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Above, from left: The new location for Ace Copy and Shipping is now 280 East Commercial Street. The wall of boxes now almost takes over the whole west wall. Lorenzo Rodriguez, son of Ace Copy's owner Martin, helps out Shaun Payne with all the same great shipping services as they did in their old location. Below: Son and father Lorenzo and Martin Rodriguez welcome all to the new location.



Ace Copy and Shipping moves to Commercial Street while continuing to offer services for shipping, packing, mail and more

In basically less than 48 hours, the doors of Ace Copy and Shipping closed at 889 South Main Street and opened at 280 East Commercial Street, ready to continue shipping, packing, mailing, providing internet, making copies, and selling paper clips to the Willits community.

Owner Martin Rodriguez and a family of helpers made the move and are now enjoying the space and elbow room the new location offers.

"We're really excited with the new space and all the organization and expansion opportunities it offers," explained Rodriguez. "We had 100 mail boxes that we moved over and have room to triple that capacity if we need. We also have designated areas for our UPS and FedEx pickups and tons of room to work and lots of places to store and organize our things."

The shop is a new addition to the growing “Rodriguez

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Above: Ace Copy and Shipping owner Martin Rodriguez bequeaths the Willits Weekly box and donation jar to Kyle Brandon, manager at Willits Furniture, the box's new home.



At top, left: Robert Vargas from UPS is happy to do pickups in the new space. At top, right: Lorenzo helps a customer with copies on the commercial machine. Above: A keypad is available for after-hours entry into the mail box room. Below: 100 already claimed mail boxes were transferred and installed at the new location. At bottom: Retail office supplies and gifts are still available for purchase.



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The hope in declaring the emergency is that it will help the county to obtain more state and federal help for dead tree removal, forest management, and other similar efforts.

"This unprecedented tree mortality will dramatically increase the risk of large wildfires, diminish air quality, and result in increased mortality rates for wildfire," the resolution stated. "Removal of dead and dying trees is necessary to public health and safety, protect and maintain watersheds and wildlife habitat, protect and restore forest resiliency,

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The Brooktrails Township board had a short meeting on Tuesday, October 25, beginning at 7 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. All were present except for Director Tina Tyler-O'Shea, who was unable to attend due to a work commitment. Township counsel Chris Neary attended via Zoom.

It was a light agenda for the evening with just a couple of items of business for the board to consider. One was a discussion of how the board will remain in compliance with the rules established in Assembly Bills 2449 and 361, regarding holding remote or hybrid board meetings, beginning in January 2023. General Manager Alaniz noted the upcoming changes in remote meeting rules and stated that they are very similar to AB361 and the process won't change much.

"If an individual member," noted Alaniz, "needs to be excused from attending a

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Luscious Beauty Boutique & Day Spa

To the Editor:

Hi there, I am Dawnna Hetherington, owner and one of the estheticians here at Luscious Beauty Boutique & Day Spa.

We just recently had our picture posted in your paper in celebration of the recent Harvest Moon event we participated in. Under the caption it mentions the "crew from Serenity Salon." Though we appreciate your effort to include us and support the other salons in town, we would like our community to recognize our team, and know that it was the Ladies of Luscious from Luscious Beauty Boutique & Day Spa, and not Serenity Salon in the photo presented.

It has been an incredible four years of Luscious

being in business, and we take pride in helping our clients to put their best foot forward in our beautiful small town. We look forward to more opportunities to serve you and build a strong community.

We are located at 91 South Main Street right behind Cafe 77, set in the beautiful and peaceful plaza. If you would like to book hair, skincare, waxing, teeth whitening, spray tanning, or body sculpting services, please give us a call at 707-459-8800 or check us out on Instagram @lusciousbeautyboutiquedayspa to see our complete contact list and menu of services.

Thank you for your time.

Dawnna Hetherington, Willits

American Legion Veteran's Breakfast, November 11

The Willits American Legion Post 174 presents its Veteran's Breakfast, on Friday, November 11, 2022, from 8 to 11 am, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street, in Willits.

Breakfast is FREE to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Boy & Girl Scouts.

Please join us for a Flag Raising Ceremony at 12 noon at the Mendocino County Veterans Memorial at the County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, in honor of veterans.

California microbusiness COVID-19 grants still available

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

Eligible microbusiness owners still have the opportunity to apply online for a \$2,500 grant from the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been granted. This grant is administered in partnership with Economic Development and Financing Corporation and funded by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate.

Eligibility criteria

- Verified as locally owned and operated (physically located in Mendocino County).
- The microbusiness is currently active and operating, or has a clear plan to reopen when the state permits the reopening of the business.
- Open and operating prior to COVID-19 (prior to December 31, 2019).
- Currently have <5 full-time equivalent employees and had <5 full-time equivalent employees in 2019 and 2020.
- Generated <\$50,000 in business revenue in 2019.

- The applicant is the majority owner and manager of the microbusiness.

- This business was the applicant's primary means of income in the 2019 taxable year.

- Significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as evidenced by at least a 10% reduction in revenue from the 2019 to 2020 taxable years.

- Did not receive a grant from the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

- Not a business excluded from participation in the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, as specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (f) of Section 12100.82.

Please visit <https://www.edfc.org/microbusiness-relief-grant-program/> for more information.

Please contact EDFC at robert@edfc.org or by phone at 707-234-5705 with any questions and support with the application process. Assistance is available in Spanish upon request.

MTA to offer free bus rides in November

Mendocino Transit Authority is offering "No Fare November" - free bus rides from November 1 to 30 on all fixed-route buses.

Mendocino County residents are encouraged to give MTA a try for free.

All public transit buses in the county are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

For more information on MTA and its services, visit www.mendocinotransit.org or call (800) 696-4MTA.

Planifique un viaje en la MTA

Mendocino Transit Authority ofrece viajes gratuitos del 1 al 30 de noviembre en todos los autobuses de ruta fija.

Se alienta a los residentes del condado de Mendocino a probar MTA de forma gratuita.

Todos los autobuses de transporte público en el condado son accesibles para personas con discapacidades.

Para obtener más información sobre MTA y sus servicios visite www.mendocinotransit.org; (800) 696-4MTA

Laytonville Arts & Crafts Bazaar, November 13 or November 20

The folks at Harwood Park would like to remind you to Save the Date for the 3rd Annual Outdoor Fall Arts & Crafts Bazaar in Laytonville.

The Bazaar will be held Sunday, November 13 or November 20, from 10 am to 4 pm on the Harwood Park ballfield.

If it rains on November 13, the bazaar will be held on the following Sunday, November 20. If it rains on both weekends, the event will unfortunately be cancelled.

There will be See's Candy, local arts & crafts, and much more!

Call Healthy Start for more information: (707) 984-8089.

WCA presents 21st annual Willits Photography Club show

Submitted by the Willits Center for the Arts

From stunning landscapes to intriguing abstracts, the Willits Photography Club's 21st annual show is not to be missed. The Photography Club has been bringing Mendocino County photographers together for over 25 years, sharing expertise, support and excitement with photographers old and young, experienced and novice.

The love of photography shines in every show, and this one is sure to be no exception. Bruce Haanstra's mesmerizing abstracts will take you to another world, as will his lush landscapes. The art of Maria Steffen and John Glyer captures the beauty of Mendocino County in familiar and new places. With 15 photographers showcasing their work, it is an eclectic and exciting show.

