at the WHS Ag Farm.

Call Shailyn 707-972-1669 or Melissa 707-354-2226

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) will meet on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, to conduct a public hearing on the following project and the Draft Negative

Project Title: 2021 Mendocino County Regional Transportation

Project Description: The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a ransportation planning document prepared by MCOG which dentifies regional transportation goals, policies and objectives for all modes of travel, including local streets and roads, State highways, public transit, bicycle, pedestrian, aviation, rail, and maritime. It assesses current transportation, identifies needs, suggests actions to improve transportation, and considers

Project Location: All of Mendocino County, including the

Environmental Determination: MCOG has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration for the above plan (no significant ronmental impacts are anticipated)

Review Period: The public review period shall begin on November 6, 2021, and end on December 6, 2021.

The RTP and Draft Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the MCOG offices, 525 S. Main St, Ste. B, Ukiah, CA, or online at the

http://www.mendocinocog.org/

Written comments on the RTP and/or Draft Negative Declaration hould be submitted to the Mendocino Council of Govern o later than December 5, 2021. Written comments should be ubmitted to the Mendocino Council of Governments at 525 S. Main Street, Ste. G, Ukiah, CA 95482, or by email to mailto:lellard@dbcteam.net> lellard@dbcteam.net. Comment may also be presented at the public hearing. Pursuant to AB 361, MCOG continues to conduct their meetings virtually. Virtua meeting information, and in-person locations if available, will be posted to MCOG's website under the meetings" tab

For additional information, please contact Loretta Ellard at MCOG, 707-234-3434

Nephele Barrett, Executive Director Publication Date: October 28, 2021



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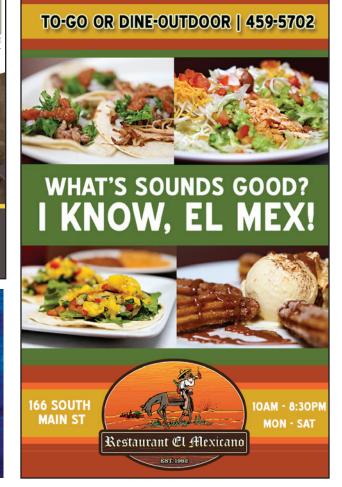
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF WILLITS GROUNDWATER RESILIENCY **IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

California Public Resources Code and Section 15072 of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Willits (City) hereby gives notice to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interested parties and the general public that the City of Willits intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the City of Willits Groundwater Resiliency Improvements Project (Project). The City of Willits City Council will consider and make a decision on the adequacy of the IS/MND and the merits of the proposed Project.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the State of

The IS/MND is available for review electronically on the City's website at: https://cityofwillits.org/147/Engineering. The City accepted public comments on the IS/MND during a 30-day public review period extending September 10, 2021 to October 11, 2021. Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling the City of Willits Engineering Department at (707) 459-4605 or via email: engineering@

PROJECT TITLE: City of Willits Groundwater Resiliency

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located northeast of the City center on City-owned parcels identified by Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 007-010-01, 108-030-06, and 108-020-05 (Site). The Site is currently utilized for the Willits Groundwater System, including the Elias Replacement well, Long 20 well (proposed for connection to the system as part of this project), and groundwater treatment plant, and is located adjacent to the City's wastewater plant.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The City proposes improvements to the existing Willits Groundwater System in order to increase the City's conjunctive use capabilities and provide the City with a reliable water supply sufficient to meetcommunity needs in the event surface water becomes untenable. Improvements would include the installation of 3.750 feet of new water line and the abandonment of 3,600 feet of existing water line within the Willits Groundwater System, the installation of a pump and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) facility to manage the Long 20 well, establishment of power to the Long 20 well pump and SCADA facility, arsenic pilot testing on the Long 20 well, and the installation of a 250,000-gallon clear well (chlorine contact tank) adjacent to the west of the groundwater

