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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 to this 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 Bartolome 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 over-votes 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.

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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 youngsters 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

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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 end-of-construction document listing completed work that doesn't conform to contract specifications and needs fixing. It derives its name from the long-ago back-in-the-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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Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

9x9 grid for Sudoku puzzle



HOW TO SUDOKU

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

FRIGHT FLICK WORD SEARCH grid

Word search answers: ALIENS, GODZILLA, SAW, A QUIET PLACE, HALLOWEEN, SHAUN OF THE DEAD, CARRIE, HUSH, THE CONJURING, DRACULA, MISERY, THE DEAD ZONE, EVIL DEAD, NOSFERATU, THE FLY, GERALD'S GAME, PSYCHO, THE SHINING, GET OUT, ROSEMARY'S BABY, THE WICKER MAN

65 numbered squares for crossword clues

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 range
47. A place to get clean
50. Able to be rescued

- 54. Large, open grassland
55. Expressions for humorous effect
56. Hindu goddess
57. Beverage container
59. Long narrow hilltop
60. Sir (abbr.)
61. Data executive
62. Doctor of Education
63. Car mechanics group
64. Autonomic nervous system
65. 'The Partridge Family' actress

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cavalry-sword
2. Gland above the kidneys
3. Hat
4. Predict
5. A team's best pitcher
6. Countries
7. Substitutions
8. Peruses again
9. Popular food
13. Reciprocal of a sine
14. Of or relating to the ears

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

October 18 to October 23

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 92 incidents in this 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 South Main Street.

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 Street.

4:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

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 Avenue.

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 Street.

4:32 pm: Officers responded to a report

of trespassing in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

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

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 Street.

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

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 (A) (1) PC (Resisting Arrest), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

10:15 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

October 23

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

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 of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

The rest of CalFire | From Page 1

22: "We will start issuing burn permits for 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: "Burn 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 are any additional burning restrictions for their area."

Burn permits can also be obtained by 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

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 burn days and is prohibited on non-burn days.

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

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

"Cooler temperatures and rainfall alone do not prevent fires from escaping control," Air Quality warns. "Landowners are 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 fire agency."



Sean Wayne Rogers of Willits.



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 paintings.

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 themselves 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.

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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 what their costumes would be for Halloween, then stating their names to the chorus of "hellos" from the rest of the kids.

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 manner.

"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 help them price their finished crafts and

Read the rest of Rossi | Over on Page 10

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Above: Miss Rossi begins a demonstration of how to create pour paintings on Halloween skulls. 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



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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 Ukiah Valley Library.

– Submitted by Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency

Yard Sale

Saturday, November 6th

Time: 8:30 am to 12N

Address: 63 Northbrook Way, Willits

Come check out our crafts, household treasures, baked goods, scrubbies, Christmas ornaments.

Sponsored by P.E.O. International, Willits Chapter. This is a fundraiser for local scholarship. We have been awarding this scholarship for the past 15 years and your continued support is much appreciated. Look forward to seeing you there, weather permitting.



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Kitties Need Food

The Milo Sanctuary has 64 wonderful cats living their best cat life and loving their wet food in the evening. We feed at least 15 cans of food a night, so one of the Costco Friskies cases lasts four days.

We are glad to have other varieties from other places like Pet Food Express of course; we would love any donations! The kitties at our adoption center need more canned food as well! Please have shipped to: Milo Sanctuary, 10670 Hearst Willits Road, Willits, CA 95490

Or drop at Milo Point Richmond. Thanks, every can helps!

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.mendocinoshelter.com. For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.

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 dog-license 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.mendocinohumanesociety.com.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Currently we are open by appointment only on Wednesday through Friday, and open to the public Saturday through Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, no appointment needed on the weekends! You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendocinohumanesociety.com, our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.



Above, from left: WCS sixth-grade volunteers Danica Deck and Adalia Peterson pack up chili dinner meals for waiting customers.

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

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.

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"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 12th-grade 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 in the future.

"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.



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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).



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 event on Saturday, October 30 from 2 to 6 pm (or until treats are gone).

Stop in for a Halloween treat being handed out by our spirited 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 iPad.

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.mendolib.org.

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

Submitted by Shanachie Pub

It will be another truly memorable night with P-Funk Allstar, Eric McFadden, featuring special guests Kate Vargas (junkyard folk), and more! A costume contest with prizes from Shanachie Pub and Flying Dog Pizza and Vinyl 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, flamenco-infused 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/katevargasmusic

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.