The show runs from November 4 through November 20. A reception for the artists will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 6 to 9 pm. This is a chance to meet the artists and ask questions about their art.

Artists also include Sandy Strong, Craig Gardener, June Ruckman, John Fischer, Lucia Giz, Jerry Albright, Volkhard Stuezebecher, Jeff Smith, Dorothy Asbury and James King.

The show is hosted by the Willits Center for the Arts in old town Willits at 71 East Commercial Street. The gallery is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 5 pm. For more information on the show or WCA, go to www.willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726.

The Willits Photography Club meets the second Saturday of every month at noon. Meetings are held at the Willits Center for the Arts. The club welcomes all ages and skill levels.



Above, left: A photo of a pelican by John Glyer.

Above, right: "Madrone Crisscross" by Maria Steffen.

At right: The Dragon Family wins the costume contest: Alleena, Upton and baby Sophia. Sofia Alaoui is a moth and Bonnie Belt a member of pioneer society. Carlin and Jed Diamond wear their exquisite leather masks.

Below, from left: "Baphomet" greets visitors with movement, speech, smoke, and glowing eyes. A giant spider attacks the Willits Center for the Arts. Brigitte Colombo, Annie Waters, Tiffany Woodward, and Sara read tarot cards for those wanting to know their futures.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Halloween Gala

Willits Center for the Arts throws festive party with epic decorations, gourmet food, live music, and a costume contest

The Willits Center for the Arts created a three-day Halloween extravaganza, as was advantageous considering they spent over three weeks and over 200 hours of volunteer time

decorating, lighting, and generally creating a pastiche

of horror and fun for people of all ages to enjoy.

On Friday, October 28, over 50 high school kids took the opportunity to dance amongst the spooky locale, setting off the weekend's festivities, and on Sunday it was time for the little ones to come and do crafts and games.

But the main event took place on Saturday night, when the adults came to enjoy the multi-level, multi-spatial, and multi-sensual series of happenings and activities. Two bands got them off their chairs and moving to the music.

A feast of food riches was provided by Adam Celaya, which included various munchies and mussels and a plethora of tastes. There were also tarot readings from a coven of witches and a photo booth to create take-home memories.

"We're having events all weekend," said WCA board member Eric Hart, who took charge of the decorations, along with several volunteers. "We had the high school kids out last night. We had about 50 turn up. It was a good turnout, especially considering, unbeknownst to us, it was the same night as the last high school football game.



Above: Costume contest judges Lexi Halleck and Gary Martin watch intently as the contestants are interviewed. Below: The music of Funkacillin gets the people off their chairs for a dance.



"It was created in coordination," said Hart, "with the Willits Charter and a couple of teachers from Willits High School. We decorated and got the sound system all set up for them. One of the high school kids, DJ Cali, came in and played. The kids organized everything, the food, the drinks. They want to do it again.

"Our goal this weekend," continued Hart, "is to maybe make a little money or at least break even. We wanted everyone to have a good time and, hopefully, get the word out how much fun they had, and we'll do it every year and make some money for the center."

Hart added that on Sunday there would be an event for kids, including Halloween crafts, a costume contest and, if there were enough kids, a costume parade along Main Street.

As the guests entered the premises on Saturday, they were first confronted by giant spiders, spinning their webs on the front of the building on Commercial Street. They were then made to walk down the path next to the Carnegie Library building, where they had to tread lightly as to not awaken the dead in the WCA cemetery.

There, Baphomet, replete with scythe, glowing eyes, smoke, and a bad attitude, beckoned them onward to the registration table and the arch through which they would enter this madcap world of ghouls and goblins.

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Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

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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- Direct one's ambitions
- Only
- 'Nothing ventured, nothing ___'
- Lead
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Indicates the pitch of notes
- Set up to blame
- States of rest
- Complete
- Be around longer than
- Instructs
- Childless (abbr.)
- Coffee machines do it
- Bowfin
- A group separate from established Church
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Mends with a needle
- When you hope to get there
- Popular 80's pop duo
- Beloved Mexican dish
- Extremely

small amount

- Special therapy
- Cause to move slowly
- A person's natural height
- Elicited
- Legislator
- Baking ingredient
- Sandwich store
- Peyton's little brother
- Southeast
- Popular Mexican beer
- Baglike structure in a plant or animal
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- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Colorless volatile acid
- A way to tangle
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- The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
- Inviolable
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- Clumsy
- Bends again
- 'Pollock' actor Harris

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- Exclamation used for emphasis
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- Small amount of something
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- Holey type of cheese
- Young pig
- Climbing palm
- Discomfort
- Bullfighter
- High-level computer language
- Fleshy extensions above the throat
- Request
- Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
- Bruce and Spike are two
- Precipice
- Wombs
- A radio band
- Emphasizes an amount

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

October 17 to October 23

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **82 incidents** in this 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 17

12:06 am: PARKER, Simeon Ray (43) of Benicia was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and Baechtel Road. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher.

7:29 pm: BLANTON, Jesse Ezekial (44) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

9:16 pm: AVALOS Jr., Ramon (25) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue following a domestic disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges of false imprisonment.

11:59 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

October 18

12:08 am: KNIGHT, Catherine Nicole (45) of Clearlake was contacted near the intersection of School Street and Pine Street. She was arrested pursuant to 11374 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance), on felony charges of resisting an officer, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

October 19

10:06 am: GOWER, Jason Andrew (31) of Eureka was contacted near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 5652 FG (Pollutant Near State Waters), 4433 PRC (Campfire without Permit), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

10:44 am: TYRRELL, Haley Kerrin (30) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue. She was arrested pursuant to 602 PC (Trespassing), 5652 FG (Pollutant Near State Waters), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia).

11:30 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

1:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of East Commercial Street and issued a citation.

2:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East San Francisco Avenue.

6:35 pm: TYRRELL, Kevin Wayne (59) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 69 PC (Resisting an Executive Officer), 25400 PC (Carrying a Concealed Weapon), 25850 PC (Carrying a Loaded Firearm in Vehicle), 12500 (B) VC (Driving without a License), and on felony charges of being armed with a firearm in the commission of a felony or attempted felony.

October 20

7:43 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

6:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

10:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 900 block of South Main Street.

11:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

October 21

7:10 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:39 pm: BARRETT, David Douglas (59) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of probation, and failure to appear.

October 22

12:31 am: GRAVIER, Kevin Rodney (34) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and Bittenbender Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (B) VC (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08 Percent or Higher), 14601.5 VC (Driving with a Suspended License for DUI), 11350 H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance), and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

9:54 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

October 23

2:07 am: VANCAUWELAEND, Sylvain (41) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of West Valley Street and McKinley Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher.

7:44 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Lenore Street.

7:38 pm: DECURSE, Nathan Paul (24) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Central Street and East Oak Street. He was arrested on felony charges of animal abuse and grand theft, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting an officer.

Senior Center menu for the week

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

Thursday, November 3: French Bread Pizza, Green Salad

Friday, November 4: Ground Sirloin, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Veggie Roll

Monday, November 7: Country-Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Tuesday, November 8: Lamb Stew, Green Salad, Roll

Wednesday, November 9: Pastrami on Rye, Roasted Potato

Thursday, November 10: Chicken Parm, Green Salad, Roll

Friday, November 11: Cheeseburger,

Pickle, Chips

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.