MEETING DATE/TIME: November 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: City Council Chambers 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490 and/or conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 or any subsequent Order related to conducting the public meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City of Willits is currently conducting public meetings pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act and the way the public can participate during the public meetings. Participation in the public meeting will be allowed pursuant to applicable Executive Orders at the time of the public meeting. Participation is expected to be through electronic means as posted on the City Council meeting agenda for the November 10, 2021 regular meeting. This allows the City to adhere to social distancing requirements, follow the Governors' Executive Order N-29-20 and provide a way for the public to provide public comment live during the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, electronic copies of the staff report and agenda will be available on the City's website at http://www. cityofwillits.org/AgendaCenter. To request information or provide comments, please contact the Engineering Department at engineering@cityofwillits.org.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: The City Council will receive a staff presentation, consider public comments and decide to either adopt, not adopt, or modify the IS/MND.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The City of Willits encourages all interested parties to participate in the Public Hearing and to comment on the issues being discussed. Members of the public may participate and provide public comment as follows:

•Written public comments regarding the proposed project may engineering@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 9, 2021. All public comments received will be provided to City Council and uploaded to the City's website in advance of the meeting.

•Oral public comments may be presented to the City Council via teleconference during the public hearing. To address the Commission during the live meeting please find the meeting specific link to the teleconference included on the agenda for the November 10, 2021 City Council meeting that will be posted on the City's website.

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/ Brian Bender, City Manager

Posted: 10/28/21

Publication Date: October 28, 2021

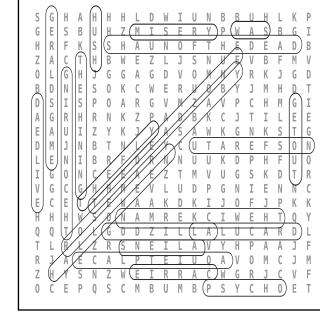
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The following person is doing

fictitious business name listed above on July 16, 2021. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder

Publication dates: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 2021

Docket No.: 21CV00647 In the matter of: JOSEPH DOMINIC JIMENEZ and ADONAI ORION CAMPBELL

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

JOSEPH DOMINIC DARROW and ADONAL 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,

WITNESS, Hon. Patrick M. Pekin, Judge of the Superior Court. Publication Dates: October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PAMELA J. FORNERIS, aka PAMELA FORNERIS, Decedent CASE NUMBER 21PR00170

or both, of PAMELA J. FORNERIS, aka PAMELA FORNERIS A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Henry Shebitz in the

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and

persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate

Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, The Petition for Probate requests that Mendocino County Public

Administrator or, alternatively, Cyndi Mason be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the The petition requests authority to administer the estate under

the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held In this court as follows Date: November 5, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: TBA, at the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable In California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner : Christopher J. Neary, Jennifer M. O'Brien, Neary and O'Brien, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits CA 95490, Telephone: 707-459-5551

Publication Dates: October 21 and 28, November 4, 2021

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Statement

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& Teahouse, 1195 "A" South Main

Registered owner: Catherine

Lober, 1195 "A" South Main

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on September 13, 2021.

/s/ Catherine Lober

Publication dates:

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Sherwood School Raffle Submitted by FOSSI

Friends of Sherwood School, Inc -FOSSI - is unfortunately not able to hold the annual Fall Festival because of COVID regulations that are in place to keep us safe. But we are able to do the annual raffle. We couldn't do this without our local businesses.

We have some great donations available from local businesses. The Grand Prize is a paid two-night stay at the North Cliff Hotel in Fort Bragg (in the Superior Suite valued at \$644 with no expiration), generously School donated by Brown's Corner.

Get in touch with any of our awesome Sherwood School students to purchase your tickets.



Above: students are excited for this year's raffle. Photo by



Congrats **Celebrating Mary** Zellachild's 90th birthday

Mary Edyth Shaw was born in San Francisco October 27, 1931, the youngest of four children. The family moved several times within California. After WWII ended, her parents divorced, and she and her mother moved back to Larkspur. where she attended Tamalpais High School and then UC

Her first year in college she had a live-in job with Glen Seaborg's family of six children. Her second and third year she lived at Stebbins – one of several student cooperatives where she met George Humphreys, who lived in the nearby men's coop. They married and moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and then Red Bank, New Jersey, where their first child, Nora, was born. Then they moved back to the Bay Area, where Jim, George Scott, and Matthew were born.