At top: P-Funk Allstar Eric McFadden headlines the Halloween show at Shanachie Pub.

'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 459-4441.

Firefighters host Halloween drive-thru at Baechtel Road Station 541

Little Lake Fire is hosting a Halloween drive-thru on Sunday, October 31, starting at 5:30pm at Station 541 (on Baechtel Road).

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 hope it will be again for the kids. We will hand out candy while supplies last.

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

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween!

— Aaron Branscomb, president, Firefighters Association

An Enchanted Evening for Families

The Enchanted Pumpkin Path

Sunday October 31 4:30 to 7:30 pm

Enjoy a Magical Walk with Stories
(costume protocols will be followed (no food, drinks, or games))

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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 person" Kira Wear are there to help.

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 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 Association president.

So knew the Firefighters Association wouldn't have enough money to foot the bill and came up with an idea to get donations of candy from businesses and other folks for the events.

The fire captain has been a customer at Coast 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 generously on board again.

Pamalee Thrift, Coast Hardware office manager, said, "We make it easy. People just tell the cashier how many pounds of candy they want to donate to the fire department. They can either pick out which candy or have the clerks fill a bag for one pound, two pounds. However many they want to buy, and we put it in back in the donation zone for pick-up or delivery." Customers can also take the candy with them and make an in-person donation to their fire department.

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

"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,

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Día/Horario	Ubicación	Vacunas Disponibles	Otra Información
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M-F 10am -12pm 2pm-4 pm	Adventist Health Redwood Medical Clinic 3 Marcela Drive Suite C Willits	Moderna and J&J	Walk ups welcome. Do not need to be a patient. 459-6115
M-F 10am -12:45 pm 2 pm-7 pm	Safeway Pharmacy 845 S. Main Street Willits	Pfizer & Moderna	Walk ups welcome on weekdays. Appointments required on weekends. 456-1790
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to place an order and leave it there for delivery to either fire station. Or stop by your favorite candy store to purchase the sweets and then deliver them to one of the stations.

To drop off candy at Little Lake Fire, go to station 541's office at 1575 Baechtel Road. Phone 459-7777 with questions. Little Lake Fire will be taking donations this Thursday and Friday from 8 am to 5 pm and then Sunday from 4:30 pm on.

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.

Photos by Ree Slocum



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

Photo by Mathew Caine

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 friends.

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.



Photo by Mathew Caine

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 pom-poms and when completed, and after a cupcake break, were utilized in a pom-pom war with colored bits strewn everywhere.

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 fuzziness.

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.



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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 Declaration:

Project Title: 2021 Mendocino County Regional Transportation Plan

Project Description: The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a transportation planning document prepared by MCOG which identifies 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 funding options.

Project Location: All of Mendocino County, including the incorporated cities.

Environmental Determination: MCOG has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration for the above plan (no significant environmental 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 following website:


<http://www.mendocinocog.org/>

Written comments on the RTP and/or Draft Negative Declaration should be submitted to the Mendocino Council of Governments no later than December 5, 2021. Written comments should be submitted to the Mendocino Council of Governments at 525 S. Main Street, Ste. G, Ukiah, CA 95482, or by email to <lellard@dbcteam.net>: lellard@dbcteam.net. Comments may also be presented at the public hearing. Pursuant to AB 361, MCOG continues to conduct their meetings virtually. Virtual 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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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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the State of 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.

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@cityofwillits.org.

PROJECT TITLE: City of Willits Groundwater Resiliency Improvements Project

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 meet community 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 treatment plant.

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 be submitted by email to the Engineering Department, 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 ensuring 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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Legal Document Assistant