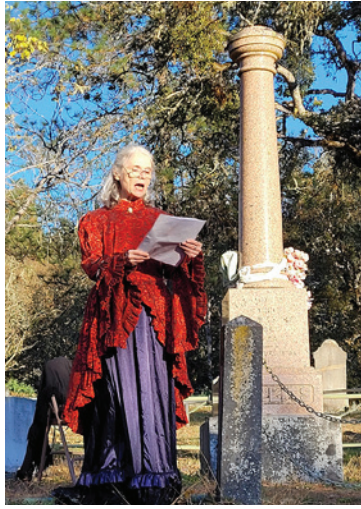
Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826

Election Night Watch Party

Submitted by Inland Mendocino Democratic Club

Join fellow Democrats and the Inland Mendocino Democratic Club for a fun night watching the 2022 election returns at the Ukiah Brewery Patio, 102 State Street in Ukiah, Tuesday, November 8 starting at 6 pm. We provide the pizza – No Host bar. Bring a friend! Donations gratefully accepted. For more info on the Democratic Club or their endorsements for the November 2022 election, visit www.inlandmendodems.org



Above, from left: Scott and Miles Mattson perform as John Adam Blosser and his son, Roy Henry Blosser. Benjamin MacBean serves as Master of Ceremonies at "Stone Stories." Mary Burns reads the story of Hiram Willits. Don Sampson tells the deadly tale of the Frost and Coates feud. Ursula Schlichting plays Addison Rucker, who collapsed while doing household chores. Below, from left: Linda Hill and Suzanne Allen perform as the Willits Creamery's Colli Sisters. This angel stone is in memory of the early deaths of many children during the early days in Willits, before the advent of modern science. David Pearce performs as Henry Baker Muir in "Stone Stories," presented at Little Lake Cemetery. Scott Ferleman plays Samuel Simon Baechtel in a performance about Willits historical figures. At bottom: A sign marks the entrance to Little Lake Cemetery.



‘Stone Stories’

Mendocino County Museum presents play at Little Lake Cemetery; several locals perform as notable figures from Willits history

If stones could speak, they would tell a mighty tale! That's the premise of "Stone Stories," a living-history presentation under the

auspices of the Mendocino County Museum and the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency.

Willits Librarian Benjamin MacBean's keen interests in genealogy and local cemeteries inspired a conversation with museum staff about exploring local history at the Little Lake Cemetery. CSA Director Deb Fader loved the idea, and with the commitment of Mendocino County Museum Administrator Karen Mattson and her staff, in addition to dedicated volunteer Carol Cox, the project was launched.

The museum sent out a call for dramatic readers, prompting an enthusiastic response from community members, and MacBean did the preliminary feasibility work. With costumes generously loaned by the Willits Community Theatre, and the support of the Little Lake Cemetery District, a wonderful event came to fruition on Sunday, October 22.

MacBean led a curious group of viewers in a fascinating tour through the cemetery, dressed in a handsome waistcoat that

reflected the fashion of the times. Local actors and history buffs also dressed the part, illuminating early figures in Willits history through stories and obituaries. The brisk fall weather lent authenticity to this unique trip back in time.

Individuals and families were highlighted as the group went from tombstone to tombstone, telling tales of past residents, like the Colli sisters, natives of Willits who started and ran the beloved Willits Creamery for most of the 20th century. The sisters were played by friends Linda Hill and Suzanne Allen. The colorful stories of the long-lived sisters, the last of whom passed away in 2002, struck a chord with many listeners.

Many others lives were presented, such as the Baechtel family, George Frederick Longland and family, Addison Rucker, Francisco "Frank" Persico, Henry Baker Muir, Karl S. Beattie, Mary Frances Broaddus, Roxanne Blosser and Jane Whitehead Cahon.

"The Mendocino County Museum has a reference library of over 1,000 titles," told Mattson, "including a wealth of books compiled and written by local historians,

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Twining Time at Brickhouse Coffee: with Anita Blu and John Wagenet the first Thursday of every month. "Polished two part vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard. Side effects to a Twining Time concert may include: euphoria, sudden urge to harmonize, uncontrollable bursting into song, and facial soreness due to prolonged smiling." Thursday, November 3, 11:30 am to 2 pm. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Visit www.reverbnation.com/johnwagenet.

Willits Farmers Market: Correction to last week's Calendar: "Willits Farmers Market will not be moving indoors in November, and will continue outdoors downtown through November, every Thursday in the old Rexall parking lot. The market will not be held Thanksgiving Day and will move to the Little Lake Grange for the December Holiday Markets on December 1. Plenty of fresh, local produce, farm-fresh eggs, local meat, and delicious prepared foods from local chefs. Plus live music, the latest edition of the Willits Weekly, and crafts. "Tobin's Tales" for young and old every week from 3:30 to 4 pm." Thursday, November 3, 3 to 5:30 pm.

"Elementary! A Mystery Lover's Book Club at the Willits Library": Meeting every 1st Thursday of the month at the Willits Library, hosted by Librarian Benjamin MacBean. "Any adults who appreciate a good whodunit, are invited. Get ready to meet and talk about the riveting tale, 'And Then There Were None' by Agatha Christie." Thursday, November 3, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 707-459-5908 or www.mendolibrary.org.

Shanachie Pub: Tyler Grass & The Sherwood Mountain Boys. A group of local bluegrass style musicians play the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the pub. Thursday, November 3, 7 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Friday, November 4

Shanachie Pub: Steven Bates. "Steven Bates music is high-energy, jamming, roots-rock with conscious lyrics and virtuoso guitar-playing that makes audiences get up and dance. Steven Bates is a triple threat: a superb vocalist, a gifted songwriter, and extraordinary guitar-hero whose live performances leave audiences exhilarated, rejuvenated and clamoring for more." Friday, November 4, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub 50B South Main Street.



Saturday, November 5

"History Makers" at the Mendocino County Museum: "Join us as we explore Museum exhibits and collections in our hands-on program, 'History Makers'! To celebrate Dia de Los Muertos, the Museum will host two special History Makers programs in collaboration with Nuestra Alianza. On November 5, guest educator Ana Almanza will lead a DIY sugar skull craft." Saturday, November 5, from 1 to 3 pm. For more information, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum, contact museum@mendocinocounty.org or 707-459-2736.

Willits Photography Club 21st Annual Show "Meet The Photographers" Night: The Willits Photography Club annual display runs from November 4 through November 20 at the Willits Center for the Arts, and this November 5 event is a chance to meet the artists and ask questions about their art. "From stunning landscapes to intriguing abstracts, the Willits Photography Club's 21st annual show is not to be missed. The Photography Club has been bringing Mendocino photographers together for over 25 years, sharing expertise, support, and excitement with photographers old and young, experienced and novice. The love of photography shines in every show, but this one sends them over the top. With 15 photographers showcasing their work, it is an eclectic and exciting show." The Meet the Photographers event is Saturday, November 5 from 6 to 9 pm. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street.