She divorced George after about 18 years and started working part-time while continuing to be a mother of four. After a few other transitions, when the kids started going off to college, she met Sam Campagna, her second husband. For a short time they lived in Sebastopol, then moved to Laytonville, where they built most of a cabin, and then Willits. She immediately felt that Willits was where she was supposed to be. She did odd jobs and worked at the museum for

several years. She separated from Sam after they had been together 16 years. When she was 59 she finally started her career. She had read John Jeavons' first book "How to Grow More Vegetables..."

years earlier, impressed with his research on growing food and his world views. It turned out he had moved to Willits just a year before her arrival here. She started first volunteering, then gradually working full-time, from office jobs to writing grant proposals and newsletters. It was almost 30 years of working for Ecology Action when she retired at age 87.

Mary (always an avid singer & dancer) was in Emandal Chorale for many years. Since retiring she's been writing a novel about climate change and local food in a town very similar to Willits.

Congrats **Marine Graduation**

Tyler Hensley, 2021 graduate of Willits High School, graduated basic training at MCRT (Marine Corps Recruit Depot) in San Diego on October 8, 2021.

He is currently at Camp Pendleton for more combat training. Completing that training, he will be going to Pensacola, Florida for aircraft maintenance school.

Tyler has dreamed of being a Marine for a long time. We are so proud of him for accomplishing his goal. Onward and











The rest of Laytonville

the advisory commission on that we're playing. drawing the maps, said that they decided to change the plan after hearing "a lot of public comment about keeping Lavtonville in the Third District".

The redistricting process takes place every 10 years following the gathering of U.S. census data, and is meant to assure that each of the five districts in the county have roughly the same population, and that "communities of interest" are kept within the same district when possible.

COLUMN

AT THE MOVIES

'Dune'

The Story: It's a coming-of-

age drama, and it's a sci-

ence fiction action drama.

The desert planet Arrakis.

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the universe able to produce

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father, Duke Leto (Oscar

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er, the concubine Lady Jes-

sica (Rebecca Ferguson)

has special powers. She

belongs to an ancient order

of women called Bene Ges-

serit (think "Illuminati"), who

want Paul for themselves.

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Fremen, who are plotting

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On their website the county describes communities of interest as "a group of people in the same geographically definable area who share common social and economic interests"

This year, the census showed that the population of the Third District increased by 7.2 percent, making it the most highly populated in the county.

With a population of 19,573, it was 14.2 percent higher than the Fourth District at 16,695, the lowest in the county, which meant that due to state and federal laws a portion of the Third would have to be shifted to another district in some way.

According to commission chair Kyle Farmer, state law allows for up to a 10 percent difference between the highest and lowest populated districts, though 6 percent is typically what is "historically achieved. The County Counsel's Office has advised that a variance of 3 to 5 percent would be best to avoid any potential legal challenges.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said he was encouraged by what he saw in the latest drafts on Tuesday, particularly in the decision to let Laytonville remain in the Third District.

"This really represents a lot of what the people have been saying, and I appreciate the work of all the commissioners." he said.

The Citizens Advisory Redistricting Commission five county consists of residents, one from each district, appointed by the board to help with the redistricting process.

Since September 1, they and county staff have held six community workshops designed to inform the public about the process and take in input from county residents.

The final workshop will be held next Wednesday, November 3, at 6:15 pm, and the commission plans to narrow the choices down to two or three draft maps for the board. You can view the meeting and make comments www.youtube.com/ mendocinocountyvideo.

After that the redistricting maps will be presented to the supervisors to choose from at their November 9 meeting, and they will need to complete the process of officially adopting one by December 14 to meet the state deadline.

removed from the Third influential in the commission coast. changing directions on the matter.

attended by GIS Administrator the Second District with the Farr and Mary Ziady, who represents the Third District on the advisory commission.

"Lots of people turned up, and also on Zoom, and there was a lot of good feedback," said Haschak. "And certainly this is a hard choice, because ... that's the numbers game redistricting.

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"I think it's really a good move to include as much of the Laytonville area as possible [in the Third District]," he continued. "And I appreciate Leif's listening to the people and those comments listening to the people from last Thursday and what they wanted. It seems like [the latest draft1 incorporates a lot of the 10 Mile Creek watershed, and keeps some of the boundaries whether they're physical or political such as school districts or water districts, the [Laytonville Municipal Advisory Council]. It kind of keeps them more together up there in that area.