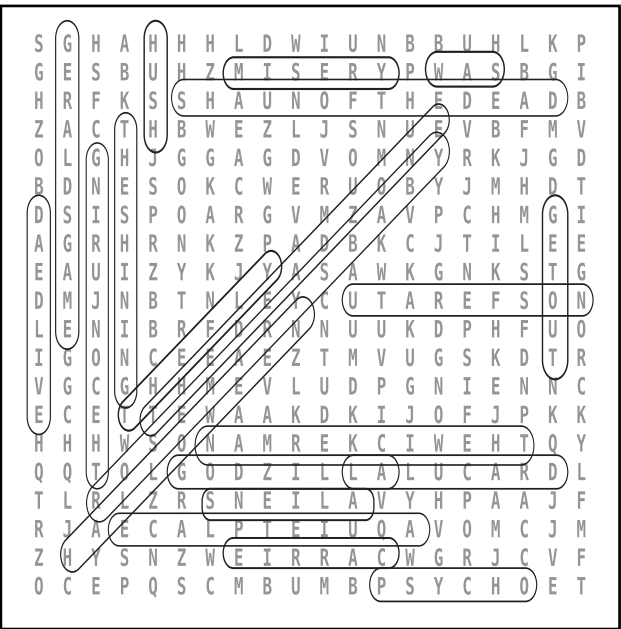
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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2021-F0419

The following person is doing business as Covelo Cutoff Collective, 350 Creekside Drive, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Jeffrey M. Apodaca, 350 Creekside Drive, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 16, 2021.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 16, 2021.

s/ Jeffrey M. Apodaca

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

WW336

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2021-F0506

The following person is doing business as Ruthie's Doll Museum & Teahouse, 1195 "A" South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Catherine Lober, 1195 "A" South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 16, 2021.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on September 13, 2021.

s/ Catherine Lober

Publication dates: October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2021

WW 337

Docket No.: 21CV00647

In the matter of:
JOSEPH DOMINIC JIMENEZ and ADONAI ORION CAMPBELL of Willits, CA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Joseph Dominic Jimenez** requesting that: **Joseph Dominic Jimenez** and **Adonai Orion Campbell** be allowed to change his/her/their name(s) as follows:

JOSEPH DOMINIC DARROW and ADONAI ORION CAMPBELL DARROW

The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court of the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objective is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing
Date: October 29, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: F. The address of the court is 100 North State St., Ukiah, CA 95482.

WITNESS, Hon. **Patrick M. Pekin**, Judge of the Superior Court.

Publication Dates: October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAMELA J. FORNERIS, aka PAMELA FORNERIS

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Henry Shebitz in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Mendocino County Public Administrator or, alternatively, Cynid Mason be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

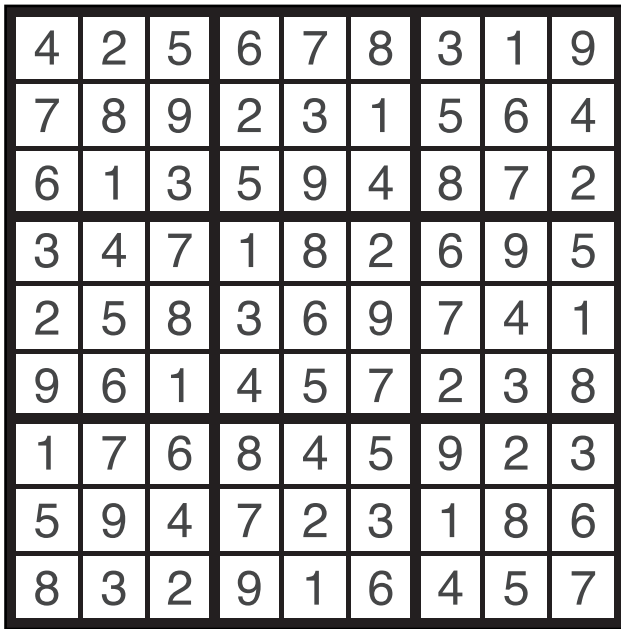
If you are a **creditor** or a **contingent creditor** of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, 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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Willits Food Bank Open