'Manifestation Mastery' Book Launch Event: A "Sip and Celebrate" event with best-selling author Angela Marie Christian, who grew up in Willits, for the release of her book "Manifestation Mastery: How to Heal, Transform, and Level up with Your Built In Superpowers, Heal the Blocks Keeping You from Love, Wealth & Success". Saturday, November 5, 6 pm. Redwood Dance Academy, 871 South Main Street. Info: www.angelamariechristian.com

Shanachie Pub: Blind Lead. "Blind Lead may be just a two-piece, but you wouldn't know it unless you saw them for yourselves...High energy and multi-instrumental, Blind Lead's goal is to rock your socks off via rock, punk, blues and funk." Saturday, November 5, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS Presents Rita Hosking and Sean Feder Authentic American folk-music that stirs the soul.

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Sunday, November 20, 2022 2 PM.

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ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

from the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

On the State level:
Malia Cohen for California Controller
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County Level:
Measure O - YES
Measure P - YES

Ukiah City Council:
Susan Sher
Marl Rodin
Juan Orozco

Fort Bragg City Council:
Mary Rose Kaczorowski
Blanca Pena
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Willits School Board:
Paula Nunez
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Mendocino Coast Health Care:
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James Jade Tippet



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What's Happening Around Town

Sunday, November 6

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

Monday, November 7



Shanachie Pub: Pete Henry. "Peter Henry Fisk is an American singer and instrumentalist. A performer since age 9, Pete has been recognized for his skills on guitar in several styles, including early music, folk, jazz, and blues. Since settling in as a singer, he has toured internationally with his one-man band arrangements of classics and original music." Monday, November 7, 7 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Tuesday, November 8

Willits Garden Club: This month's second Tuesday meeting, November 8 at 11:30 am, features a program by Julie Bawcom, Engineering Geologist, who will make a presentation about the Grand Canyon. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse at the Ridgewood Ranch RV Park, 16100 North Highway 101. Potluck lunch. Everyone welcome. Info: www.willitsgardenclub.org.

Shanachie Pub: Andy Dale Petty. "Born in Alabama and betrothed to the four winds, this young folk musician with a curled mop of hair and an earnest smile is an anachronism, in the good way, in an era that has forgotten its roots in the rush to technology." Tuesday, November 8, 6 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Wednesday, November 9

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic Night. Every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Wednesday, November 9, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Thursday, November 10

Willits Farmers Market: At the old Rexall parking lot, downtown, through November. Thursdays from

3 to 5:30 pm. Fresh, local produce, local meat, farm-fresh eggs, delicious meals, tasty treats, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more. "Tobin's Tales" story time from the Willits Branch Library from 3:30 to 4 pm.

Friday, November 11

Willits American Legion Post 174 Veteran's Breakfast: Breakfast is FREE to all veterans, military and emergency response personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, Boy and Girl Scouts. Friday, November 11, 8 to 11 am at the Veterans Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Also: "Please join us for a Flag Raising Ceremony to honor veterans at noon at the Mendocino County Veterans Memorial at the County Museum on East Commercial Street."

Shanachie Pub: Blue Luke. "Creative, energetic guitarist and vocalist with charismatic stage performance including almost two decades worth of touring, recording and producing experience as 'Blue Luke' Andrews & The Elements." Friday, November 11, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, November 12

"Stories and More" at the Willits Library: "Bring the kids for story time at the library, with crafts and/or activities to follow. Ages 8 and under (adult supervision requested for kids ages 5 and under)." Saturday, November 12, 11 am to noon. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. (707) 459-5908. www.mendolibrary.org.

"Spanglish Night for the Soul" at WCT: "A small band of younger poets from Ukiah will be reading at the regular bi-monthly Starlight Lounge reading at the Willits Community Theatre. Some of the poets will be reading in English, some in Spanish, and some in Spanglish, a hybrid tongue that mixes the two languages." Including: Zhana Ortiz, Shae Dycus, Salina Benitez, Citalli Lopez Pineda, Zobeyda Bojorquez, Ciara Gonzalez, and Findlay Gray. Admission by donation, nobody turned away due to lack of funds. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Saturday November 12, the reading starts at 7 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Saturday Scramble with Tyler B! "Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 3 to 6 pm, Tyler B hosts a 'Saturday Scramble'. You're invited

to bring any instrument you can play and sign up for a 'band' to perform a 15 minute set with other local musicians. Meet new musicians, discover new genres and explore your creativity!" Saturday, November 12, 3 to 6 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Shanachie Pub: S.R. Laws. "Originally from California, S.R. cut his teeth as a songwriter in Austin, Texas" where "a thriving music scene yielded a bounty of musical and life experiences like no other" and "wry lyrics, energetic rhythms and memorable melodies." Visit www.srlawsmusic.com. Saturday, November 12, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Mendocino County Museum **History Makers**

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Celebrate Dia de Los Muertos with crafts selected by guest educator Ana Almanza.

Wednesday Nov. 2, 1-3 pm & - DIY Marigolds
Saturday Nov. 5, 1-3 pm - DIY Skulls

Celebra el Día de los Muertos con manualidades seleccionadas por la educadora invitada Ana Almanza.

Miércoles Nov. 2, 1-3 la flor de compaschil
Sábado Nov. 5, 1-3 pm - calaveras

Mendocino County Museum 400 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA 95490
(707) 459-2738 | museum@mendocinocounty.org | www.mendocinocounty.org/museum

Calling all Artists and Crafters!

Willits Center for the Arts is accepting entries for the **35th Annual Holiday Craft Fair**

The show will be December 9th and 10th 2022, with space at both the Willits Community Center and the Willits Center for the Arts. Booth space starts at \$80.

ARTS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

For more information visit: <https://www.willitscenterforthearts.org/holiday-craft-fair>

Afternoon Concert at WCA

November 20

Musicians Rita Hosking and Sean Feder are featured at an Afternoon Concert Fundraiser, Sunday, November 20, 2 to 4 pm in Willits Center for the Arts Great Room. Northern California's Rita Hosking sings of forest fires, culture clash, dishes, rivers, black holes and hope. Her stories, songs and soul-stirring, country-folk voice are partnered with longtime collaborator and versatile multi-instrumentalist, Sean Feder, on dobro, banjo and guitar. Together, they deliver what Acoustic Magazine calls "timeless, unhurried elegance." Visit www.ritahosking.com. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Tickets are \$25 and will benefit the WCA, online or at the door. Visit willitscenterforthearts.org or call (707) 459-1726.

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707-518-0055

Willits Community Theater

November events

"The End of Dystopia": Friday, November 18 at 7:30 pm, Written and performed by Felicity Artemis: "Performance poet Felicity Artemis wields her words to help make sense and create hope in these times of chaos and uncertainty Funny, daring and lyrically captivating Felicity evokes our power to dare to reach for new dreams about the future." Friday, November 18, 6:30 door, 7:30 curtain. Tickets \$20 in advance and at the door.

Funkacillin: Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 pm. Originals and old school funk, rock and soul, part of WCA's music series. Tickets are \$20 and available in advance and at the door.

Willits Community Theater, 37 West Van Lane; wctperformingartscenter.org.

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Mon.-Wed.: 5:00 & 8:00pm
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Sat./Sun.: 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45pm
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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Black Adam'

The Story: Classify this flick a DC Comics superhero origin story. Birthings can be painful. This birthing, true to form, is about misunderstandings. Super-powered beings, who should be allies against the bad guys (there are always so many baddies, and so disposable), instead throw lightning bolts and stone statues at each other.