In his presentation at the meeting, Farr said that in order to allow Laytonville to remain in the Third District the commission had to shift boundaries in other areas. pushing them closer to Brooktrails and the Willits area in some sections.

On a map he showed that the latest draft had the Third District boundary bumping up against Ridge Road at one section near Brooktrails, and going at or near Cropley Lane and Muir Mill Road by Willits. Also the southern boundary line for the was moved further up into the Tomki area.

Even with these changes the Third District would still have a population of more than 7 percent higher than the lowest populated district, according to Farmer. He said it would be up to the supervisors to decide if this variation was low enough to approve.

Farmer said that he had learned a lot in the redistricting process, and felt that others าad too

"I do think that sort of a benefit is that it has led a lot of people to consider their own communities of interest and perhaps to care about them in new ways," he said. "We have received very passionate letters. Especially I think the meeting that was in Laytonville really galvanized community spirit there.

Farmer added that, based on the public input they've doors, and there are five of received, the most recent drafts seemed to be the most is shimmed out and the popular, "which means that other isn't. So if the we're making progress".

Another shift in the most current draft would move Hopland into the First District with Redwood Valley and then there's no Potter Valley, and out of the reason for them Fifth District – the region west to be shimmed of Ukiah spanning from the out. And I think that's town of Mendocino down to what's causing kind of the Sonoma County line.

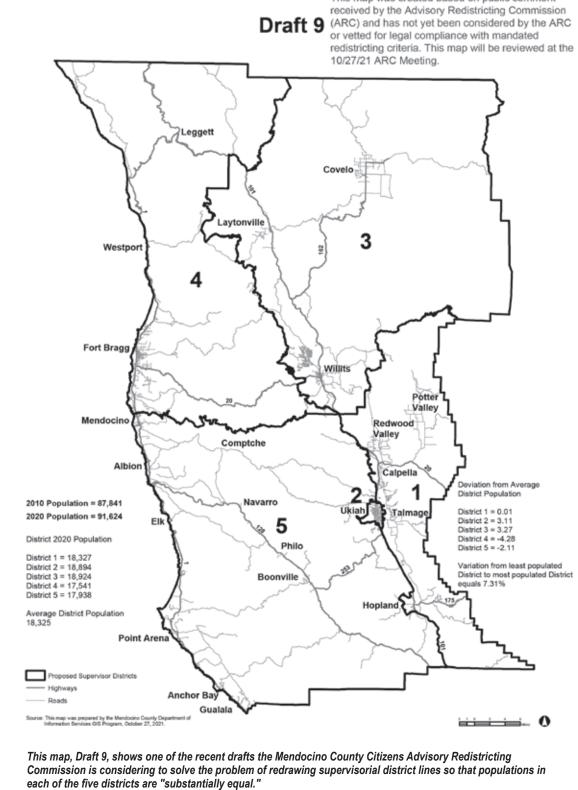
Farr and others said this was a change that had been sought for years by many in the Hopland community, and Farmer said they had received many letters on the matter in the last couple months.

First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty, who said parts of his property are currently in both districts, approved of the change.

"That sort of makes sense," Haschak spoke about a he said. "I think that people public workshop at Harwood in Hopland have a lot in Hall in Laytonville last week, common with the people in where many in the community Talmage.... That's I think more came out against being of a community of interest than if you compare Hopland to District, which he thought was Boonville or some place on the

Farr showed that the latest drafts also moved some of He said the meeting was the outlying area of Ukiah into city, but added that they were limited in their ability to do this since the population was so concentrated there.

To find out more about redistricting in the county, including how to make public comments and upcoming no one wants to move districts. events, you can go to www. And I certainly don't want to mendocinocounty.org/ lose anyone in my district but government/executive-office/



The rest of Station 54

Eric [Alvarez], and [board president] Tony [Madrigal] have really been immersed in this thing for a long time, and I think we got most of it," Herman said.

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"It was a quite lengthy list that's in the hands of the contractor now," he continued. "And after they've claimed that they've fixed all the punch list items, then we'll have to go through and check them one by one."