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

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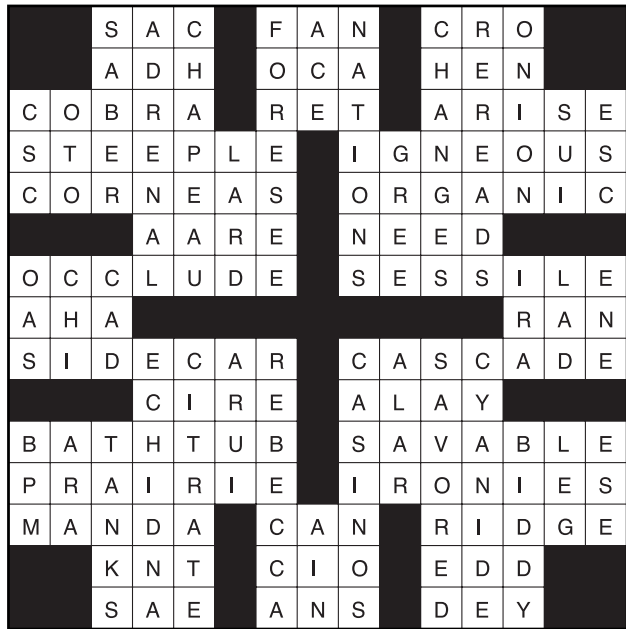
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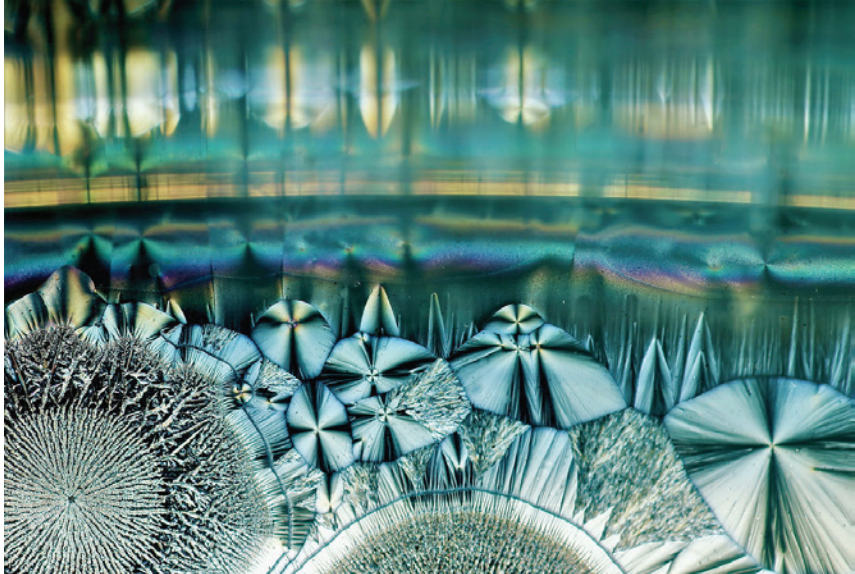
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At top, from left: "Black-bellied Whistling Duck" by Lydia Simms. "Unkindness of Raven" by Maria Steffen. Unnamed photo by Jerry Albright. Above: "Pacific Star" by John Fisher. At right: "Mirrored Butterfly" by Michael Steffen. A photo by Volkhard Sturbecher.



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.

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 with patients.

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 never voices.

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.

So, naturally, I check the office to see who is there. Some 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 grounds?

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 spooky tale.

County Transportation Plan available for public review

Submitted by MCOG

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 Transportation Plan for the region.

The 2022 RTP and ATP are scheduled to be adopted by MCOG on December 6, 2021.

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 December 6 public hearing.

For more information visit MCOG's website at www.mendocinocog.org, call the MCOG office at 707-234-3434, or email lellard@dbcteam.net.

Public Health announces 2 more COVID deaths

Submitted by Mendocino County Public Health

Two more Mendocino County residents have passed away from COVID-19. Our thoughts are with all of their family and friends.

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

Death #88, announced October 25: 80 year-old woman from Gualala area; fully vaccinated but with multiple comorbidities.

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 remain the best tools for combating COVID-19.

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

WCA looking for board member

Willits Center for the Arts is seeking a local community leader or artist to serve 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 the year.

Board member responsibilities include:

- Attend monthly one- to two-hour board meetings

- Participate in fundraising events and campaigns
- Help with openings, hosting exhibits and events
- Work on committees or special projects
- 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

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James Avalos, FNP, is a family nurse practitioner who was inspired to address the needs for primary and preventive care for the community. He speaks fluent Spanish and focuses on helping patients find relief from acute conditions such as respiratory infections, urinary tract infections and influenza.

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.

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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.

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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 are even remotely related to the coastal areas of interest which 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 the election of my supervisor.

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.

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

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

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posing untold risks to public health. Just a quarter teaspoon of carbofuran can kill a 600-pound bear.

And as California finds itself in the midst of an unprecedented drought, the cost of illegal marijuana planting is particularly high to communities and farmers already facing water scarcity. Researchers estimate that one marijuana plant consumes six gallons of water per day. Multiply that across the entire illegal marketplace, and the cost to the agriculture industry – including the legal cannabis marketplace – cannot be ignored.

In 2021, operations were conducted in the following counties:

- 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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