Dan Essman
Columnist

Their foolish and feckless fisticuffs batter each other and the landscape and the cityscape until the ultimate snarling Bad Guy snatches the

enchanted macguffin (from the hands of the plucky wisecracking boy-on-a-skateboard), and then gloats and threatens to Destroy the World.

At that dramatic juncture, the super-powered beings become the allies and friends we all know they should have been from the beginning, and unite against the gloating Bad Guy. An hour plus of reckless chaos, such is the problematic cost of throwing things first, instead of talking.

My Thoughts: Though I sound like I'm infected with superhero fatigue (and I am), this is a well-made movie. Great battle scenes. Lightning bolts galore. Giants, whirlwinds, disreputable and treacherous and snarling bad guys, evil dictators.

Dwayne Johnson stars as Black Adam. He's a credible actor. Quite curiously, his pronoun is "Rock" or "the Rock" though people usually just use his full name. The flick features characters named Doctor Fate, Atom Smasher, and Cyclone, and they all live up to their fancy names; and in the real world they are Pierce, Noah, and Quintessa, which are also pretty fancy names.

In summation: I enjoyed myself for two hours and ate popcorn.

Parents: The story features a boy giving up his life to save his Papa. I can't think of any other movie, novel, or play where this happens. It is a morally and emotionally challenging plot point.

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



Ongoing Events

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

"Moving Meditation Sunday Mornings": Qigong & Taiji by Deviyana Livineh at the Willits Center for the Arts. "A practice designed to release tension, improve posture, and recharge energy." \$15 per class. For info call 310-990-8747, or email deviyanlivineh@gmail.com

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twice-monthly food distribution in Willits, second and fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11 am. Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income seniors 60 or older), and diapers. The second Thursday in November is Thanksgiving, so don't expect a food distribution that week.

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Weekly Events at the Willits Library

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

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

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library from 1 to 4:30 pm. "All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm, Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm."

Open Source Design, Artistic Expression, and Engineering Club: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 to 4:30 pm. "Open to everyone with an interest in open source and everyone who wants to develop their creative and engineering skills."

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

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

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Above, from left: A gorilla poses with Deputy Ryan Sousa and fire volunteer Chad Douglas. A fully equipped Connor Mavis seems ready to go to work saving lives and putting out fires. A look inside the bags shows a variety of favorite candies.

At right: A gorilla sits in the driver's seat of the Brooktrails Fire Department's new UTV; Chad Douglas, the Dalmatian, tries to get a ride.



Above: There is no better place to run wild than in the equipment bays of the fire department.

At right: Connor "Chucky" Shively slept through most of the event but woke up later to enjoy the costumes and candy.

Below, left: Westin, as Freddy Krueger, and Wyatt, as a SWAT team member, meet the gorilla.

Below, right: Winter and Elyse enjoy the company of Pongo the dog.

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Candy To-Go

Brooktrails Fire Department holds drive-through trick-or-treat event for third year in a row

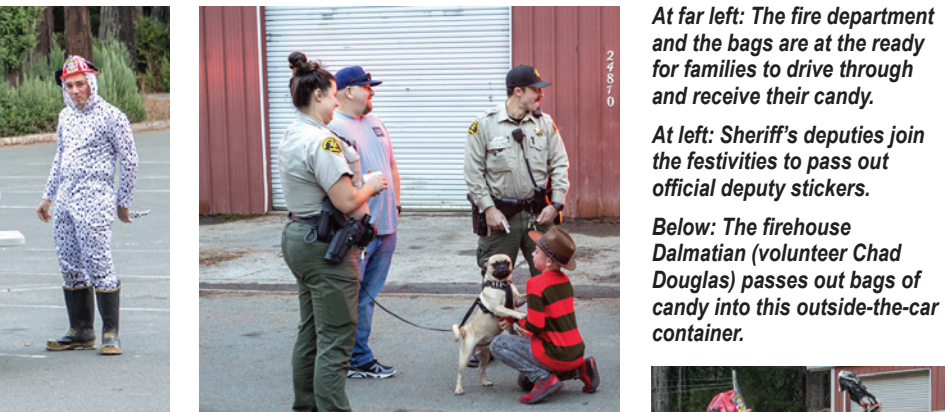
It's that time of year when the kids become their favorite TV, movie or cartoon characters and traipse about, beseeching the neighbors to give them bagsful of sweet confections. But what do the little ones do when they live in an area that is less-than hospitable to trick-or-treating due to thin, winding roads with no sidewalks, with the houses spaced far apart?


One option, for the last three Halloweenes, has been the drive-through candy bag distribution at the Brooktrails Fire Department.

This year, several of the participants got out of their cars and joined the young members of the firefighter families as they got to meet a giant gorilla, splash in the puddles, pet Pongo the dog, play in the equipment bays, and enjoy all the flashing lights on the fire engines.

A few of the kids were dressed in fire outfits they obtained from their volunteer parents, such as little Connor Mavis, who was fully equipped with a turnout, helmet, respirator, fire axe, and several more tools.


"This is year number three for us," stated Jon Noyer, Brooktrails fire chief. "It all started during the first bit of COVID. We're not expecting as many people this year because more will be able to get out trick-or-treating. A lot of locals have donated.





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At far left: The fire department and the bags are at the ready for families to drive through and receive their candy.

At left: Sheriff's deputies join the festivities to pass out official deputy stickers.

Below: The firehouse Dalmatian (volunteer Chad Douglas) passes out bags of candy into this outside-the-car container.



LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: the court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The name and address of the court is: Alameda County Superior Court, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Christopher J. Neary, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone: (707) 459-5551

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

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Row" – the stretch of East Commercial Street running from Martin Street down to the parking lot and train tracks to the east.

Martin's wife, Saprina Rodriguez, owns Imagination Station and the Educational Depot Toy Store just to the west of the new shop, and the pair have exciting plans for things to come for the remaining eastern portion of the building.

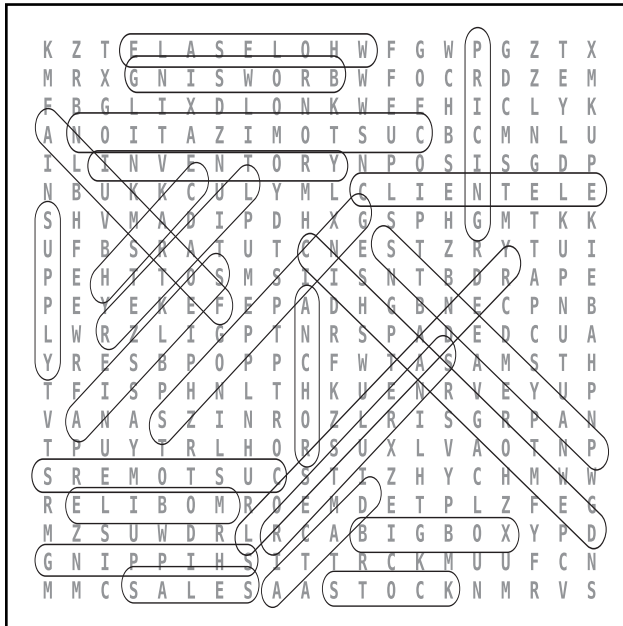
For now though, Martin and his family encourage everyone to come and check out the new copy center's location and say hello, and to think of them for all the upcoming holiday shipping needs. The store also offers fun gift items, Willits-themed postcards, redwood carvings, and even office supplies like post notes and erasers.