The list contains mostly "cosmetic ... interior" items in need of attention, except for one "outstanding issue with the apparatus doors that I don't think we're going to want to accept anything other than being completed," said Herman.

"When you look at one side of the them.... One side of them columns to which they attach were plumb, which they should have been,

the torsion so the doors don't close together," he explained. "There's just no explanation for it from anybody yet. What they are saying now is that

> there's a channel you can put ... right in the middle of the doors, so when they come together it forces them to shut appropriately," he continued. "But one of them is like almost 2 inches out, and I don't know if that little channel's going to have that much effect on it."

Still, moving in is close.

percent turnout.

And, the first occupant might end up being a new \$5,700 plotter, which was approved for purchase at the

A plotter is a printer that can accurately handle large and detailed images, and "what we need [it] for is, oftentimes we'll get a set of plans that the fire marshal has to review, and we'll get them digitally," explained Herman. The Little Lake Fire chief serves as the local fire marshal.

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With the plotter, "you plot it and then mark it up with whatever changes you want, scan it to a file, and then send it back to the contractor," he said. "It's in full color. It'll take all of the potential plan sizes that you get." While the move into the new firehouse may be a bit

This map was created based on public comment

behind schedule, the arrival of the district's new Type 3 wildland fire engine 5469 is guite a bit more than a bit behind schedule.

"Our October date? ... In reality, we wouldn't have gotten it this month," Thomen told the board.

But, "with the COVID, International's having trouble getting windshields, seats, and computer chips. So it's going to put us into February, and possibly as far as April

> "I told them that we want it by April, no later. We've got to have it by next fire season. They were good with that," he said. "[They've] been dealing with a lot of folks who are waiting to get their engines built."

The day-to-day work goes on, though. And Thomen told the board the district was "averaging about two calls per day and getting decent responses.

He described one call in particular that he thought "went really well" involving two semis that rolled over on 101

'We did a really good job ... [and] pumped the tanks off," he said. "It's an environmental thing. Once the tow truck goes to move it, they have to pull it, and there's a possibility the tank could get ripped open. We're just keeping that

Thomen was "on my way to Ukiah" at the time and told the board that "the message board worked really

"Fog comes in in that area, and the sign shows up really good," he said.

And maybe, some scary incoming fog will enhance Halloween evening beginning at 5:30 pm at the fire department's current location at 1575 Baechtel Road. That's when "kids [can] drive through, get some candy, and get scared," Firefighters Association president

Statewide, final results for the question "Shall Gavin Newsom Be Recalled (Removed) From the Office of Governor?" show 61.9 percent of California voters voted "No" and 38.1 percent voted "Yes," resulting in a 58.45

Aaron Branscomb told the board.

from happening."

The official, final Statement of the Vote lists results in detail by precinct. It can be downloaded at http://mendocino.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=34a7028d-e582-4f63-9558-9924a2f72de7.pdf

Bartolomie also provided supervisors with a copy of her office's "Machine Count and Hand Tally Comparisons." This document reflects the results of a full hand tally of all ballots from six precincts chosen by "computerized random sample" compared to the machine count for those precincts.

The document showed results of the hand tally and the machine count matching exactly.

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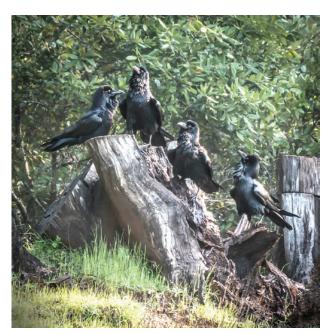
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"Black-bellied

Whistling Duck"

by Lydia Simms.

"Unkindness of

Raven" by Maria

Unnamed photo by Jerry Albright.

Above: "Pacific

At right: "Mirrored

Star" by John

Butterfly" by Michael Steffer

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Willits Photography Club to display 'patience and light' at the Willits Center for the Arts

Submitted by the Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is pleased to present the 20th annual Willits Photography Club Show. The club will be showing the results of patience and light by 15 of its club members.

This year's show promises to be the best.

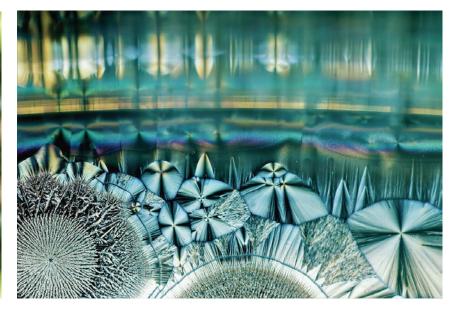
The club was formed 30 years ago by John Kline, Michael Coons, and others. Originally called the Willits Camera Club, the group has since morphed into the Willits Photography Club. They have been showing annually at the WCA for 20 years.

To become a member of the group, come to one of the monthly meetings on the second Saturday of the month at the WCA. Membership is \$35 a year and membership at the WCA is required. Meetings usually involve a short lecture on a famous artist followed by critiques on members' photos.

The photography exhibit will open Friday, October 29 and run through November 21. The WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street (next to Noyo Theatre). The galleries are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

For more information, visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 707-972-3326.





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As a nurse and a social worker, James has worked in a variety of public health and medical/surgical nursing roles, as well as behavioral health counseling opportunities. His experience in providing healthcare to adults and children with an emphasis on prevention and holistic wellness is foundational to his efforts for empowering patients on their own path to health, wholeness and hope.



The Case of the Haunted Nurses Office

By Anita Elliott Wagenet

During my 36 years as an RN, no work environment has presented a spookier scenario than one particular nursing office, after hours. Back before we nurses had the luxury of having our patients' charts on the computer, all the patients' charts were kept at the office. All of us RNs took turns taking calls, for after-hour emergencies

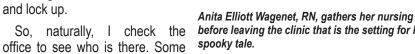
Once a call is received, of course, one would need to research the patient's chart before venturing out to their home in the middle of the night. The nurse on call would go to the office to retrieve the chart, and any supplies they might need for the visit.

Going to the office alone at night in itself is a bit nerve-wracking, since there are no guards outside the building. But, in this peaceful, small country town, the crime rate is so low, that that was not our main concern. No, it was once we were actually IN the building that the scary stuff started happening. And not just to me, but to virtually every nurse I have talked to about this, who worked there as well.

Here is a typical late night at the office: I drive up to an empty, sparsely lit parking lot. I open the side-entrance door by punching in a password, then quickly disarm

the alarm, and turn on the lights. Almost immediately, I hear a door or two slam shut, drawers open and close, and often footsteps, but

A vague sense of dread washes over me, because this scenario is all too familiar to me by now. I hold my breath. The hair stands up on the back of my neck. Wide eyed, still and quiet, I listen for a moment. Is there someone else here? I didn't see any cars in the parking lot, and the building was dark inside when I arrived. Now, it's important to know if any other employee is in the building, because the rule is, whoever is the last one to leave, is the one to turn off the lights, reactivate the alarm and lock up.



hallways are long and dark, so, I do so nervously, calling out, "Hello?" No response. I look out the front office window to see if there are any cars in the parking lot ... none whatsoever.

The noises, usually indistinguishable loud bumps or bangs, often come from either the kitchen, or down the long, dark hallway near the front desk, and sometimes as far back as the hospice section. Footsteps are also heard upstairs in the seldom-used vault of archival charts. Since no one answers back, I just don't dare walk all the way to the hospice section.

I go back to find the chart I need, and the noises start up again. This time, I swear it is coming from the kitchen. Once again, I go to see who is making all that noise, and there is absolutely NO ONE there. I get the chart, the needed supplies, turn off the lights, activate the alarm, lock up, and hurry out of there as quickly as I can.

My theory? Upstairs, which is basically off limits to us mere nurses, and mainly only privy to supervisors or some office personnel, there rest in storage the many, many charts of deceased patients. A whole vast library of charts of dead people.

Could there be a patient or two, still holding on to some part of their last days alive. still wanting the comfort of their nurse? Or could it be an employee, now passed on to the other side, so dedicated to his job when alive, that he is still going about his daily work duties here? Could this building have been built on top of ancient burial

These noises remain a mystery to this day, and disturbing enough, that some nurses have all but refused to go there alone at night. Luckily, nurses don't have to go to the office late at night for a chart anymore, and luckily, I am now happily retired.