The store is open from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday.

They can be reached by calling 1-707-456-9800 or by emailing willitsacecopy@gmail.com.



Above: Ace customers enjoy the internet access.
A Ring doorbell lets staff know when delivery drivers arrive out back.




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Downstairs, the buffet and the bar began their journey, the wine bottles clad in their finest Dracula attire. In the gallery itself, the witches, under the direction of Annie Waters, laid out the tarot for single-card readings.

Upstairs, skeletons and hundreds of bats created an eerie tableau, accentuated with a projected skeleton band at the back of the stage, upon which Clay Hawkins got the crowd dancing with his upbeat, folksy blues. Later, Funkacillin continued the evening's entertainment with lead singer Cherie Sheraque belting out their blend of favorite funky tunes. People could pose individually or in groups in the Willits Photo Club photo booth.

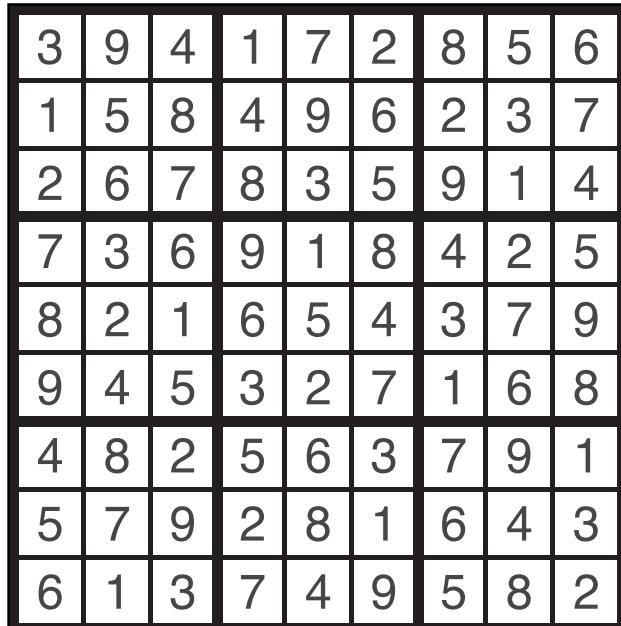
Of course, there had to be a costume contest, judged by curator Gary Martin and board member Lexi Halleck. The outfits, face paint, and blow-up costumes delighted the crowd, most of whom were in costume themselves.

The winner, the Dragon Family, as they came to be called, consisted of Alleena, Upton, and baby Sophia, who was stunning in her toothless-dragon getup and was enjoying her first Halloween.

"I'm very happy with the event," said Halleck. "It was very intense in this last week. I really feel that it paid off. I really like how everything turned out. Emmy Good donated most of the decorations from Glitter My World. Eric Hart really did a great job with the lighting."

Halleck explained that the bats hanging upstairs – over 150 of them – had to be hung from atop scaffolding, along with yards and yards of black cloth.

"Was it worth it?" Halleck asked herself, and then answered, "I think it was worth it. It's very nice to finally see it all come together after so much work."



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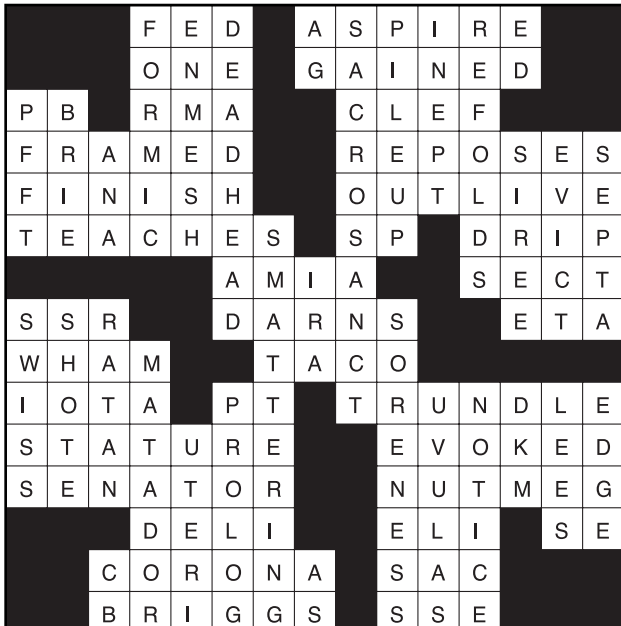
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Above, from left: The kids listen to their teacher for instructions prior to attacking the pumpkin patch. Jenn Drew and 101 Trailer and RV Supply helped to organize the pumpkin patch with Nicholas Casagrande. A group of kindergartners pose with their pumpkins. Below, left: One kid goes for the largest pumpkin he can carry. Below, right: Teacher Katie Cooley helps to bring the kids' pumpkins to the trailer. At right: All of the kindergartners, along with their teachers and some parent volunteers, pose for a photo before grabbing their pumpkins.



Above, left: A young girl uses her pumpkin as a step stool. Above, right: Jenn Drew and Josh Potter load the pumpkins into her trailer to take to Brookside Elementary. Below: The first group of Brookside Elementary School students pose for a photo in their very creative costumes.



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Field of Smiles

Willits patron sets up pumpkin patch for Brookside Elementary School kindergartners

Nicholas Casagrande of NC Financial Services has taken over as the "Great Pumpkin" (of the comic strip "Peanuts" fame) to over 100 kindergarten students at Brookside Elementary School. With the help of Jenn Drew of 101 Trailer and RV Supply, they put together an impromptu pumpkin patch at Casagrande's empty lot located at Main Street and Oak Avenue.

The event was a definite hit amongst the youngsters, each of whom was able to pick out one of the orange gourds to take home and carve or color or both.

The kids, brightly and creatively festooned in a vast variety of themes, colors and species, strolled down, in orderly fashion, several blocks from the school to the patch. Once there, they were let loose into the pumpkin area, delineated by hay bales from J.D. Redhouse. Entering the circle of bales, they proceeded to find the perfect gourd for their purposes.

Casagrande, having an idea to do something wonderful for the kids, but not having a firm plan, originally had the pumpkins placed in the patch on Monday, October 24, prior to contacting the school, which necessitated Drew having to send her son, Tanner, to pick up the pumpkins for safekeeping.

Casagrande wanted the kids to be able to experience a pumpkin patch. "Where do people go for pumpkin patch?" asked Casagrande. "Ukiah was sold out. The nearest other patch was in Redwood Valley and Santa Rosa. There was no place for the little ones to go. I decided to do a makeshift patch for the little ones, for the smiles."

Casagrande and NC Financial have been an altruistic presence in Willits for some years, helping to fund many of the more worthy projects. "If you're going to be part of a community, then play a part. We all have to help each other," stated Casagrande.

"The pumpkins were originally set here last Monday," Drew explained. "They sat here for two days, unmolested or stolen. Once we coordinated with the school, they couldn't come until today, which is actually Halloween. I didn't want them to sit here all week because I assumed something might happen to them. It was pretty easy for me to get a trailer and a Tanner to help."

After contacting Brookside Principal Kathleen Crossman, who made the arrangements with the teachers and parents, they decided the best day was on Halloween when the kids would be dressed up for other activities. Drew and her son replaced the pumpkins Monday morning, in time for the event. The hay bales went to Emandal Farm afterward.