Anita Elliott Wagenet, RN, gathers her nursing bag before leaving the clinic that is the setting for her

WCA looking for board member

County Transportation Plan available

for public review

The Mendocino Council of Governments has updated the Mendocino County

Regional Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan and the draft plan is now

available for public review and comment. The draft plan may be viewed on MCOG's website at https://www.mendocinocog.org/draft-2022-regional-transportation-plan.

The RTP is a long-range planning document covering a 20-year time span,

which includes short- and long-range transportation projects across all modes of

transportation, including motorized, non-motorized, and public transit. It promotes a

safe and efficient transportation system, and establishes regional goals that support

mobility, economic, and health aims of the region. The RTP includes the Active

The 2022 RTP and ATP are scheduled to be adopted by MCOG on December 6,

Comments on the draft plan may be submitted on the Social Pinpoint page at

https://mcog.mysocialpinpoint.com/mcog-2022-rtp, by email to lellard@dbcteam.

net, or sent to 525 South Main Street, Suite G, Ukiah, CA 95482, for receipt by

MCOG no later than December 5, 2021. Comments may also be presented at the

For more information visit MCOG's website at www.mendocinocog.org, call the

Public Health announces 2 more COVID deaths

Two more Mendocino County residents have passed away from COVID-19. Our

Death #87, announced October 19: 81 year-old woman from Willits area; not

Death #88, announced October 25: 80 year-old woman from Gualala area; fully

Public Health asks all Mendocino County residents to think about the ways they are

protecting themselves and their families from COVID-19. When in doubt, consult with

and follow all CDC and CDPH guidance. Vaccination, masking, and social distancing

Fully vaccinated people (with Pfizer) over age 65 (or over age 50 with certain health

conditions) should strongly consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine booster to improve

immunity. Boosters should be given at least 6 months after completion of the initial

Pfizer series. If you have questions about boosters, speak with your doctor, or call

Public Health at 707-472-2759. To find the nearest vaccine clinic in your area, please

visit the Public Health website at: www.mendocinocounty.org/covid19

MCOG office at 707-234-3434, or email lellard@dbcteam.net.

Submitted by Mendocino County Public Health

thoughts are with all of their family and friends.

vaccinated but with multiple comorbidities.

remain the best tools for combating COVID-19.

Submitted by MCOG

Transportation Plan for the region.

December 6 public hearing.

Willits Center for the Arts is seeking a local community leader or artist to serve campaigns as a volunteer board member.

Willits Center for the Arts is the largest free-standing arts center in any town under 5,000 people in the United States. The WCA brings together the arts community in Mendocino County with new gallery exhibitions each month and classes in ceramics, drawing, painting and dance, as well as providing space for cultural events and activities throughout

Board member responsibilities include: Attend monthly one- to two-hour board meetings

Participate in fundraising events and

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Initiate and implement "working

board" tasks and duties Please see our website at www.

willitscenterforthearts.org

If you are interested, please mail a resume and statement of interest and intent to mananger@willitscenterforthearts.org

- Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

Story of a life |

Jim Babcock

by Chris Babcock

Jim Babcock, age 84 and a resident of Willits, died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of Thursday, October 15. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marcia; his three children, Mike (wife, Barbara), Patty (husband, Steve), and Chris (wife, JoAnn); his five grandchildren, Jenny, Marcus, Brian, Kelsey and Hailey, and his five great-grandchildren.

He was born in Twin Falls, Idaho on July 9, 1937. He graduated from Fort Bragg High School in 1955. He graduated from Humboldt State after playing basketball and majoring in music. He returned to Fort Bragg to teach and coach before moving to Willits in 1967 where he retired in 1999.

He was an educator and coach in the Fort Bragg and Willits school districts for 40 years. He coached football, basketball, baseball and softball. His 1970-71 Willits boys basketball team won only the second league title in school history and qualified for the post-season Tournament of Champions.

He coached his last game in 1991, leading the lady Wolverines basketball team to the CIF Northern California playoffs. He always saw the best in his students/athletes. He taught history, civics, and math, and was a driver's education instructor. "He's our kind of teacher; he tells it like it is" – 1970 WHS yearbook dedication.