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and protect the continued economic development through tourism and the creation of jobs.

"The magnitude of pervasive tree mortality represents a threat that is beyond the capacity of county resources, such that assistance is required from both state and federal agencies," it added.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak was a sponsor of the item, and he spoke at the meeting about the breadth of the problem.

"This is a crisis situation we're having in Mendocino County with the tree mortality," he said. "We're seeing it inland with the ponderosa pine, the conifers. And it's really because of this increased aridity that we have, the drought that we've had for the last several years.

"And then the fires which are pushing the bark beetles, Ips beetles [aka 'engraver beetles'] into newer areas," he added. "And so they're just killing off a lot of the trees, thousands of them. And then on the coast we have the bishop pine issues."

Haschak said he's been working with supervisors in other nearby counties who have crafted similar tree mortality emergency resolutions, including Lake, Sonoma and Napa.

"The idea is if we have a regional approach we can get the state to really focus on this issue as a regional issue," he said. "And so that's what we're hoping for. And with that focus we hope to get the resources and some grant money to deal with the issue of the dead and dying trees."

Haschak said he's also discussed the tree mortality issue with researchers at the UC Cooperative Extension, Caltrans and the CalFire Office of Emergency Services among others.

"So we've had several task force meetings," he said. "We've had a lot of people looking at this, and everyone is saying, 'Yes it's a huge problem, we need to deal with it, and the sooner we can deal with it the better.'"

California did declare a state-wide emergency regarding the tree mortality issue with a proclamation in 2014 signed by then-Gov. Jerry Brown, which Haschak said was used to help guide the county in crafting their resolution.

That state proclamation had 19 directives for various state agencies on how they could help with the tree mortality issue. These ranged from removing hazardous trees, to expanding the practice of prescribed burns, to increasing funding "for woody biomass-to-energy technology development and deployment."

According to a release from the state's "Tree Mortality Task Force" which was attached to the agenda item, the state has made "significant progress on the 19 directives set forth," including the removal of hundreds of thousands of dead and dying trees.

During Public Comments at the board meeting, Eric Hart of the Ridgewood Fire Safe Council called in to discuss their efforts and concerns in dealing with the tree mortality problem, which he said is massive based on what he's been seeing and hearing from locals.

Hart said that the Ridgewood Fire group covers the area southwest of Willits from Highway 20 West down to Ridgewood Ranch, and includes parts of Districts Three, Four and Five in the county.

"What I want to focus on is the impact of tree mortality on the fire risk and on public safety," he said. "What I can pass on to you is what I'm hearing and seeing out here on the ground. I've been getting an increasing number of calls in the last couple years from residents asking what they can do about all the dead trees on their land, especially along their driveways and our roads.

"The volume of dead trees has increased year over year [including] a big chunk just a couple years ago with the snow storm that left thousands of downed trees across the landscape," he continued.

"Now we're seeing more and more fire death from drought stress and infestation, and those account for the majority of deaths each year that we're seeing. But we're also seeing hardwoods impacted."

Hart said that he got a call from one local resident "who had a whole hillside of madrone about 10 to 15 acres die off over the last two years."

He also said that he and the Ridgewood Fire Safe Council mapped out about 150 dead trees along roads in their area.

"As things worsen, I'm concerned that it has the possibility to overwhelm the county's resources when we're already stretched thin," said Hart. "For example the county Department of Transportation has acknowledged the issue, but does not have the budget to practically deal with all the dead trees along our roads.

"These are hazards that could fall into the road at any time causing an accident," he added. "But of particular concern is the ease with which these dead trees light up during a wildfire and could fall across our roads during an evacuation."

Emily Tecchio, coordinator for the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, said they were in full support of the emergency declaration and agreed with Hart's assessment about the scale of the problem.

"Anybody who's tried to remove even just one tree from their backyard knows how high the cost is," she said. "And that high cost also impacts our roadside clearing projects, as we are unable to remove these large dead and dying trees under our existing grant budgets. It's well beyond our current resources to assist with tree removal at the scale that is needed.

"And as we are collectively all just beginning to face the immense amount of effort and cost associated with becoming adapted to wildfire," she added, "from the necessary massive expansion of fuel reduction, prescribed burning, defensible space and home hardening – if we are able to accomplish all of those things but ignore the wave of tree mortality, we may be taking two steps forward and even more steps back."

One map linked to the agenda item showed "Tree Stress" in Mendocino County in 2022, using the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index – a method using satellite technology and infrared light to measure healthy versus unhealthy vegetation.

The map showed that in the last couple years almost the entire county is now having significant tree stress.

A report from the UC Cooperative Extension, also attached to the agenda, focused on the problem of bark beetles damaging and killing trees, and conifers in particular. "The current bark beetle activity in the North Coast region has become a landscape-scale outbreak," it said.

"Lake County is currently experiencing the most extensive conifer decline and mortality, with noticeable increases in tree decline in other areas of the region including Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties, as well as the Northern Sierras," the report stated. "There will be significant increases in conifer mortality ... potentially for several years."

The report listed a number of ways which could help alleviate some of the impacts of the beetles, including removing dead trees, removing some "declining" trees and slash vegetation, "thinning" of trees in some areas, and supplemental watering and insecticides for "protecting high-value trees."

In addition, the report recommended considering planting trees that are more resistant to the invasive beetles and droughts in the future.

Following a suggestion from Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulhern, a sentence was added to the resolution regarding tree planting – to "encourage any state and federal funding to assist with replanting of trees and supporting healthy forests as appropriate."

First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty said that replanting would likely be very difficult in some areas due to wildfire damage.

"The whole issue of revegetation is going to be an interesting one," he said, "because we've already seen places in Lake County where we doubt the forest is ever going to come back because it's burned several times.... We really don't know if it's going to be possible for trees to grow there. The fires have burned so hot in places, where the natural seed bank has been destroyed. So this is going to be a tough issue.

"That being said, certainly for the existing landscapes we can protect them better," he added. "And besides planting trees we also want to take care of what we have, and it's got to be done at kind of a landscape level. So that makes it really difficult because those types of silvicultural prescriptions are involved and not inexpensive."

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meeting and / or attend remotely, then the board would need to make a finding that the absence would be excused or remote attendance would be approved."

Next on the agenda was consideration of the 2023 board meeting and holiday schedules. It was noted by Alaniz that the next meeting of the board, scheduled Tuesday, November 8, Election Day, will be held at the Brooktrails Fire Station. [The board's regular meeting place, the Brooktrails Community Center, is the polling place for Brooktrails.]

"I wanted to give the board a more precise update on our Brooktrails water supply," continued Alaniz. "It is very good. Right now we are at 65 percent of our capacity – which would be approximately 250 days of full water supply. Also, we will be plumbing in the new clarifier in late November.

"Originally budgeted to cost \$17,500 for the plans and the pad," she said, "we are going to be going over budget by approximately \$4,000, but that additional cost is extremely reasonable for a capital improvement project."

Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer then addressed the board, reporting: "We are still in fire season. The burn ban has not been lifted [although CAL FIRE lifted their burn ban later that week]. I am happy to say that this year we have not had a single vegetation fire in our fire district.

"Conversely though," added Noyer, "we've been very active in the regional and statewide mutual-aid process. We were at the Mosquito Fire, and we've been to three pre-positions in Lake County, and we've pulled station coverage for CAL FIRE a few times as well as the Walker Fire.

"We had a prescribed burn last Friday, October 21," continued Noyer. "It's the first time that we've had a burn since I've been here, during fire season. CAL FIRE was gracious to issue us a permit, and we did Lake Emily and Lake Ada Rose. Ada Rose didn't go as well as Lake Emily because of new vegetation growth since the last rain. We received no complaints. Everything went very well."

Board President Rick Williams asked how the volunteer situation was going. Chief Noyer responded: "It comes and goes. It ramps up, and then things ramp down. So far, this summer, we are holding steady.

"I've promoted a couple people to captain," Noyer said, "so now we have four captains – two who are paid and two volunteer, and they're basically taking duty 24 / 7. Command-wise we are doing much better. We have people attending classes: driver/operator and EMT and fire management.

"We are making progress. We are always taking volunteers, but no one is knocking down the door at the moment. We try with what we have, and I'm proud that we have what we do have because they give 110 percent. We are doing well with what we have," Chief Noyer concluded.

Director Tony Orth added: "I'd like to report that I made a suggestion at the fire association meeting – that why aren't we looking at recompensing our volunteers similar to the National Guard? I propose coming up with a program to take volunteers who put in five-years-plus, who maintain their credentials, receiving compensation. The whole state is grappling with the volunteer issue."

Alaniz said in response: "We do have a plan. You train the volunteers that you have. Promote them when they're ready. Give them responsibility. We provide remunerations and strike-team pay that they can receive. Part of maintaining a good volunteer force is making sure that they are trained and that they feel that they are part of a good team and that their contributions are important."

Then Brooktrails resident and board candidate Joanne Cavallari approached the podium and wanted to make note of the wonderful Dogwood-area cleanup that occurred recently.

"I want to say a special word of thanks to Greta Kanne," Cavallari said. "What an awesome person she is. She doesn't live in Brooktrails, but she spearheaded this cleanup of the two roads.

"And, this wasn't the first time she's done an awesome job," added Cavallari. "She was the one who motivated people to do the Sherwood Road cleanup a year or so ago. She got the Sheriff's Office and traffic control involved. The City of Willits is really lucky to have her on their council, and I hope the board sends her a letter."

Director Orth commented that a couple county supervisors were also there at the cleanup.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak addressed the board and said that he also greatly appreciated all of the efforts that went into the Dogwood area cleanup. "It was a very good collaborative effort," he said.

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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 be obtained by mail by calling CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Howard Forest Headquarters in Willits, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, at (707) 459-7414.

Burn permits can also be obtained from the following local agencies (note: the following agencies can only issue permits within their respective districts): Anderson Valley, Laytonville, Little Lake (Willits), Redwood Valley-Calpella, and Brooktrails Fire Departments, Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Please call these agencies to determine their COVID-19 burn permit procedures.

Before you burn, call Mendocino County Air Management District at (707) 463-4391 to confirm that you have all the required burn permits and to ensure it is a permissive burn day. Burning can only be done on permissive burn days and is prohibited on non-burn days.

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, federal, and local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

You must have possession of a signed permit while you are conducting a burn. If you lose your permit or it expires, you will need to obtain another permit before you start burning.

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit reminds everyone that it is their individual responsibility to use fire safely and to prevent fires. For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.

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to 8 pm on Tuesday.

The Willits Polling Place is at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. There is also an official ballot drop off box set up outside City Hall, where ballots can be dropped.

In Brooktrails, the polling place is the Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street.

All active registered voters in California should have received mail-in ballots in the mail; if you didn't get one, and think you should have, call the Mendocino County Elections Office at (707) 234-6819 or visit them at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020, in Ukiah. Registered voters can also vote early, or drop off their mail ballots at the Elections Office in Ukiah.

You can also check your voter registration status online at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/> by providing certain information.

If you have sent in your ballot already, and want to check if it's been received, you can do that at <https://california.ballotrx.net/voter/>

Election Day results

On Election Day, the first results are posted not long after the polls are closed at 8 pm – these are generally mail-in ballots received early, and processed and counted before Election Day.

These results can be found online: Go to www.mendocinocounty.org and search for "Current Election Results" to find the results page.

These results – even the "final" Election Day results posted in the wee hours on Wednesday morning – are not the end of the story. With many Mendocino County voters dropping mail ballots off at the polls, or mailing them in up through Election Day (valid if postmarked by November 8 and received by seven days after Election Day), a large number of ballots always remains to be counted after Election Day.

Four years ago, in November 2018, more than half of the ballots in some of the county races remained to be counted after the "final" election night update. None of those November 2018 results changed when the final, certified numbers were released.

Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Katrina Bartolomie will release a press release in the morning after the election, listing the number of ballots remaining to be counted in the November 8, 2022 election. Final, certified results must be announced by 30 days after Election Day.

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along with an extensive photography collection and numerous family archives collections.”

She cited as an example two violins made by John Adam Blosser for his family, and a collection of letters and ephemera that give insight and character to the museum’s Blosser Family collection. Many of the Blossers had great musical talent, and formed a brass band which was in great demand all over the county.

Some of the Blosser family members were featured in the “Stone Stories” program, with Miles Mattson reading the story of John Adam Blosser, and his son, Scott Mattson, reading a letter written by Roy Blosser to his parents, referencing the marching band at Stanford University he captained while attending college there.

Standing between the plots where the Frost and Coates clans are buried adjacently to each other, actor and historian Don Sampson presented the story of their family feud, which he has been researching for some years.

“The confrontation was written up in many newspapers,” Sampson related. “For the purposes of ‘Stone Stories,’ I went back through the materials. I tried to stick with the final coroner’s inquest, assuming that information to be the most factual.”

Viewers were riveted as Sampson told the story of the bloodiest family feud in California history, which took place right here in Willits on October 27, 1867. Tensions were high at the time, and the two families squared off against one another in a short but deadly fight which left six dead and three more severely wounded.


“This is really a Civil War story, with echoes for our own times,” Sampson related. “Even though there were no actual Civil War battles fought in California, this feud between secessionist and unionist families teaches us lessons from a tragic past that still resonate today.”

Of course no tour of the Little Lake Cemetery would be complete without the story of founder Hiram Willits. The Willits family is said to have settled in the Little Lake Valley in the mid-to-late 1800s.

Hiram opened the first general store in the town, then called Willitsville, and soon became its postmaster. He and his wife built the area’s first two-story house, and were at the center of social life of the valley for many years. Willitsville was incorporated as Willits in 1888, with a population of over 700 people.

Lindsey Dick, curator at the museum, said “Stone Stories” is an excellent example of what the Mendocino County Museum represents. “The museum is a place to engage with history and interact with others. We’ve taken pieces from our collection and reference library, added a ton of enthusiasm from our volunteers, and created a program that connects the dots.”

Mattson also believed that “Stone Stories” captures the spirit of the museum. “The ‘Stone Stories’ project offers an interactive way to share our beloved collection. Our curator, Lindsey, plans to share some of our wonderful collections digitally in the months to come.” said Mattson, adding, “‘Stone Stories’ really came together with contributions from community members past and present, all sharing stories, and all with a passion for history.”



The Hiram Willits Monument towers above Little Lake Cemetery.

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