He was a dedicated and a loving husband to his wife, Marcia. He was very proud of his children and their accomplishments. He loved spending time with his family and teaching his grandchildren how to fish, golf, and solve math problems during their adolescence, and being a mentor in their adult lives. He was an avid Warriors, 49ers and Giants fan. He never met a Sudoku puzzle he couldn't solve.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the thousands that he taught and coached.

There is no funeral service or memorial planned at this time. Please send condolences to PO Box 21379 Concord, CA 94521.

the election of my supervisor.

Letters population to move 1,000 people out of District 3 are just west of Willits, or the broader Laytonville area including Bell Springs, Spy Rock and Leggett. None of these inland areas of interest

largely consists of the Fort Bragg area. As an over-40-year resident of Laytonville and voter in District 3, I recognize that if District 3 has over 2,500 more residents than District 4, then my vote counts less than a District 4 voter, since each district supervisor gets only one vote on the board of supervisors. But at the same time, I recognize that if I was voting in District 4, my vote would count for nothing since the coastal Fort Bragg area of interest would completely dominate

are even remotely related to the coastal areas of interest which

Ultimately, the goal of redistricting is to draw district lines so that county residents are best represented by their supervisor. In this current situation between Districts 3 and 4, there is no question that the interests of Willits and Laytonville area residents would best be represented by an inland-based supervisor rather than a coastal-based supervisor.

It is my understanding that the parameters for drawing the lines so that districts represent substantially equal populations is that the variance between the most populated and least populated districts should not exceed 5 percent, but could go as high as 10 percent without running afoul of the "equal protection" clause in the Constitution. Currently, the variance between District 3 and District 4 is 14.7 percent.

If, due to this conflict between these two criteria for redistricting, the county's redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee were to use a 10 percent rather than 5 percent variation, here is a possible solution to this nettlesome redistricting problem: Move 630 people from the Covelo area of inland District 3 to inland District 1; this would reduce the population of District 3 to 18,943 people. Move 57 people from coastal District 5 to coastal District 4; this would raise the population of District 4 to 17,049. Drawing the lines in this way would result in a 10 percent variance between Districts 3 and 4, while at the same time keeping inland and coastal areas of interest together.

redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee to consider using the 10 percent variance in drawing the county's new district lines. This way you can draw the lines so that no one is disenfranchised, and the residents of both inland and coastal districts will be best represented at our county Board of Supervisors.

As a longtime resident of District 3, I respectfully ask the

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

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In 2021, operations were conducted in the following

• Riverside: 135 sites; 509,453 plants eradicated

• Mendocino: 31 sites; 131,319 plants eradicated

• Trinity: 15 sites; 95,777 plants eradicated

• Humboldt: 26 sites; 74,669 plants eradicated

· Lake: 26 sites; 66,576 plants eradicated

Kern: 37 sites; 65,229 plants eradicated

• Siskiyou: 52 sites; 59,075 plants eradicated

• San Bernardino: 17 sites; 30,419 plants eradicated

• Tulare: 25 sites; 22,909 plants eradicated

• Fresno: 30 sites; 25,356 plants eradicated

• San Diego: 4 sites; 22,497 plants eradicated

Shasta: 13 sites; 16,068 plants eradicated

 Ventura: 7 sites; 14,457 plants eradicated • Tehama: 5 sites; 10,850 plants eradicated

· Madera: 22 sites; 10,028 plants eradicated

Los Angeles: 4 sites; 9,109 plants eradicated

• Mariposa: 6 sites; 8,208 plants eradicated

• Stanislaus: 6 sites; 7,982 plants eradicated

• Napa: 6 sites; 6,312 plants eradicated

• Monterey: 12 sites; 4,645 plants eradicated

• Sacramento: 7 sites; 4,062 plants eradicated

• Santa Barbara: 1 site; 1,447 plants eradicated

• Orange: 1 site; 1,214 plants eradicated • Santa Cruz: 2 sites; 791 plants eradicated

• San Joaquin: 1 site; 147 plants eradicated

San Luis Obispo: reconnaissance only

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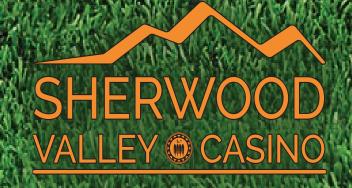
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